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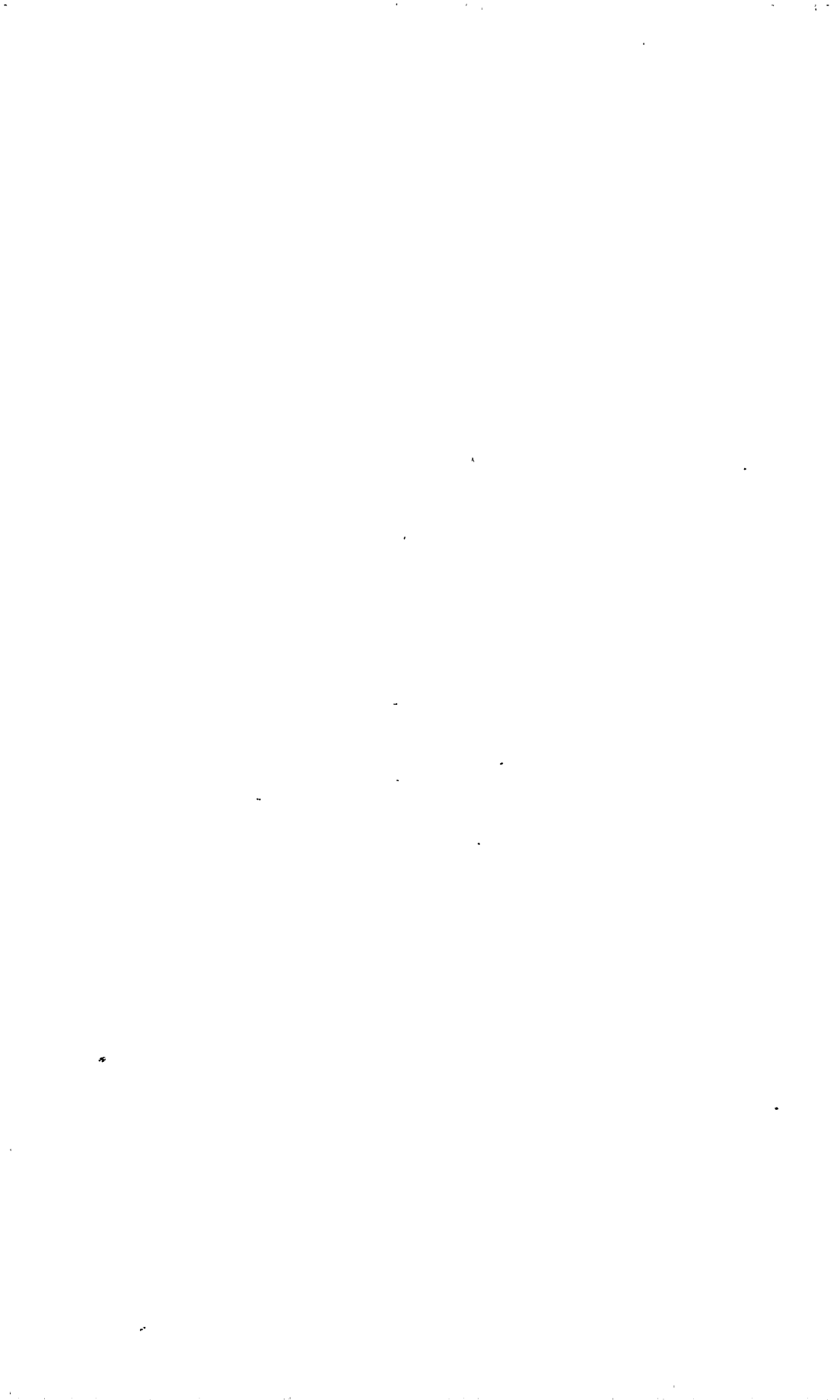
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PROCLAMATIONS.

Province of }
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ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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

To Our beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, and to all whom it may concern—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice and consent of Our Executive Council, of Our Province of *Canada*, to dissolve the present Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, which stands prorogued to the 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 Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, at Our City of *Quebec*, in Our said Province, this 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. }

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS We are desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of *Canada*, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament; We do make known Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a Provincial Parliament, and do further declare that by the advice of Our Executive Council, We have this day given orders for issuing Our Writs in due form, for calling a Provincial Parliament in Our said Province, which Writs are to bear date on this 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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To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

KNOW Ye, that We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People of Our Province of *Canada*, and to have their advice in Provincial Parliament, do hereby, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council of Our said Province, summon and call together the Legislative Assembly, in and for Our said Province, to meet at Our City of *Quebec*, in Our said Province, on 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.

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

Province of }
 Canada. }

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

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

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

GREETING :

WHEREAS 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*, 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.

RETURN of the Names of the Members chosen to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, pursuant to Writs issued by His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of the most ancient and most noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., bearing date the twenty-third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Member.	Receipt of Return.	Members chosen.	Remarks.
Argenteuil, Bogot, County do ..	Daniel de Hertel, Registrar .. Timothée Brodeur, Esquire ..	August 4, 1854 .. July 23, do ..	August 8, 1854 .. do 8, do ..	Sydney Bellingham, Esquire, do .. Timothée Brodeur, do ..	Special Returning Officer.
Beauport, Beauharnois, do ..	Richard A. Fortier, Registrar .. Owen Lynch, Esquire ..	do 31, do .. August 2, do ..	do 5, do .. do 8, do ..	Dunbar Ross, do .. Charles Daoust, do ..	Special Returning Officer.
Bellechasse, Berthier, do ..	Pantaléon Forques, Registrar .. Jean Baptiste Chalut, do ..	July 10, do .. do 31, do ..	July 11, do .. August 9, do ..	The Honorable Jean Chabot, do .. Pierre Fustache Dostaler, Esquire.	Special Returning Officer.
Bonaventure, Brant, (East Riding,) do .. Brant, (West Riding,) do .. Brookville, Town ..	Joseph Guillaume Le Bel, do .. John Smith, Sheriff .. Thomas S. Shenston, Registrar .. Robert Edmondson, Esquire ..	do 26, do .. do 22, do .. do 24, do .. do do ..	do 11, do .. do 10, do .. do 5, do .. do 3, do ..	John Mengher, Esquire, do .. Daniel McKeirle, do .. Herbert Biggar, do .. George Crawford, do ..	Special Returning Officer.
Bytown, Carleton, Chambly, County do ..	Isaac Smith, do .. Simon Fraser, Sheriff .. Joseph F. Allard, Esquire ..	do 26, do .. do 27, do .. August 3, do ..	do 3, do .. do 5, do .. do 7, do ..	Agar Yoidings, do .. William Frederick Powell, do .. Noel Darche do ..	do do do do do do Special Returning Officer.
Champlain, Chateaugay, Ohticoutini & Tadoussac, do ..	Ferdinand Filcaut, Registrar .. Don. K. Lighthall, do .. Ovid Bossé, do ..	July 31, do .. do do .. August 23, do ..	do 7, do .. do 10, do .. do 25, do ..	Thomas Marchildon, do .. Jacob DeWitt, do .. The Honorable Augustin Norbert Morin, do ..	Special Returning Officer.
Compton, Cornwall, Town ..	William Ritchie, do .. George C. Wood, Esquire ..	do 5, do .. July 28, do ..	do 9, do .. do 8, do ..	John Sewall Samborn, Esquire, do .. Roderic McDonald, do ..	Special Returning Officer.
Dorchester, Drummond & Arthabaska, do ..	Alexis Godbout, do .. Edmund Cox, Registrar ..	do 22, do .. August 4, do ..	July 25, do .. August 10, do ..	Bartholomi Pouliot, do .. Jean Baptiste Eric Dorton, do ..	do do do do do do

Returns.

Dundas, do	Alexander McDonell, do.	do	2,	do	do	10,	John Piny Cryser, do.	Special Returning Officer.
Durham, (East Riding,) do	George C. Ward, do.	July	31,	do	do	8,	Francis H. Burton, do.	
Durham, (West Riding,) do	Benjamin F. Perry, Esquire	do	20,	do	do	14,	Henry Munro, do	
Elgin, (East Riding,) do	Colin Munro, Sheriff	do	22,	do	do	7,	George Southwick, do.	
Elgin, (West Riding,) do	John McKay, Registrar	do	28,	do	do	5,	George Macketh, do.	
Essex, do	William D. Baby, Sheriff	do	31,	do	do	18,	Arthur Rankin, do.	
Frontenac, do	Thomas A. Corbett, do.	August	3,	do	do	14,	Henry Smith, the younger, do.	
Gaspé, do	Peter Winter, Registrar.	do	21,	do	do	31,	John LeBoutillier, do	Mr. Winter having become a Candidate, the Election Clerk acted as Returning Officer.
Glengarry, do	Donald A. Macdonald, do.	July	13,	do	July	20,	The Honorable John Sandfield Macdonald.	
Greyville, (South Riding,) do	John Patton, do.	do	31,	do	August	10,	William Patrick, Esquire.	
Grey, do	George Snider, Sheriff	do	20,	do	do	7,	George Jackson, do.	
Haldimand, do	Richard Martin, do.	do	31,	do	do	14,	William Lyon Mackenzie, do.	
Halton, do	Thomas Racey, Registrar.	August	5,	do	do	14,	George K. Chisholm, do	
Hamilton, City	George H. Parke, Esquire	July	28,	do	do	15,	Str Allan Napier MacNab, Kt.	Special Returning Officer.
Hastings, (N. Riding,) County	J. W. Dunbar Moodie, Sheriff	do	20,	do	do	11,	Edmund Murney, Esquire.	
Hastings, (S. Riding,) do	William H. Ponton, Registrar.	do	20,	do	do	14,	Billa Flint, do.	
Huntingdon, do	Luc Hyacinthe Masson, Esquire	August	5,	do	do	9,	Robert Brown Somerville, do.	Special Returning Officer.
Huron & Bruce, do	John McDonald, Sheriff	do	1,	do	do	8,	The Honorable William Cayley.	
Iberville, do	François F. Z. Hamel, Registrar	July	17,	do	July	24,	Charles Joseph Laberge, Esquire.	
Joliette, do	Gaspard Tardieu de Lanaudière, Esq.	do	10,	do	August	7,	Joseph Hilarion Jobin, Esquire.	Special Returning Officer.
Kamouraska, do	Jean G. Taché, Registrar.	August	4,	do	do	0,	Jean Charles Chapais, do.	
Keit, do	John Mercer, Sheriff	do	1,	do	do	8,	Edwin Larwill, do.	
Kingston, City	James Durand, Esquire	do	do	do	do	3,	The Honorable John Alexander Macdonald.	Special Returning Officer.
Lambton, County	James Flintoft, Sheriff	July	20,	do	do	8,	George Brown, Esquire.	
Lanark, (North Riding,) do	James Thompson, do.	do	do	do	do	8,	Robert Bell, do.	
Lanark, (South Riding,) do	James Bell, Registrar.	do	31,	do	do	8,	James Shaw, do.	
Laprairie, do	William F. Hawley, do.	do	20,	do	do	11,	T. J. J. Lovanger, do.	
L'Assomption, do	Louis Archambault, do.	do	31,	do	do	4,	Joseph Papiin, do.	

RETURN of the Names of the Members chosen to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, &c.—
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Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Member.	Receipt of Return.	Members chosen.	Remarks.
Laval, County...	Stanislas F. McMahon, Esquire ...	July 31, 1854...	August 9, 1854..	Pierro Labelle, Esquire,.....	Special Returning Officer.
Leeds and Grenville, (North Riding) do ..	Adiel Sherwood, Sheriff	do 29, do ..	do ..	Basil Ronison Church, do.	
Leeds, (South Riding,) do ..	David Jones, Registrar	August 6, do ..	do ..	Jesse Delong, do.	
Lenox & Addington, do ..	Gilbert Smith Clapp, Esquire	July 29, do ..	do ..	David Koblin, do.....	Special Returning Officer.
Louis, Lincoln, do ..	Francois M. Guay, Registrar	do 8, do ..	July ..	François Lonioux, do.	
do ..	Elias S. Adams, Esquire	do 21, do ..	do ..	The Honorable William Hamil- ton Merritt.....	Special Returning Officer.
L'Islet, do ..	Joseph D. Lepine, Registrar	do ..	August 5, do ..	Charles François Fournier, Esquire.....	Special Returning Officer.
London, Town ..	Adam Hope, Esquire	do 29, do ..	do ..	John Wilson, Esquire	Special Returning Officer.
Lobbinère, Maskinongé, do ..	Reni S. Noel, Registrar	do 26, do ..	do ..	John O'Farrell, do.	
do ..	Charles Edouard Gagnon, Esquire ..	do 27, do ..	do ..	Joseph Edouard Turcotte, do.	Special Returning Officer.
Megantic, do ..	John R. Lambly, Registrar	August 1, do ..	do ..	William Rhodes, do.	
Middlesex, (East Riding,) do ..	James Hamilton, Sheriff	July 31, do ..	do ..	William Niles, do.	
Middlesex, (West Riding,) do ..	Hercules Burwell, Registrar	do 26, do ..	do ..	John Scatchard, do.	
Missisquoi, (East Riding,) do ..	Amasa Phelps Hulbert, Esquire ..	August 5, do ..	do ..	James Moir Ferrer, do.....	Special Returning Officer.
Missisquoi, (West Riding,) do ..	Richard Dickenson, Registrar	do ..	do ..	Hannibal Hodges Whitney, do.	
Montcalm, do ..	Magloire Granger, Esquire	July 31, do ..	do ..	Joseph Dufresne, do.....	Special Returning Officer.
Montmagny, do ..	Joseph Marnette, do.....	August 1, do ..	do ..	Napoléon Casault, do.....	do ..
Montmorency, do ..	Louis C. Lefrançois, Registrar	July 31, do ..	do ..	Joseph Cauchon, do.	
Montreal, City ..	John Boston, Sheriff	do 23, do ..	do ..	Antoine Aimé Donjon, Esquire, Luther H. Holton, Esquire, and the Honorable John Young.	do ..

Montreal, (Hochelaga Riding), County Cartier	do	24, do	July	26, do	Joseph Laporte, Esquire.	Special Returning Officer.
Montreal, (Jacques Cartier Riding), County	do	20, do	do	27, do	Michel François Valois, do	Special Returning Officer.
Napierville, Niagara	do	31, do	August	7, do	Jacques Olivier Bureau, do	Special Returning Officer.
Nicole, (E. Riding), County	do	16, do	July	21, do	Joseph C. Morrison, do	Special Returning Officer.
Norfolk, Northumberland, (E. Riding), County	do	31, do	August	5, do	Thomas Fortier, do	
Northumberland, (W. Riding), County	do	do	do	10, do	The Honorable John Rolph, do	
Ontario, (N. Riding), County	do	2, do	do	11, do	James Ross, Esquire.	
Ontario, (S. Riding), County	do	28, do	do	10, do	Sidney Smith, do	Special Returning Officer.
Ottawa, Oxford, (N. Riding), Oxford, (S. Riding), Peel,	do	3, do	do	14, do	Joseph Gould, do	
Perth, Peterborough, Pontiac,	do	27, do	do	8, do	John MacVeigh Laumaden, do	
Portneuf, Prescott, Prince Edward, Quebec,	do	7, do	do	10, do	Alanson Cooke, do	
Quebec, County	do	19, do	July	27, do	Donald Matheson, do	
Renfrew, Rimouski, Richelieu, Rouville, Russell,	do	29, do	August	10, do	The Honorable Francis Hincks, do	Special Returning Officer.
	do	1, do	do	8, do	James C. Atkins, Esquire	Special Returning Officer.
	do	25, do	do	7, do	Thomas Mayne Daly, do	
	do	16, do	July	31, do	John Laughton, do	
	do	21, do	do	28, do	John Egan, do	Special Returning Officer.
	do	31, do	August	5, do	Joseph Elie Thilbaudeau, do	
	do	18, do	July	21, do	Henry Wellesley McCann, do	
	do	20, do	August	8, do	David B. Stevenson, do	
	do	24, do	do	1, do	Jean Blanchet, Esquire, Charles Alley, Esquire, and the Honorable Jean Chabot.	
	do	10, do	July	11, do	Pierre Joseph Olivier Chauveau, Esquire.	
	do	29, do	August	3, do	The Honorable Francis Hincks, do	
	do	28, do	do	8, do	Joseph Charles Taché, Esquire.	
	do	31, do	do	7, do	Jean Baptiste Guévrionnet, do	
	do	27, do	do	5, do	Joseph Napoleon Poulin, do	Special Returning Officer.
	do	do	do	7, do	George Byron Lyon, do	

RETURN of the Names of the Members chosen to serve in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, &c.—
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Constituencies.	Returning Officers.	Date of Return of Member.	Receipt of Return.	Members chosen.	Remarks.
Saguenay, County..	Charles Duberger, Registrar	August 4, 1854..	August 28, 1854..	Pierre Gabriel Huot, Esquire.	To the Return is attached a document, a copy of which is here with.
Saint Hyacinthe, do ..	Horace R. St. Germain, do.	July 21, '50 ..	July 25, do ..	Louis Victor Sicotte, do.	Special Returning Officer.
Saint Johns, do ..	François H. Marchand, Esquire ..	August 1, do ..	August 5, do ..	François Bourassa, do ..	
Saint Maurice, do ..	Louis Gonzague Duval, Registrar..	July 20, do ..	July 25, do ..	Louis Léon Lesieur Desaulniers, Esquire.	
Shefford, do ..	Hiram S. Foster, do.	do 19, do ..	do 28, do ..	The Honorable Lewis T. Drummond.	
Sherbrooke, Town ..	George F. Bowen, Sheriff	do 14, do ..	do 20, do ..	Alexander Tilloch Gall, Esquire.	
Sherbrooke & Wolfe, County..	William H. Webb, Esquire	August 2, do ..	August 16, do ..	William Locker-Fellon, Esquire.	Special Returning Officer.
Simcoe, (North Riding), do ..	Benjamin William Smith, Sheriff ..	July 27, do ..	do 5, do ..	Angus Morrison, do.	
Simcoe, (South Riding), do ..	George Lount, Registrar	do 17, do ..	July 21, do ..	William Benjamin Robinson, Esquire.	
Stanstead, do ..	Charles A. Richardson, do.	do 31, do ..	August 5, do ..	Timothy Leo Terrill, Esquire.	Special Returning Officer.
Soulages, do ..	Joseph A. Charlebois, Esquire	do do ..	do 10, do ..	Luc Hyacinthe Masson, do ..	
Stormont, do ..	Daniel E. McIntyre, Sheriff	do 24, do ..	do 9, do ..	William Mattice, do.	
Temiscouata, do ..	John Heath, Registrar	do 20, do ..	do 7, do ..	Benjamin Dionne, do.	
Terrebonne, do ..	Joseph Lachaine, do.	August 2, do ..	do 11, do ..	Gédéon Mélasippo Prévost, do.	
Three Rivers, Town ..	Isaac Gouverneur Ogden, Sheriff ..	July 25, do ..	July 31, do ..	Antoine Polette, do.	
Toronto, City ..	John Bell, Esquire, Barrister	do 29, do ..	August 2, do ..	The Honorable John Hillyard Cameron, and John George Bowes, Esquire.	Special Returning Officer.
Two Mountains, County..	Felix Hyacinthe Lemaire, Esquire..	do 21, do ..	do 2, do ..	Jean Baptiste Daoust, Esquire.	do do do
Vaudreuil, do ..	Hyacinthe F. Charlebois, Registrar.	do 29, do ..	do 3, do ..	Jean Baptiste Mongenais, do.	do do do
Verchères, do ..	Adolphe Mailhot, Esquire	do 31, do ..	do 7, do ..	George Etienne Cartier, do ..	Special Returning Officer.

Victoria, do	Charles Rubidge, Registrar.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	James Smith,	do.
(North Riding,) do.	George Davidson, Sheriff.	August	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Michael Hamilton Foley,	do.
Waterloo, (South Riding,) do.	David S. Shoemaker, Registrar.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Robert Ferric,	do.
Welland, do	Dexter D'Everardo, do.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	John Frazier,	do.
Wellington, (North Riding,) do	George J. Grange, Sheriff.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	William Clarke,	do.
Wellington, (South Riding,) do	William H. Peterson, Registrar.	July	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Adam Johnston Ferguson,	do.
Wentworth, (North Riding,) do	Edward O. Cartwright, Sheriff.	August	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Robert Spence,	do.
Wentworth, (South Riding,) do	Philip Spaun, Esquire.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Samuel Black Freeman,	do.
Yamaska, do	Jean O. Arcand, Registrar.	July	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Ignace Gill,	do.
York, (North Riding,) do	William B. Jarvis, Sheriff.	August	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Joseph Hartman,	do.
York, (East Riding,) do	David Rector, Esquire.	July	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Amos Wright,	do.
York, (West Riding,) do	William Augustus Baldwin, Esquire	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	John William Gamble,	do

Special Returning Officer.

Special Returning Officer.

FELIX FORTIER,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 31st August, 1854.

(Document attached to the Return from the County of Saguenay.)

Province of Canada, } I the undersigned Returning Officer for the County of
 District of Quebec. } Saguenay, humbly beg leave to make the following
 Return :—

1st. That I appointed as Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, in the said County, *John McLaren*, Esquire, who accepted the said office, and had to perform the duties thereof in the Parish aforesaid.

2ndly. That I had appointed the third day of the present month of August as the date of the close of the Election, and that it was on that day that every Deputy Returning Officer was bound by my Warrant to return his Poll Book, signed and sealed, according to Law.

3rdly. That on the said third day of August, all the Deputy Returning Officers did, with the exception of the said *John McLaren*, in obedience to the order of the said Warrant, return their Poll Books, signed and sealed, according to Law,

4thly. That the Poll Book of the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, for which the said *McLaren* was Deputy Returning Officer as aforesaid, was only returned to me on the fourth day of the said present month of August, by *Jean Gagné*, Notary, of the Parish of *Malbaie*, and that I did not see the said *John McLaren* before, on, or after the said day; and that he never at any time afforded me any information relative to the said Poll Book, explaining his reasons for not having returned the said Poll Book on the said third day of August, as he was bound to do.

5thly. That the said Poll Book was returned to me as aforesaid without being signed or sealed by the Deputy Returning Officer, and that the Oaths taken before and after the Poll by the Deputy Returning Officer and his Poll Clerk were not attached to the said Book, but merely included therein.

6thly. That to the said Poll Book were added several Books of smaller dimensions, and that the said Poll Book furnished by me had been unstitched and then stitched the wrong way, as will be seen on comparing the heading of the sheets with the inscription on the cover.

7thly. That in consequence of the said alteration of and addition to the said Book, and from the fact moreover of its not being signed or sealed as aforesaid by the said Returning Officer, and of its having been returned to me by a strange hand at a later date than required, I have reason to believe, and do really believe, that the Books thereto added had been so added after the days of Polling, and without the knowledge of the said Deputy Returning Officer.

The whole humbly submitted.

(Signed,) CHS. DUBERGER,
 Returning Officer.

Eboulemens, this 23rd August, 1854.

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 True Copy.

(Signed,) FELIX FORTIER,
 Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

JOURNALS

OF THE

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

OF

CANADA.

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S E S S : 1854—1855.

Parliamentum Provinciale Canadae, inceptum et tentum apud civitatem Quebecensem, die Martis, 5^o die Septembris, anno 18^o regni Dominae nostrae VICTORIAE, Dei gratia Britanniarum Reginae, Fidei Defensoris; annoque Domini 1854.

ON which day, being the first day of the Meeting of this Parliament for the Despatch of Business, pursuant to a Proclamation (herewith annexed) of His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General,—*George Barthelme Faribault*, *Gustavus William Wicksteed*, and *William Poyntz Patrick*, Esquires, Commissioners appointed by *Dedimus Potestatem* for administering the Oath to the Members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly, came at the hour of twelve o'clock, at noon, into the Room allotted for the Sittings of the Assembly, and *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, attending according to his duty, and *Felix Fortier*, Esquire, Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, having delivered to the said Mr. *Lindsay*, a Roll containing a List of the Names of such Members as had been returned to serve in this Provincial Parliament, the Commissioners did administer the Oath to the Members who appeared, which being done, and the Members having subscribed the Roll containing the Oath, they took their Seats in the Assembly.

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

Gentlemen,

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

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

The Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

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

And the Members being returned;

Robert Spence, Esquire, Member representing the North Riding of the County of *Wentworth*, addressing himself to the Clerk, (who, standing up, pointed to him and then sat down,) proposed to the House for their Speaker, *George Etienne Cartier*, Esquire, which Motion was seconded by *François Lemieux*, Esquire, Member representing the County of *Levis*.

Antoine Aimé Dorion, Esquire, one of the Members representing the City of *Montreal*, stood up, and addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, *Louis Victor Sicotte*, Esquire, in which Motion he was seconded by *Joseph Hartman*, Esquire, Member representing the North Riding of the County of *York*.

Then *John Scatcherd*, Esquire, Member representing the West Riding of the County of *Middlesex*, stood up, and addressing himself in like manner to the Clerk, proposed to the House for their Speaker, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, in which Motion he was seconded by *Donald Matheson*, Esquire, Member representing the North Riding of the County of *Oxford*.

And the Question being called for, "That *George Etienne Cartier*, Esquire, do take the Chair of this House, as Speaker;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyr,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Morrison, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Poulot,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	59. <i>Wright,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>

<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John A.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Henry</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>62. Young,</i>
<i>Darclie,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The Question being then put, "That *Louis Victor Sicotte*, Esquire, do take the "Chair of this House, as Speaker;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodew,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Henry</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Morrin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darclie,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>76. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Murro,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John A.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>41. Wright.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Clerk having declared *Louis Victor Sicotte*, Esquire, duly elected, he was conducted to the Chair by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* and Mr. *Hartman*; where,

standing on the upper step, he returned his humble acknowledgements to the House for the great honor they had been pleased to confer upon him, by choosing him to be their Speaker.

And thereupon he sat down in the Chair; and the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was laid upon the Table.

Then, Mr. *Henry Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, That this House do now adjourn;

And the House accordingly adjourned until To-morrow.

Mercurii, 6^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

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

Mr Speaker,

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

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

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

May it please Your Excellency,

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

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

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

The House being returned;

Mr Speaker reported, That the House had been in the Legislative Council Chamber, and that he had informed His Excellency that the choice of Speaker had fallen upon him; and also, that he had, in their name and on their behalf, by humble

Petition to His Excellency, laid claim to all their rights and privileges, that they may enjoy Freedom of Speech in their Debates, and have access to His Excellency's person as occasion shall require, and that all their proceedings may receive from His Excellency the most favorable construction; to which His Excellency had been pleased to say, that he readily and willingly granted and allowed them their constitutional privileges, as well as ready access to His Excellency on all seasonable occasions, and that their proceedings, as well as their words and actions, will constantly receive from him the most favorable construction.

George Crawford, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Brockville*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

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

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

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

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

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 changes 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 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 neighbouring 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 friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and I trust that they will be met by 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.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both

Houses of the Provincial Legislature be taken into consideration, To-morrow.

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

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

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

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

By Mr. *Brown*,—Five Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; the Petition of *Daniel W. Metler*; and the Petitions of *Sheffield* Division, No. 363; of *Bear Creek* Division, No. 52; of *Stewarttown* Division, No. 75; of *Arthur Advance* Division, No. 213; of *Innisfil* Division, No. 177; of *Blenheim* Division, No. 57; of *Erie* Division, No. 145; of *Elora* Division, No. 272; of *Warwick* Division, No. 20; of *Refuge* Division, No. 215; and of *Arthur Central* Division, No. 13, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Morrison*,—The Petition of *Peter Freeland* and others, Members and friends of the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract and Book Society; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Niagara*; the Petition of the *Sydenham* Harbour Company; and the Petition of *W. H. Smith* and others, of the Province of *Canada*, Shareholders in the *Provident Life Assurance and Investment* Company.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of *William Barker* and others, of the Town of *London*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; and the Petition of *Bartholomew Galvin*, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Roderick McDonald*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *P. B. Lafrenière* and others, of the Parish of *Berthier*, District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petitions of *Grimsby* Division, No. 153; of *Ravine* Division, No. 73; of *Smithville* Division, No. 148; of *Beacon Light* Division, No. 361; and of *Monument* Division, No. 411, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company; and the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the *Louth* Harbour.

By Mr. *Freeman*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *Hilaire Allard* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; the Petition of *J. E. Ferté* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; the Petition of *Charles Charpentier*, senior, and others, of the Village

of *L'Avenir*; and the Petition of *W. S. Griffin* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*.

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

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 7^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

ARTHUR RANKIN, Esquire, Member for the County of *Essex*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

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

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled.

The Librarian begs leave respectfully to Report, That in the interval of time which has elapsed since the last meeting of Your Honorable House, in June last, no change whatever 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 us in due course by the Ocean Steamer from *England*, has been received. The contents are in good condition, and have been placed in their proper class in the collection.

At the meeting of Parliament in the month of June, Your Librarian had the honor to submit a detailed Report on the state and condition of the Library, accounting for the damage done to the Books, estimating the extent of loss sustained, and 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 House 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 day 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, entirely 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 House, except the Legal and Constitutional sections, which are absolutely necessary for reference during the Session of the Legislature.

Your Librarian would, however, respectfully 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,

William Winder,
Librarian.

Library of Parliament,
Quebec, 5th September, 1854.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Report of the Medical Superintendent, and Bursar's state of the Income and Expenditure of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, at *Toronto*, as required by the Act 15 & 16 Vic. cap. 188.

For the said Report, see Appendix (H.)

And also, Accounts of the Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads, to 30th June, 1854.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (I.)

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

By Mr. *Brodeur*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. M. Archambault*, of the Parish of *St. Hugues de Ramsay*, County of *Bagot*.

By Mr. *James Smith*,—The Petition of the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour; and the Petition of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Gideon Shepard*, Secretary, on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Lewis Rose* and others, of the County of *Stanstead*.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of *James Reid*, President, and *F. W. Sherriff*, Secretary, on behalf of the *Huntingdon* Academy; and the Petition of *James Reid*, President, and *F. W. Sherriff*, Secretary, on behalf of the Directors of the *Huntingdon* Academy Association.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; the Petition of *N. A. Beaudet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; the Petition of *John George Crébassa*, President, and others, on behalf of the Library Association and Mechanics' Institute of *Sorel*; the Petition of *R. N. Watts*, Esquire, and others; the Petition of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of *Arthabaska*, and other Townships in the Judiciary Circuit of *Arthabaska*; the Petition of *Stanislas Picher* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; the Petition of *Godefroy Liévain* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Town or Borough of *William Henry*, known as *Sorel*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *Wellington* Division, No. 40, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec* and others, Members of the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Laskay* Division, No. 226, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of *Alexis Bisson* and others, of *St. Rémi*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Ladies Benevolent Society; and the Petition of the Bank of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *Gabriel Valois*, Esquire, School Commissioner of *Pointe Claire*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. B. St. Germain*, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, County of *Montreal*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Louis Proulx*, Curé of *Ste. Marie de la Nouvelle Beauce*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petitions of *Triumph* Division, No. 351; and of *Oxford* Division, No. 383, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Marie*, at *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Wainfleet*.

By Mr. *Lemicux*,—The Petition of the Reverend *H. Routier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph, Pointe Levi*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. D. Deziel* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*.

By Mr. *Henry Smith*,—The Petitions of *Wilton* Division, No. 50; and of *Gananoque* Division, No. 6, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of *William Ford*, the younger, and others, of the City of *Kingston*, and others; and the Petition of the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada West*.

By Mr. *Powell*,—The Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *John Jermy Macaulay*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire.

On motion of Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Casault*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith attend this House with the Return of the last Election for the County of *Bagot*, together with the Poll Books, if any there be, and all other papers, letters, and documents, which may have been transmitted to him by the Returning Officer for the said County.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, according to Order, with the Poll Book and Return of the last Election for the County of *Bagot*, and laid the same before the House.

Ordered, That the said Return be now read.

And the same was read accordingly.

Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bourassa*, and the Question being proposed, That *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, be required to attend forthwith at the Bar of this House, to answer to such questions as may be legally put to him concerning the Election for the said County;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, and the Question being put, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed till To-morrow; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Mongcnais,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Labellr.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>

Dionne, *Lemieux,* *Rolph,* 46. *Wright.*
Drummond, Atty. Gen. Loranger,

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dostalcr,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John A.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Henry</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>		<i>Mattice,</i>	61. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles.</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dostalcr,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John A.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Henry</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Langton.</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>		<i>Papin,</i>	69. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Wilson.</i>

Dionne, *Labelle,* *Rhodes,* 45. *Wright.*
Drummond, Atty. Gen.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, be required to attend forthwith at the Bar of this House, to answer to such questions as may be legally put to him concerning the Election for the said County.

Ordered, That the said Order be communicated forthwith to *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, by the Serjeant-at-Arms.

The Serjeant-at-Arms reported to the House, That he had communicated the above Order to *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, enjoining on him to appear at the Bar of this House, upon which he shook his head.

Mr. *Turcotte* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That the Serjeant-at-Arms do amend his Return, by stating in which place, and at what hour, and in what manner, whether by delivering a copy of the Order or otherwise, he served the Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot* named in the Return made by him to this House with the said Order; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins.</i>	<i>Drummond. Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Alleyn.</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Loranzer.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fournier.</i>	<i>Mongcnais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cartier.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hucks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Jackson.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>Rhodes.</i>	45. <i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dionne.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham.</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Boces,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John A.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Casley,</i>	<i>Freeman.</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Henry</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McKerlie.</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton.</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	62. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *John Alexander Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Serjeant-at-Arms having reported that he had communicated the Order of this House to *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, the Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, enjoining the

said *Timothée Brodeur* to appear at the Bar of this House; and having further reported, that the said *Timothée Brodeur* refused to comply with the said Order of this House, Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant forthwith to the Serjeant-at-Arms, to take the said *Timothée Brodeur* into his custody, and bring him to the Bar of this House; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Prevost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John A.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cascault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	63. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Cryslor,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Charveaux,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hrncks,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	40. <i>Whitney.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Serjeant-at-Arms reported, That he had taken *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, into his custody, and brought him to the Bar.

Mr. *Brodeur* was then examined, as followeth:—

By Mr. *Papin*:—

1. Are you *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, Notary Public, of the Parish of *Sz. Hugues*, in the District of *Montreal*, in the County of *Bagot*?—I ask until To-morrow to answer.

And the Question being repeated to him; he answered:—I am.

2. Are you the *Timothée Brodeur* mentioned in a Commission dated the 1st July, 1854, appointing the said *Timothée Brodeur*, Returning Officer of and for the County of *Bagot*, for the Election to be held under and by virtue of a Writ of Election for the said County of *Bagot*, issued the 23d day of June last, and returnable on the 10th day of August last?—I am.

3. Did you act as Returning Officer for the said County of *Bagot* for and during the said Election?—Yes, I acted as Returning Officer, except on the day of Proclamation, when I was elected by acclamation, and the Election Clerk proclaimed me as such, but I signed the Indenture.

4. Is the signature your's which is at the foot of the Return or Report of the said Election annexed to the said Writ of Election?—It is my signature.

5. Are you the *Timothée Brodeur* whose name appears in the said Return or Report, and in the Indenture, as having been chosen by certain of the Electors of the said County to represent the said County?—I am the same person.

6. Did you receive the amount of the Fees due to the Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, for the said Election, and what was the sum you received, demanded, or charged as such Fees?—Yes; but as to the amount I do not exactly remember it. It was perhaps about twenty pounds, but I have not received the money.

By Mr. *Foley*:—

7. Were all and every of the notices required by law duly given by you as the said Returning Officer previous to the said Election?—The notices were given and made by me. The notices and proclamations were all posted up by me.

8. Was there any other Candidate than yourself proposed at the said Election, and if so, who?—There were none.

9. Are the persons whose names are signed to the said Indenture, and were they all and every of them at the time of your said Nomination and Election, duly qualified Electors of the said County entitled to vote at the said Election?—The four persons who have signed the said Indenture are duly qualified Electors.

10. Did you, at the time of the said Nomination and Election verily believe that you were duly qualified to be elected as the Representative of the said County of *Bagot*? (This Question was objected to by a majority of the House.)

By Mr. *Loranger*:—

11. What is the name of the person who acted as Election Clerk during the said Election for the said County of *Bagot*; where does he reside, and what is his profession?—*Charles Blain*, Esquire, Notary Public, residing at *St. Hugues*, was the Election Clerk who proclaimed me at the said Election.

12. Was not the said *Charles Blain* appointed by you to be an Election Clerk by Commission; was he sworn in; did he accept that office; did you not appoint him Election Clerk in your stead, previous to the day of Nomination when you were proclaimed the Member elect for the County of *Bagot*?—I named the said *Charles Blain*; I believe it was on the 12th or 13th of July that he was appointed and sworn. On the day of the Proclamation it was by him that all the proceedings were conducted, and it was he who proclaimed me elected.

By Mr. *Foley*:—

13. Did you, previous to the said Election, or subsequently, take the advice or counsel of any professional gentleman respecting the said Election, and if so, of whom?—Yes; I spoke to Mr. Speaker, and to Mr. *Cartier*, but to neither of them during the Election, but since.

On motion of Mr. *Papin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *John Alexander Macdonald*,

Ordered, That *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, having answered the Questions put to him by this House, be discharged from the Warrant under which he has been brought before this House, and liberated.

Mr. *Brodeur* was discharged accordingly.

On motion of Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Papin*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do lay before this House, all Correspondence which took place between the Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot* and himself, before or during the last Election, at the next sitting of this House.

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

Ordered, That the Order of the day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Valois*, seconded by Mr. *Papin*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 8^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THOMAS MAYNE DALY, Esquire, Member for the County of *Perth*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

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

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Pierre J. O. Chauveau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *Godefroy Liévain* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode* ; the Petition of *Uldoric Regnaud* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir* ; the Petition of *Ililaire Leduc* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode* ; and three Petitions of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabasha*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Preston* ; and the Petition of the *Galt and Guelph Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Aikins*,—The Petition of *Joseph Wright* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the County of *Peel* ; the Petition of *J. C. Prosser* and others, of the Township of *Albion*, County of *Peel* ; and the Petition of the Six-Line Division, No. 84, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *Marysburg* Division, No. 321, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of *Wolfred Nelson*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *British American Friendly Society of Canada* ; the Petition of the Ladies, Office-bearers of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum* ; and the Petition of *L'Institut Canadien de Montreal*.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent* ; complaining of the manner in which the Crown and Clergy Lands are disposed of in the said County, and praying for a Commission to enquire into the premises.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent* ; praying that the Common School Law may be amended by abolishing Sectarian Schools, and establishing a system of Free Schools.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent* ; praying that the rights of the Indians with regard to the Indian Reserve in the Township of *Oxford*, and the timber thereon, may be secured to them, and that the interests of the said County with reference thereto may also be considered.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent* ; praying an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railroad from *Amherstburg* to *St. Thomas*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying that power may be granted to the several Municipalities in *Upper Canada* to prohibit Houses of Public Entertainment from selling or giving intoxicating Liquors on the Lord's Day.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*; praying for the passing of an Act during the present Parliament for the immediate and complete secularization of the Clergy Reserve Lands.

Of *Daniel W. Metler*; praying for indemnification for damages done to the Estate of the late *Philip Metler* during the enlargement of the *Welland Canal*, and that the Act to amend the Laws relating to Public Works may be so amended as to allow adjudication upon the said claim.

Of *Sheffield Division*, No. 363; of *Bear Creek Division*, No. 52; of *Stewarttown Division*, No. 75; of *Arthur Advance Division*, No. 213; of *Innisfil Division*, No. 177; of *Blenheim Division*, No. 57; of *Erie Division*, No. 145; of *Elora Division*, No. 272; of *Warwick Division*, No. 20; of *Refuge Division*, No. 215; of *Arthur Central Division*, No. 13; of *Grimsby Division*, No. 153; of *Smithville Division*, No. 148; of *Beacon Light Division*, No. 361; of *Ravine Division*, No. 73; and of *Monument Division*, No. 411, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, or otherwise to enable Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject.

Of *Peter Freeland* and others, Members and friends of the *Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Niagara*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm certain allowances for Roads in the said Township.

Of the *Sydenham Harbour Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock.

Of *W. H. Smith* and others, of the Province of *Canada*, Shareholders in the *Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Company.

Of *William Barker* and others, of the Town of *London*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the style and title of the *London Hotel Company*.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; praying for an Act granting them authority to negotiate a Loan to consolidate the Debt of the said Town.

Of *Bartholomew Galvin*, of the Town of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery, in this Province, to admit him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, respectively.

Of the Mayor and 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*, Esquire, in February, 1854.

Of *William Morrison* and others, of the Parish of *Berthier*, District of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors except for medicinal and mechanical purposes.

Of the President, Directors and Company of the *Port Dalhousie and Thorold Railway Company*; praying for an Act to increase their Capital Stock, and to enable them to extend their line of Railroad to *Port Collborne* on Lake *Erie*, and to any part of the *Niagara River*.

Of the Municipality of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*; praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may be devoted to public Municipal purposes.

Of *Hilaire Allard* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of *Squatters*, may be protected by Law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of *J. E. Ferte* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; praying for certain amend-

ments to the Municipal Law, and the consolidation of the Road Laws, of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Charles Charpentier*, senior, and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; praying that compensation may be granted to Jurors attending on duty in *Lower Canada*.

Of *W. S. Griffin* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; praying that the annual grant for Public Education may be increased to One hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature, be postponed until Monday next.

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

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ 11^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petitions of *Iona* Division, No. 290; of *Aqueduct* Division, No. 85; of *Cascade* Division, No. 155; of *Lenox* Division, No. 32, and of the *St. Thomas* Division, No. 196, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of *Spring Bank* Division, No. 306, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petitions of *Canborough* Division, No. 231; and of *Jarvis* Division, No. 132, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Horton*.

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D. and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company, and others; the Petition of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; and the Petition of the Reverend *William Ritchie*, of the Township of *Georgina*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the *Canadian* Institute of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *Nazaire Caron* and others, President, Vice-President, Secretary, and others, on behalf of the Association of Teachers of the County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Roderick McDonald*,—The Petition of *Robert Brown* and others, land-owners in the fourth Concession of the Township of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of *Alexander D. Sauvageau*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Hugues*, District of *Montreal*, an Elector of the County of *Bagot*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Mary Fulford* and others, Directresses and Lady Managers of the University Lying-in Hospital, *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of *George K. Chisholm*, Esquire; the Petition of *William Clarke* and others; and the Petition of *Justus W. Williams* and others.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*.—The Petitions of *A. Fortin* and others; of *J. B. Dion* and others; of *Pierre Bruneau* and others; of *Joseph Bélanger* and others; and of *Charles Héon* and others, all of the Township of *Blanford*; and the Petition of *Stanislas Picher* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*.

By Mr. *Daly*.—The Petition of *A. McNabb* and others, of the County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Wright*.—The Petitions of *Whitby* Division, No. 31; and of *Richmond Hill* Division, No. 83, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*.—The Petition of *E. Duchesnay*, Esquire, and others, School Commissioners, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de la Beauce*, County of *Beauce*.

By Mr. *Powell*.—The Petition of *George Morgan* and others, of the Township of *March*, County of *Carleton*.

By Mr. *Bigger*.—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Burford*.

By Mr. *Brown*.—The Petition of *Robert Christie*, Esquire, a Candidate at the recent Election of a Member to represent the County of *Gaspé*.

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

Of the Reverend *L. M. Archambault*, of the Parish of *St. Hugues de Ramsay*, County of *Begot*: praying aid for the establishment of Houses of Education in the said Parish.

Of the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour: praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company: praying for the passing of an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation, and to change the name of the said Company to the *Port Hope, Lindsay, and Beaverton* Railway Company.

Of the Reverend *Gideon Shepard*, Secretary, on behalf of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in *Canada*; praying for a prompt and equitable settlement of the Clergy Reserve Question.

Of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Lewis Rose* and others, of the County of *Stonstead*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to establish a Bank in the said County, to be called the *Saint Francis* Bank.

Of *James Reid*, President, and *F. W. Sherriff*, Secretary, on behalf of the *Huntingdon* Academy: praying for an increased annual aid in behalf of the said Academy.

Of *James Reid*, President, and *F. W. Sherriff*, Secretary, on behalf of the Directors of the *Huntingdon* Academy Association: praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others; and of *Hilaire Leduc* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*, praying that the annual grant for Public Education may be increased to One hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Of *N. A. Beaudet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*: and *Uldaric Regnaud* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; praying that the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* may be separated, and each entitled to send a Representative to Parliament.

Of *John George Crebassa*, President, and others, on behalf of the Library Association and Mechanics' Institute of *Sorel*; praying for aid.

Of *R. N. Watts*, Esquire, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond* Railway Company.

Of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of *Arthabaska* and other Townships in the Judiciary Circuit of *Arthabaska*: praying that the Act 16 Vic. cap. 194, may be amended by substituting the Parish of *St. Christophe* for the Parish of *St. Norbert*, as the Seat of the said Circuit.

Of *Stanislas Picher* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; and of the

Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of Squatters, may be protected by law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of *Godefroy Liévin* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; praying that the Laws regulating the Municipal system of *Lower Canada* may be consolidated and amended.

Of the Municipality of the Town or Borough of *William Henry*, known as *Sorel*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Town, under the name of the Town of *Sorel*.

Of *Wellington* Division, No. 40; of *Laskay* Division, No. 226; of *Triumph* Division, No. 351; of *Oxford* Division, No. 383; of *Wilton* Division, No. 50; of *Gananoque* Division, No. 6; of the Six-Line Division, No. 84, and of *Marysburg* Division, No. 321, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors, or otherwise to enable Voters at the next General Election to express their opinion on the subject.

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

Of *Alexis Bisson* and others, of *St. Rémi*; praying for indemnity to all those persons who have been unjustly excluded from the benefits of the Act granting indemnity to Sufferers by the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

Of the *Montreal Ladies' Benevolent Society*; praying for aid.

Of the Bank of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the increase of their Capital Stock, and to amend their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Gabriel Valois*, Esquire, School Commissioner of *Pointe Claire*; praying for aid in behalf of the Academy at that place.

Of the Reverend *J. B. St. Germain*, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, County of *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf of the Industrial Academy in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *Louis Proulx*, Curé of *Ste. Marie de la Nouvelle Beauce*; praying for aid in behalf of the Seminary established in the said Parish for the education of Girls.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Marie*, at *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf of the National School of the said City.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Wainfleet*; and of the Grand Division of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada West*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Wainfleet*; praying for the sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands, and that the proceeds may be applied to the support of Common Schools.

Of the Reverend *H. Routier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph, Pointe Levi*; praying aid for the establishment of a Seminary for the education of Girls in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *L. D. Déziel* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*; praying aid for an Industrial Academy.

Of *William Ford*, the younger, and others, of the City of *Kingston*, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the *British and North American Express Company*.

Of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; praying that the water and mill privileges recently leased by the Government at the *Chaudière Falls*, may be improved by the construction of a Dam and the stretching of a Boom from *Table Rock* to the Island above the Falls.

Of *John Jermy Macaulay*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire; 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.

Of the Honorable *Pierre J. O. Chauveau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Quebec and Saguenay Railway Company*.

Of *Godefroy Liévain* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; and of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; praying that Jurors in *Lower Canada* may be paid as are others serving in the Administration of Justice.

Of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; praying for the consolidation of the Laws regulating the Municipal system of *Lower Canada*, and that the Road Law may be rendered more simple and practicable.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Act authorizing the construction of an Esplanade in the said City.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Preston*; praying that the Act incorporating the *Galt and Guelph Railway Company* may be so amended as to allow Municipalities holding Stock in the said Company to vote thereon.

Of the *Galt and Guelph Railway Company*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, with power to extend the said Railway to *Owen's Sound*, on the *Georgian Bay*.

Of *Joseph Wright* and others, Reeves and Deputy Reeves of the County of *Peel*; and of *J. C. Prosser* and others, of the Township of *Albion*, County of *Peel*; praying that the said County may not be separated from the County of *York*.

Of *Wolfred Nelson*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *British American Friendly Society of Canada*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Ladies Office-bearers of the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*; praying for aid.

Of *L'Institut Canadien of Montreal*; praying for aid.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Rhodes*, seconded by Mr. *Felton*,

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House on Wednesday next, adjourn until Thursday next, at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

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

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 13^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

LUC HYACINTHE MASSON, Esquire, Member for the County of *Soulanges*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,

Ordered, That all the Correspondence which took place between the Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, and the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, before or during the last Election, be now laid on the table, and read.

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery attended, according to Order, and laid before the House the said Correspondence.

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

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 3rd July, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, to enclose you the accompanying Writ for the Election of a Member to serve for the County of *Bagot*, in the Legislative Assembly, with a Commission appointing you Returning Officer.

You will accordingly proceed in the manner and within the time directed by the 12 *Vic.* cap. 27, (Copies of which Act, and other documents for the guidance of yourself and Deputies, are also herewith enclosed,) and take other requisite steps in pursuance of the requirements of the Law now in force for the Election of Members.

I beg to draw your attention to the two blanks on the back of the Writ which are to be filled up, one, with the date of its receipt and your signature, the other with your signature only, certifying the execution of the Writ. The law directs that your Oath of Office should be annexed to your Return to the Writ, it is however desirable that you should also transmit the Oath of the Election Clerk.

It would be very convenient should the Poll Books be of the size of the enclosed sheet; and I have to request you will be kind enough to sum up at the end of each of the same the number of Votes given to each Candidate respectively, and to furnish me with a statement shewing the recapitulation of the number of Votes in each electoral subdivision for each Candidate, summed up altogether to determine who is the Candidate duly elected.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this letter and accompanying documents, at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed,) *Félix Fortier*,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery

Timothée Brodeur, Esquire,
St. Hugues.

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List of Statutes and Documents transmitted.

12 *Victoria*, cap. 27.

14 & 15 *Victoria*, cap. 108.

16 *Victoria*, cap. 7.

16 *Victoria*, cap. 152.

Blank Indentures.

Size of Poll Books.

True Copy.

Félix Fortier,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

St. Hugues, 10th July, 1854.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt, by mail of the 7th instant, of the Commission and Proclamation, and other documents, having reference to the Election for the County of *Bagot*. I accept the charge of carrying out the provisions of the law. I take the liberty of informing you, that I have been brought forward as a Candidate for the representation of this County; I see nothing in the law that prevents it. I shall therefore post up the copies of the Proclamation in the respective places, as required by law, on Wednesday or Thursday. Should any incompatibility exist, however, in the two positions, I would recommend *J. Bte. Desrosiers*, Esquire, as being highly competent to discharge the duties of this office, which would thus become vacant.

I have the honor to be,

Your most humble Servant,

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

(Signed,) *T. Brodeur*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 12th July, 1854.

Sir,—With reference to your Letter of the 10th instant, in which you inform me that you have been brought forward as a Candidate for the representation of the County of *Bagot*, permit me to state to you, that I am of opinion, that an incompatibility does indeed exist between the position of a Candidate and the office of Returning Officer; but the decision of this question does not rest with me. If you have acted and continue to act as Returning Officer, with you alone rests the responsibility in case the question should arise as to whether or not you have acted according to Law. I would also direct your attention to 12 *Vic. cap. 27, sec. 11*, which, perhaps, has some reference to the present case.

If you have not as yet assumed the duties of that office, and if under the circumstances you should deem it advisable to be discharged therefrom, you should forthwith send an express, who might, in case your excuse should be received, take back with him Mr. *Desrosiers*' Commission. You will be reimbursed the expenses of the express; but if you have already begun to act, I do not see how another person can be appointed Returning Officer.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed,) *Félix Fortier*,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Timothée Brodeur, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.,
St. Hugues.

True Copy.

Félix Fortier,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

St. Hugues, 4th August, 1854.

Sir,—In my quality of Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, I enclose you all the papers and documents having reference to the said County, in accordance with your instructions. I also enclose the Election account.

The Election took place by acclamation.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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

(Signed,) *T. Brodeur*.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Quebec. 9th August, 1854.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, and also of the accompanying documents.

You have omitted to transmit the Certificate of your Oath of Office. Be so good as to forward it at your earliest leisure.

You will have to appoint an agent here to receive the amount of your account. Your power of Attorney should be in duplicate.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant.

(Signed.) *Félix Fortier*,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Timothée Brodeur, Esquire, &c. &c. &c.,

St. Hugues, L. C.

True Copy.

Félix Fortier,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

St. Hugues, 14th August, 1854.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant. I transmit to you the Certificate of my Oath of Office.

With respect to the appointment of an agent to receive the amount of my account, I shall myself visit *Quebec* shortly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed,) *T. Brodeur*,

Returning Officer.

Félix Fortier, Esquire,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

True Copy.

Félix Fortier,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *John Sandfield Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That inasmuch as it appears by the Return of the late Election for the County of *Bagot* now before this House, that *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, was elected to represent the said County of *Bagot* in the present Parliament. at the late Election which was held under and by virtue of the said Writ of Election, bearing date the twenty-third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, under the seal of the Province, as addressed to the said *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, as Returning Officer for the said County, that the said *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, having acted as such Returning Officer during the said Election, was disqualified and could not be elected as such Representative at the said Election; and that the said Return be declared null and of none effect; and that the Seat of the Representative for the County of *Bagot* be declared vacant;

Mr. *Felton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, That all the words after "for the said County" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words, "and as there are doubts as to the legality of the Election and Return of the said *Timothée Brodeur*, as such Representative for the said County of *Bagot*, all the matter and things touching the said Election and Return be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, hereafter to be appointed" instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment;—It passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Resolved, That inasmuch as it appears by the Return of the late Election for the County of *Bagot* now before this House, that *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, was elected to represent the said County of *Bagot* in the present Parliament, at the late Election which was held under and by virtue of the said Writ of Election, bearing date the twenty-third day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, under the seal of the Province, as addressed to the said *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, as Returning Officer for the said County, that the said *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, having acted as such Returning Officer during the said Election, was disqualified and could not be elected as such Representative at the said Election; and that the said Return be declared null and of none effect; and that the Seat of the Representative for the County of *Bagot* be declared vacant.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. Charland* and others, of the Parish of *St. Clément*.

By Mr. *Mongenais*,—The Petition of *François Rouleau* and others.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, Notary Public, and heretofore Member of Parliament for the County of *Lotbinière*, residing in the Parish *L'Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of *Hammond Govern Hall*, of the Township of *Leeds*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *Daniel Anderson*, of the Township of *South Dumfries*, in the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the said East Riding of the said County.

By Mr. *Prévost*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Montreal*, and others of the Parish of *St. Louis de Terrebonne* interested in the College *Masson*; and the Petition of the Reverend *J. T. Théberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Nathaniel Jouis*, M.D. and others, of the Township of *Barnston*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the City Bank of *Montreal*; the Petition of *C. A. G. de Tonnacour*, Coroner of the District of *St. Francis*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Sherbrooke*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Reverend *G. Werner* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, Esquire, of the City of *Quebec*, Advocate; and the Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Gosselin* and others, School Commissioners of the School District of *St. Jean*, Island of *Orleans*.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of *John Sharples*, Esquire, and others, the Committee of Management of the Congregation of Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English Language.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of *La Banque du Peuple*; and the Petition of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Morrison*,—The Petition of *A. T. McCord* and others, members and friends of the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract and Book Society.

By Mr. *Dostaler*,—The Petition of *L. J. Moll* and others, Directors of the *Berthier* Academy.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *B. H. Leprohon* and others, School Commissioners for the Parish of *St. Charles de l'Industrie*, County of *Joliette*; and the Petition of *M. Crépeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. Merritt,—The Petition of *George Southwick*, Esquire, and others.

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

Of *Iona* Division, No. 290; of *Aqueduct* Division, No. 85; of *Cascade* Division, No. 155; of *Lenox* Division, No. 32; of the *St. Thomas* Division, No. 196; of *Spring Bank* Division, No. 306; of *Canborough* Division, No. 231; of *Jarnis* Division, No. 132; of *Whitby* Division, No. 31; and of *Richmond Hill* Division, No. 83, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Horton*; praying for the passing of an Act empowering Municipalities to sell and give titles for Mill privileges belonging to private individuals, whenever such individuals refuse to use or dispose of the same.

Of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*; representing the Outrage committed by Rioters on the Congregation attending the Lecture of Father *Gavazzi*, at *Chalmers'* Church, on the evening of the sixth June, and the Act which was passed in consequence thereof; and praying that the said Act may be amended, by repealing that part thereof which requires the permission of the Mayor or City Council for Lectures, in order to render the City liable for damages resulting from Riots thereat.

Of the Municipality of the Town of *Guelph*; praying that the Act incorporating the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railway Company may be so amended as to allow Municipalities holding Stock in the said Company to vote thereon.

Of the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company, and others; praying that the Act incorporating the said Company may be so amended as to authorize them to construct a fixed Bridge across the River *Humber*, at a certain point.

Of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank.

Of the Reverend *William Ritchie*, of the Township of *Georgina*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the lease or sale, for the benefit of the parties concerned, of certain property in the Township of *Whitchurch*, of which the Petitioner is sole surviving Trustee.

Of the *Canadian* Institute of *Toronto*; praying for aid.

Of *Robert Brown* and others, Landowners in the fourth Concession of the Township of *Cornwall*; praying for a Survey, in order to establish the Boundary line between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the said Township.

Of Mrs. *Mary Fulford* and others, Directresses and Lady Managers of the University Lying-in Hospital, *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *George K. Chisholm*, Esquire; representing that certain frauds have been practised on the Legislature and on the Country in the formation and operations of the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company, and praying for an investigation and relief in the premises.

Of *William Clarke* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Oakville*, on *Lake Ontario*, to the Village of *Arthur*.

Of *Justus W. Williams* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Oakville* to *Milton* and *Arthur*.

Of *A. Fortin* and others, of the Township of *Blanford*; praying that the Municipal and Road Laws of *Lower Canada* may be amended, simplified and consolidated.

Of *J. B. Dion* and others, of the Township of *Blanford*; and of *Stanislas Picher* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; praying that the United Counties of

Drummond and *Arthabaska* may be separated, and each entitled to send a Representative to Parliament.

Of *Pierre Bruneau* and others, of the Township of *Blanford*; praying that Jurors in *Lower Canada* may be paid as are others serving in the Administration of Justice.

Of *Joseph Bélanger* and others, of the Township of *Blanford*; praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of Squatters, may be protected by Law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of *Charles Héon* and others, of the Township of *Blanford*: praying that the annual Provincial Grant for Public Education may be increased to One hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Of *A. McNabb* and others, of the County of *Bruce*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to be called the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company.

Of *E. Duchesnay*, Esquire, and others, School Commissioners, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de la Beauce*, County of *Beauce*; praying for aid to establish a College in the said County.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Burford*; praying for an Act to settle certain disputes arising out of the incomplete Survey of the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth Concession Lines of the said Township.

Of *George Morgan* and others, of the Township of *March*, County of *Carleton*; praying aid for the construction of a Road from the fourth Line of the said Township to *Fitzroy* Harbour.

On motion of Mr. *Casault*, seconded by Mr. *Powell*,

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do forthwith attend this House, with the Return of the Returning Officer appointed to preside at the late Election of a Member for the County of *Saguenay*, with the Poll Books, and all other papers, letters and documents transmitted to him with the said Return.

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

Ordered, That the said Return be now read.

And the same was read accordingly.

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

Ordered, That Mr Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of *Hamilton*, in the room of Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of President of Committees of the Executive Council of this Province.

Ordered. That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the City of *Kingston*, in the room of the Honorable *John Alexander Macdonald*, who, since his Election for the said City, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Attorney General for *Upper Canada*.

Ordered. That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, in the room of the Honorable *William Cayley*, who, since his Election for the said Counties, hath accepted the Office of Inspector General of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the North Riding of the County of *Wentworth*, in the room

of *Robert Spence*. Esquire, who, since his Election for the said Riding, hath accepted the Office of Post Master General of this Province.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Frontenac*, in the room of *Henry Smith*, Junior, Esquire, who, since his Election for the said County, hath accepted the Office of Her Majesty's Solicitor General for *Upper Canada*.

Ordered. That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to compel the attendance of Witnesses upon the Superior Courts in any part of *Canada*.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Langton*, the Honorable Mr. *Chébot*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Poulin*, Mr. *Roderick McDonald*, and Mr. *James Smith*, be appointed to confer with Mr. Speaker, and assist him in making arrangements for the better Ventilation of this House.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature;

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

Mr. *Loranger* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his Speech pronounced from the Throne at the opening of the present Session :

That we thank His Excellency for the satisfaction expressed by him at meeting the Legislature, and that we believe, with His Excellency, 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 we will give our best consideration to the subjects of great magnitude and importance which will necessarily come under our consideration during the Session which is now commencing :

That we, in view of the two Acts which the Imperial Parliament, advancing with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years, has recently passed, feel the grave responsibilities thereby imposed on the *Canadian* Legislature :

That as to the one of these Acts which empowers the *Canadian* Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, although 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 Constitution of Countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers, we think that in order to give to that 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 we trust that the difficulties to which His Excellency has referred will be surmounted by our endeavours, and by the patriotism of the Members of that Honorable Body:

That the other Act of the Imperial Parliament having removed the restrictions which had for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, and as 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, we consider it 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. We hope to be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction:

That the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure will engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interest both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*. We are aware of 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 being an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada*, having to look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighbouring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals:

That we will consider 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. The other subjects of importance upon which measures may be submitted for our deliberation, will be also attentively considered:

That the Public Accounts for the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, when laid before us, will receive our best attention, and that His Excellency may rely on our readiness to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service:

That our attention will be called to the prosperous condition of the Revenue as affording 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:

That we will be glad to receive 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 the Citizens of the *United States* on the other, and we will consider the propriety of amending the Act passed in eighteen hundred and forty-nine, 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:

That we learn with satisfaction that the Government and Congress of the *United States* have evinced a liberal and friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and that we are disposed to meet them by a corresponding spirit:

That it is our hope 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;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Gamble*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 14^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 18 VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Corporation of *St. Viateur*; and the Petition of the Reverend *L. J. Guyon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Elizabeth*, County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Hugh Elder* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*,—The Petition of *Stephen Mackay* and others, of *St. Eustache*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *Pierre Colin* and others.

By Mr. *Larwill*,—The Petition of *William Boylan* and others, of *Dawn, Euphemia* and the *Gore of Camden*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, *George Honoré Simard*, of the same place, Esquire, Merchant, and *Hypolite Dubord*, of the same place, Esquire, Merchant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke* into a separate Municipality, and to establish a Registry Office therein.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, an Account in detail, of all monies in the hands of the Crown Land Commissioner, or the Clerks of the Crown Land Office, on account of deposits for claims; also, copy of the Tariff of Fees in use in that Office, the authority for each charge, the amount received during the last twelve months, and by whom.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency for a Return shewing the various Roads, Harbours, Bridges, and *Welland* and *St. Lawrence* Canal Lots, or other property, sold to Companies or individuals by the Government, the amount they sold for, the sums severally paid in, the amount due on each transaction, including interest, except so far as the information required may have been placed in the Public Accounts, or be already before the House, and in any such case referring to the Public document where the information is contained; as also, that copies of the several Reports

or Returns ordered by law to be made to the Governor General, for the information of the Legislature, may be laid before the House, including the *Montreal Fire Loan*, *Toronto Harbour Commissioners*, Receiver General, Penitentiary, Geological Survey, Superintendent of Schools, *Upper Canada Grammar Schools*, (exclusive of Meteorological Reports,) Lunatic Asylums, Supervisor of Cullers at *Quebec*, *Montreal Harbour Commissioners*, Seminary of *St. Sulpice*, Grey Nuns. (*Montreal*,) *Peres Oblats*, *Hotel-Dieu*, (*Montreal*,) *Toronto Orphans' Home*, *Toronto House of Industry*, *Hamilton Orphan Asylum*, Wesleyan Methodist Connexional Society, Trinity College, *McGill College*, *Canadian Loan Company*, the Banks enumerated in the List compiled under the Standing Order of 25th August, 1852, *Canada Guarantee Company*, *Canadian Steam Navigation Company*, Grand Division of Sons of Temperance, *Canada West*, and *Cap Rouge Dock Company*.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that a Return may be made to this House, shewing the Sales of real estate, water privileges, and timber, on the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, during the last twelve months ending the last fiscal year; said Return to contain a copy of any Orders in Council, and directions by the Crown Land Commissioner, to sell a certain property called the Domain Farm, near *Point Lévi*, with a copy of the advertisements sent to the Newspapers relative to said *Point Lévi* sale, and stating the number of acres sold, the names of purchasers, the sums agreed to be paid, the sums due, and the sums that have been paid on the said purchases; also, any Correspondence had with any Department of the Executive Government relating to and connected with the said sale and purchase; such Return further to contain a detailed statement of the rents, profits, salaries, revenue and expenditure of the said Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, since the last Return.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, for its information, a copy of any Lease or Patent leasing certain landed property at or near the *Rondeau*, including fishing grounds, to *John Prince*, Esquire, Queen's Counsel, and of the Orders in Council authorizing said Lease, the Petition, if any, and any Correspondence on file in the Executive Council Office, or Crown Land Department, relative to the same.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, at as early a period of the Session as possible, a Return, under the usual heads of the Revenue and Expenditure, of the Gross Revenue of *Canada*, and amount of payments therefrom during the six months of the fiscal year ending 31st July last, including the Post Office Department; also, the amount of Cash at the credit of the Government in the Banks and other monied institutions of *Canada*, or elsewhere, or lent to individuals, or on deposit with them, at as recent a date as may be in the power of the Inspector and Receiver General's Departments to supply; and also, a Statement of the whole Public Debt at this time, including all sums for which the Province is security, shewing the interest now due by Railway or other incorporated Companies, if any, and unpaid; shewing also the condition of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund of *Upper Canada*, and the gross income of the Clergy Reserves in *Upper and Lower Canada*, for the six months since the period to which the Public Accounts for 1853 are made up.

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

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do prepare a Return to this House, from the Records of the last Election, shewing the number of Votes polled

in each County, Riding, Township, Parish, City, Town, or Division, for each Candidate, with the total number polled in each County, Riding, Township, Parish, City, Town, or other Division, placing also the total Population of each of the said Divisions and sub-divisions opposite or beside the said totals of Votes, and naming the several Returning Officers, and their several offices, as Sheriff, Town-Clerk, Registrar, or other designation.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do notify all Public Officers, Commissioners or Corporations, whose duty it is to prepare any Reports or periodical Statements to the Legislative Assembly, to transmit them to this House at the earliest possible period; the said order to include all Incorporated Banks, Loan Companies, Savings Banks and Insurance Companies, the Post Master General's Report for 1853, Minister of Agriculture, Provincial Secretary, Provincial Registrar, Civil List, Public Lands, *Osgoode Hall*, Lunatic Asylum, Rebellion Losses, Public Health, Emigration, Main Trunk Railway Company, Public Works, *Toronto* Public Buildings, including the Government House for which a supply was voted about three years since, Distribution of Statutes, Superintendent of Education, University of *Toronto*, Registrars of Counties, *Montreal* and *Quebec* Trinity Houses; also the Religious and Philanthropic Educational and Literary and Scientific Incorporations named in the list of Sessional Returns prepared June. 1854; under the Standing Order of the 25th August, 1852, Manufacturing and other Commercial Companies, Harbour Companies, Road Companies, and Railway Companies, as per said List, and the *Grand River* Navigation Company, the *Beverley* Navigation Company, the *Desjardins* Canal Company, and the *Quebec* and *Trois Pistoles* Navigation Company.

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws in relation to the Crimes of Forgery and False Personation.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Felton*, Mr. *Rhodes*, Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Mcogher*, Mr. *Valois*, Mr. *Laporte*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *Somerville*, Mr. *Terrill*, and Mr. *Taché*, be appointed to enquire into the state of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, and the best means of improving the practice thereof, and of advancing the interests of those engaged in that occupation, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of the several appointments of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, M.P.P., as one of the Visiting Physicians of the *Quebec* Marine Hospital, and, also, a detailed Statement, certified by the proper Officer, shewing the several sums of money received by the said *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, as such Visiting Physician, with the date of each payment.

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

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

That we thank His Excellency for the satisfaction expressed by him at meeting the Legislature, and that we believe, with His Excellency, 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 we will give our best consideration to the subjects of great magnitude and importance which will necessarily come under our consideration during the Session which is now commencing :

That we, in view of the two Acts which the Imperial Parliament, advancing with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years, has recently passed, feel the grave responsibilities thereby imposed on the *Canadian* Legislature :

That as to the one of these Acts which empowers the *Canadian* Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, although 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 Constitution of Countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers, we think that in order to give to that 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 we trust that the difficulties to which His Excellency has referred will be surmounted by our endeavours, and by the patriotism of the Members of that Honorable Body :

That the other Act of the Imperial Parliament having removed the restrictions which had for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, and as 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, we consider it 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 expressed upon it in no equivocal manner. We hope to be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction :

That the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure will engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interest both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*. We are aware of 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 being an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada*, having to look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighbouring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals :

That we will consider 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. The other subjects of importance upon which measures may be submitted for our deliberation, will be also attentively considered :

That the Public Accounts for the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, when laid before us, will receive our best attention, and that His Excellency may rely on our readiness to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service :

That our attention will be called to the prosperous condition of the Revenue as affording 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 :

That we will be glad to receive 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 the Citizens of the *United States* on the other, and we will consider the propriety of amending the Act passed in eighteen hundred and forty-nine, 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 :

That we learn with satisfaction that the Government and Congress of the *United States* have evinced a liberal and friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and that we are disposed to meet them by a corresponding spirit :

That it is our hope 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 ;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Stevenson*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 15^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker laid before the House, Returns of Bonds and Securities recorded in the Provincial Registrar's Office, between the 19th August, 1852, and the 5th September, 1854, prepared in compliance with the Act 4 & 5 *Vic. cap. 91, sec. 15.*

For the said Returns, see Appendix (J.)

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Antoine Manseau* and others, of the County of *Joliette* ; and the Petition of *E. B. G. De Lanaudière*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petition of *R. N. Webber* and others, of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, District of *St. Francis*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the Academy of *St. André D'Argenteuil*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company.

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

By Mr. *Gubremont*,—The Petition of *E. W. Carter* and others, of the Municipality of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of the Committee of Management of the *Montreal* Industrial House of Refuge.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *G. Houle* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; the Petition of *A. Labrecque* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; the Petition of *A. B. Lafrenière*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Guillaume*; the Petition of *A. Boisvert* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; the Petition of *Pierre Marcotte* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; the Petition of *Pierre Croteau* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*, County of *Arthabaska*; and the Petition of *T. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Guillaume d'Upton*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. H. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *Longueuil*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Thomas Devaney*, of the Township of *Inverness*, in the County of *Megantic*, Farmer, *Adam Bailey* and *John Ross*, both of the Township of *Leeds*, in the same County, Farmers, and *Robert Rickaby*, *William Gunston*, *William F. Rickaby*, and *John Smith*, all of the Township of *Inverness* aforesaid, Farmers; and the Petition of *John Greaves Clapham*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *Benjamin Seymour*, of *Bath*, in the Incorporated County of *Lenox* and *Addington*, Esquire, and others, Electors for the said County.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, Esquire, Advocate, of the City of *Quebec*, a Candidate for the County of *Montmagny*, at the last General Election, and as such duly qualified, and *François Tétu*, Esquire, Provincial Surveyor, and *Magloire Tétu*, Cultivator, both of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, District of *Quebec*.

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

Of the Reverend *D. Charland* and others, of the Parish of *St. Clément*; praying for aid in behalf of the College at *Beaulieu*.

Of *François Rouleau* and others; praying for aid to construct a Road through the Township of *Newton*, in the County of *Vaudreuil*.

Of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, Notary Public, and heretofore Member of Parliament for the County of *Lotbinière*, residing in the Parish of *L' Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Quebec*; setting forth:—That at the late Election of a Member to serve in the present Parliament for the County of *Lotbinière*, in this Province, *John O'Farrell*, Esquire, of the City of *Quebec*, Advocate, *James Thurber*, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*, in the said County of *Lotbinière*, Esquire, and the Petitioner, were Candidates; and that the Petitioner then claimed and still doth claim the right to be returned at the said Election as a Member for the said County of *Lotbinière*: That under and by virtue of the Writ of Election for the said County, bearing date at the said City of *Quebec*, the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred

and fifty-four, the seventeenth day of July, in the year aforesaid, was fixed as the nomination day for the said Election, upon which day *Rémi S. Noël*, Esquire, Registrar for the said County, there being and acting as Returning Officer for the said Election, proceeded to hold the said Election in the Parish of *Ste. Croix*, in the said County: That previous to the opening of the said Election, the Petitioner, of his own free will and accord, made and delivered to the said Returning Officer the declaration in writing required of him by Law as such Candidate, and that after the opening of the said Election and the observance of the formalities required by Law in that behalf, the said *John O'Farrell* being, as aforesaid, a Candidate at the Election for the said County of *Lotbinière*, was, at the said Election, to wit: on the nomination day aforesaid, called upon to make the declaration in writing by Law required of him in that behalf as such Candidate, by one of the electors and voters of the said County duly qualified to vote at such Election, to wit: by *Louis Urbain Grenier*, Esquire, residing in the Parish of *Lotbinière*, Physician: That on the twenty-fourth day of July last, the first day for the polling of votes for the Election of a Member for the said County, the said *John O'Farrell* made and delivered to the said Returning Officer a certain document, purporting to be the said declaration, a copy whereof is here transcribed:—" I, *John O'Farrell*, of *Quebec*, Advocate, do declare "and testify, that I am duly seized at Law or in Equity as of freehold for "my own use and benefit, of lands or tenements held in free and common socage, "and that I am duly seized or possessed for my own benefit, of lands and tenements held in *roture* in the Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred "pounds sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, mortgages, "charges and incumbrances charged upon or due and payable out of or affecting "the same; and that I have not collusively or colourably obtained a title to or "become possessed of the said lands and tenements, or any part thereof. for the "purpose of qualifying or enabling me to be returned a Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*; and I further declare, that the lands "or tenements above mentioned consist of, 1st. An emplacement, situate at the "place called *Cap Blanc*, in the Lower Town of *Quebec*, having twenty-two feet "English measure in front, by the distance in depth from *Champlain Street* to "the point of the Cape, bounded in front by the said Street, in rear by the *Cime-du-Cap*, on one side to the South-west by *Michael Stapleton* or his representatives, and on the other side to the North-east by *Patrick Kennedy*, with a two "story wooden house and its dependencies thereon erected: 2ndly. Lot number "eleven in the seventh Concession of the Township of *Ireland*, in the County of " *Megantic*, containing two-hundred arpents in superficies, with the ordinary road "allowance: 3rdly. Lot number seven in the thirteenth range of the Township of " *Nelson*, in the said County, containing also two hundred acres in superficies, "with the ordinary road allowance: 4thly. Lots numbers twenty one and thirty "in the eleventh range of the Township of *Somerset*, in the said County, containing two hundred and fifty-three acres in superficies, with the ordinary road allowance. *Ste. Croix*, 17th July, 1854. (Signed,) *J. O'Farrell*. Received and "acknowledged, before me, this twenty-fourth day of July, 1854. (Signed,) *R. S. Noël*, Returning Officer": That the Petitioner is informed and has reason to believe that on the day of the commencement of the said Election, to wit: on the said seventeenth day of July last, the lands and tenements mentioned and described in the said document purporting to be the said declaration in Law as aforesaid, of the said *John O'Farrell*, were not, nor are they at this present moment, of the value of five hundred pounds sterling, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges and incumbrances charged upon or payable out of or affecting the said lands or tenements: That the number of votes supposed to have been taken and registered for and in favor of the said *John*

O'Farrell is one thousand five hundred and seventy-five; that the number of votes given and registered for and in favor of the Petitioner is eight hundred and one, and that no vote was given or registered for the said *James Thurber* at the said Election, as appears in and by the Poll Books of the said Election, thus giving an apparent majority of seven hundred and seventy-four votes for the said *John O'Farrell* over the votes given in favor of the Petitioner: That in the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, in the said County, on the second day of voting, the twenty-fifth day of July last, being the second polling day for the said Election in the said Parish, the said *John O'Farrell*, with his agents and partizans, took possession of the said Poll, and by force, violence and intimidation, excluded from the said Poll the representatives of the Petitioner, his voters and electors, partizans, agents and friends; that the said Poll-house in the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* was so taken possession of by the said *John O'Farrell*, his agents and partizans, for the purpose and with the intention of facilitating the taking of illegal votes for and in favor of the said *John O'Farrell*, and that in fact a large number of illegal votes, to wit: nine hundred and more, of such votes were received and registered in the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* in favor of the said *John O'Farrell*; that the actual number of votes in the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* is only five hundred, and that, nevertheless, the said *John O'Farrell*, at the said Election, received and registered in his favor, in the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, one thousand and thirty-three votes, and that the said Petitioner only received and registered ninety-nine votes in the said Parish, notwithstanding that the said Petitioner had voters and electors in the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre* to the number of three hundred and fifty or more: That in the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, in the said County, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth days of July, respectively, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, being the polling days in the said Parish for the said Election, the said *John O'Farrell*, his agents and partizans, took possession of the said Poll, and by force, violence and intimidation, excluded from the said Poll the representatives of the Petitioner, his voters and electors, partizans, agents and friends; that the said Poll-house in the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe* was so taken possession of by the said *John O'Farrell*, his agents and partizans, for the purpose and with the intention of facilitating the taking of illegal votes for and in favor of the said *John O'Farrell*, and that in fact a large number of illegal votes, to wit: two hundred such votes, were taken and registered in the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, in favor of the said *John O'Farrell*; that the actual number of votes in the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe* is only sixty, and that, nevertheless, the said *John O'Farrell* received and registered in his favor at the said Election in the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, two hundred and twenty-eight votes, and that the Petitioner only received and registered eight votes in the said Parish, although the Petitioner had voters and electors in the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe* to the number of thirty or more: That many persons voted more than ten times each at the said Election, both at the Poll in the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, and at that in the Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, and that some even voted twenty times: That the Petitioner had at the said Election a great majority of the legal votes, and that the said *John O'Farrell*, having only a majority of the illegal votes, was by the said Returning Officer unduly and illegally proclaimed as having been duly elected as a Member to represent the said County in the Legislature, and that the said Election was and is for the reasons set forth in the premises, null and of none effect to all intents and purposes whatsoever: That the great partiality and the illegal and improper conduct of *Magloire Parent*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, and of *Edouard Noël*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, in favor of the said *John O'Farrell*, have prevented the election of the Petitioner; the said *Magloire Parent*, as such Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, having taken, written down, and inscribed in the Poll Books

of the said Parish of *St. Sylvestre*, at the said Election, as electors and voters for the said *John O'Farrell*, a large number of names, to wit: nine hundred and more, persons not qualified to vote as such electors, and also of persons who were not present at the said Poll-house, but who, on the contrary, were absent from the said Parish at the time of the said Election, and also of deceased persons, and of persons and names that never existed; and the said *Edouard Noël*, as such Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, having received, written down, and inscribed in the Poll Books of the said Parish of *Ste. Agathe*, at the said Election as electors and voters for the said *John O'Farrell*, a great number of names, to wit: two hundred names, of persons not qualified to vote as such electors, and of persons who were not present at the said Polling-house, but who, on the contrary, were absent from the said Parish at the time of the said Election, and of persons deceased, and of persons and names that never existed; that the said *John O'Farrell* himself, his agents, friends, leaders, partizans and others, in his name, made use of corrupt and menacing means to induce persons having or claiming to have the right to vote at the said Election, to vote for the said *John O'Farrell*, or to prevent such persons from giving their votes in favor of the Petitioner; that the Return of the said *John O'Farrell* was effected by virtue of the said illegal and corrupt practices, which have rendered and do render the said Election and Return of the said *John O'Farrell* altogether null and of none effect; and praying that the House will be pleased to take into consideration the above allegations and to decide and declare that the said *John O'Farrell* was not duly elected and that the Petitioner was duly elected and should have been returned as Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Lotbinière*; and to order that the name of the said *John O'Farrell* be erased from the Return made by the Returning Officer for the said County, of the said *John O'Farrell*, and that the name of the Petitioner be inserted in the place and stead of the said *John O'Farrell*, and otherwise to do justice to the Petitioner as to the House shall seem expedient.

Of *Hammond Gowen Hall*, of the Township of *Leeds*, County of *Megantic*; praying for the payment of a certain amount, being expenses and loss incurred by him in attending as a Witness before an Election Committee of the House, in compliance with a summons requiring the same.

Of *Daniel Anderson*, of the Township of *South Dumfries*, in the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, Esquire, and others, Electors of the said East Riding of the said County; setting forth: That at the late Election in and for the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, of one Member to represent the same in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, which Election was opened and commenced at *Capron's Flats*, at the Village of *Paris*. in the said East Riding, on the thirteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, being the nomination day appointed for the said Election, *Daniel McKerlie*, of the Town of *Brantford*, in the said County of *Brant*, Esquire, and *David Christie*, of the Township of *South Dumfries*, in the said East Riding of the County of *Brant*, Esquire, were the Candidates; that at the said Election a Poll was demanded on the part and behalf of the said *Daniel McKerlie*, that the same was granted and proceeded with, and that on the close of the said Election, to wit: on the twenty-second day of the said month of July last, the said Candidate, *Daniel McKerlie*, Esquire, was declared returned as duly elected to represent the said East Riding of the County of *Brant* in the present Parliament of this Province, and received an Indenture to that effect from *John Smith*, Esquire, the Returning Officer at the said Election; that the number of votes polled at the said Election was five hundred and thirty-seven, of which two hundred and sixty-nine were for the said Candidate, *Daniel McKerlie*, and two hundred and sixty-eight for the said Candidate, *David Christie*, thereby making and leaving a majority of one in favor of the said *Daniel McKerlie*, as by the Poll Books taken and kept at the said Election, and returned to the

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery with the said Writ of Election, by the said Returning Officer of the said East Riding of the County of *Brant*, reference being thereunto had will more fully and at large appear: That the Petitioners' duly qualified electors of the said East Riding of the County of *Brant* at the said Election, having voted thereat, and still being electors of the said Riding, conceive and are advised and convinced, and do aver, that the said *Daniel McKerlie* was not duly and lawfully elected and chosen, and was unduly and unlawfully returned to represent the said East Riding of the County of *Brant* in the said Parliament, for and on account of the grounds, causes, and reasons herein after contained, mentioned, and set forth, that is to say: Because a large majority of legal voters was recorded and given at the said Election for and in favor of the said Candidate, *David Christie*, Esquire; because the said majority of the said *Daniel McKerlie*, and a large number over the same, to wit: one hundred and more, was only a colorable majority, and was composed of persons not entitled to vote at the said Election; because one hundred of the votes and upwards which purport to have been given and recorded as legal votes for and on behalf of the said *Daniel McKerlie*, were those of persons who were not possessed at the time of giving their votes at the said Election, for their own use and benefit as proprietors, by virtue of any legal title vesting such property in them, either in fee simple or in freehold under the tenure of free and common soccage, or in *fief*, or in *roture* or in *franc-aleu* or by virtue of a Certificate derived under the authority of the Governor in Council of the late Province of *Quebec*, or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of either the late Provinces of *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, or of the Legislature of *Canada*, of lands or tenements lying and being in the said East Riding of the County of *Brant*, on which the said one hundred voters gave their votes respectively, and being of the clear yearly value of forty-four shillings and five pence and one farthing currency, to wit: the currency set forth in the Statute in that behalf, equal to forty shillings sterling, or upwards, over and above all rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same; and because such last mentioned voters were not at the time of giving such their votes at the said Election, and had not been in actual and uninterrupted possession of the lands and tenements upon which they claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as proprietors, according to the true intent and meaning of the Statute in that behalf, or in receipt of the rents and profits thereof as proprietors as aforesaid, according to the same true intent and meaning, by virtue of and under such title as aforesaid for their own use and benefit, severally and respectively during at least six calendar months next before the date of Her Majesty's Writ of Election for the said Riding, the Petitioners declaring and averring that the said lands and tenements upon which the said last mentioned voters claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as aforesaid, had not come to them nor to any of them by descent or inheritance, or by devise, marriage or contract of marriage, nor did they or any of them have or hold any deed of conveyance or Patent from the Crown under which they or any of the said last mentioned voters respectively claimed to hold the lands upon which they so voted, and claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as aforesaid, which was registered three calendar months before the date of the said Writ of Election for the said Riding, as required by the Statute in that behalf, nor were they or any of them entitled to vote at the said Election upon the lands and tenements upon which they so voted and claimed to vote as aforesaid by virtue of any conveyance made to his or their wife or wives after marriage, such conveyance having been registered for three calendar months as aforesaid; nor were they or any of them in possession of such lands and tenements mentioned in any such conveyance or deed for six calendar months next before the date of the said Writ of Election: That a very great proportion of the persons who voted at the said Election were not freeholders; that the lands on which they voted at the said Election were vested in

the Crown, no Patents having ever issued therefor; that many of the persons who voted at the said Election for the said *Daniel McKerlie* were not entitled to vote at the said Election, inasmuch as they were not *British* subjects by birth or naturalization: and praying that the House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare for the reasons, grounds and clauses aforesaid, that the said *Daniel McKerlie* was not duly elected and returned, and that the said *David Christie* was duly elected and ought to have been returned as the Member to serve in Parliament for the said East Riding of the County of *Brant*, and order that the name of the said *Daniel McKerlie* be erased from the Return made of the said *Daniel McKerlie* by the Returning Officer of the said East Riding of the County of *Brant*, and the name of the said *David Christie* inserted in the room, place and stead of the name of the said *Daniel McKerlie*, and to grant unto the Petitioners such other and further relief in the premises, as to the House shall seem meet and proper.

Of the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Montreal*, and others of the Parish of *St. Louis de Terrebonne* interested in the *College Masson*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Corporation of the *College Masson*.

Of the Reverend *J. T. Théberge* and others, of the Parish of *Terrebonne*; praying for aid in behalf of the *College Masson*.

Of *Nathaniel Jenks*, M.D., and others, of the Township of *Barnston*; praying for aid in behalf of the High School established in the said Township.

Of the President and Directors of the City Bank of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to increase the Shares of the said Bank to twenty pounds each, and also to increase the Capital Stock thereof.

Of *C. A. G. de Tonnancour*, Coroner of the District of *St. Francis*; representing that he filled the said office from the year 1831 to 1839, without receiving any salary, and that at the last date a salary of fifty pounds per annum, was attached to the said office; and praying that he may be paid at the same rate for the eight years during which he performed the duties previous to the salary being allowed.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Sherbrooke*; praying that the Municipal Councils may be authorized to regulate and control the issuing of Shop Licenses for the sale of Wines and Spirituous Liquors.

Of the Reverend *G. Werner* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the *German Evangelical Church*.

Of *George Okill Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate; setting forth: That under and in virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election, bearing date at the City of *Quebec*, on the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, issued for the Election of three Members to represent the said City in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, an Election was opened and begun in the said City of *Quebec*, on the fourteenth day of July, in the said year, being the nomination day for the said Election, by *William Smith Sewell*, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of *Quebec*, being and acting as the Returning Officer of the said Election, and that *Jean Blanchet*, of the said City of *Quebec*, Physician and Surgeon, *Charles Alleyn*, of the same place, Advocate, *Jean Chabot*, of the same place, Esquire, Advocate, Commissioner of Public Works, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, both of the same place, Merchants, and the Petitioner, were Candidates; that the said *William Smith Sewell*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, has returned the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, as having been duly elected at the said Election, and the Petitioner claims the right to have been returned at the said Election as a Member for the said City: That by an Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act for better securing the independence of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," in the first Section thereof, it is enacted "that from and after the end of the then present Parlia-

"ment, all and every the persons or public officers thereafter mentioned and de-
 "scribed in that Section should be incapable of and disqualified from being elected
 "or returned to be Members of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, nor
 "should any such person or persons, or public officer or officers, be competent to
 "sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly:" That among the persons men-
 "tioned and described in the said Section, are "all Physicians or Surgeons attending
 "any Common Gaol, Penitentiary, Lunatic Asylum, Hospital or other Public
 "Institution, and receiving annual salaries and allowances out of the Public Mo-
 "nies of the said Province:" That by the second Section of the said Statute, it
 "is enacted "that if after the passing of the said Act any one of the persons or
 "public officers mentioned and described in the foregoing Section and thereby dis-
 "abled from sitting or voting or declared to be incompetent to sit or vote in the
 "said Legislative Assembly of this Province, should nevertheless be elected
 "or returned as a Member to serve in the said Legislative Assembly, either
 "in the then present Parliament, or in any Parliament thereafter to be
 "holden, his Election and Return should be and the same were thereby enacted
 "and declared to be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever:"
 That by a certain other Act of the Legislature of this Province, passed in
 the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, to amend the Act aforesaid,
 intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for better securing the independence
 "of the Legislative Assembly of this Province," it is enacted "that
 "no person holding any office of emolument at the nomination of the Crown in
 "this Province should, after the dissolution of the then present Parliament, be eli-
 "gible as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province:" That on
 the day of nomination aforesaid as well as before, continuing, and throughout the
 said Election, and thenceforward hitherto, the said *Jean Blanchet* was and now is
 a Physician and Surgeon attending a certain Public Institution or Hospital in
 this Province, known as the Marine Hospital, in or near the said City of *Quebec*,
 and receiving an annual salary or allowance out of the Public Monies of the Pro-
 vince: That on the said day of nomination, as well as before, continuing, and
 throughout the said Election, and thenceforward hitherto, the said *Jean Blanchet*
 was and now is a person holding an office of emolument at the nomination of the
 Crown, to wit: that of Visiting Physician to a certain Hospital, to wit: the Ma-
 rine and Emigrant Hospital at *Quebec*, to which there was and is attached an
 annual salary or allowance, payable out of the Public Monies of the Province, and
 which he, the said *Jean Blanchet*, has hitherto since his said appointment received:
 That the appointment of the said *Jean Blanchet* as Visiting Physician as aforesaid,
 was duly published and notified in the *Canada Gazette*, on the tenth day of Decem-
 ber, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and long
 before and at the time of the said Election and thence continuing hitherto, the
 said *Jean Blanchet* was and still is notoriously incapable of and disqualified from
 being elected or returned to be a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Pro-
 vince, and was not and is not competent to sit or vote in the said Legislative
 Assembly, and was, all the time aforesaid, and still is notoriously ineligible as a
 Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That the said *Jean*
Blanchet has been returned by the said Returning Officer, together with the said
Charles Alleyn and *Jean Chabot*, as the three Candidates having the largest number
 of votes to represent the said City in the said Legislative Assembly: That on the
 day fixed by the said Returning Officer for closing the said Election, to wit; on
 the twenty-fourth day of July aforesaid, at the City of *Quebec* aforesaid, the said
 Returning Officer proceeded to ascertain the state of the General Poll at the said
 Election, by counting and adding up from each Poll Book the total number of
 votes taken and recorded at the said Election in the whole of the said City and of
 the *Banlieue*, and it was thereupon then and there ascertained by the said Return-

ing Officer, that the number of votes purporting to have been given and recorded for and on behalf of the said *Charles Alleyn* was two thousand four hundred and sixty-seven, that the number of those purporting to have been given and recorded in favor of the said *Jean Chabot* was two thousand four hundred and thirty-seven, that the number of those given and recorded in favor of the Petitioner was one thousand one hundred and eighty-seven, that the number of those given and received in favor of the said *George Honore Simard* was one thousand one hundred and seventy-one, and that of those given and recorded in favor of the said *Hypolite Dubord* was one thousand one hundred and three: That notwithstanding that there was polled at the said Election in favor of the Petitioner the third largest number of votes, those polled for and in favor of the said *Jean Blanchet* being null and void, he, the said *Jean Blanchet*, was unduly and illegally proclaimed as being duly elected a Member to represent the said City in the said Legislative Assembly in the stead of the Petitioner: That for the reasons aforesaid the votes polled for the said *Jean Blanchet* at the said Election ought to be held for nought and declared to be illegal votes, and as such should be struck off from the Poll Books opened and kept at the said Election, and the Election and Return of the said *Jean Blanchet* declared to be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and praying that the House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration and to find and declare that the said *Jean Blanchet* was at the time of the said Election incapable of and disqualified from being elected or returned to be a Member of the said Legislative Assembly, and incompetent to sit or vote in the said Legislative Assembly, and that his Election and Return be declared to be null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and that the House will further find and declare that the Petitioner was duly elected and ought to have been returned as one of the Members to represent the said City as aforesaid, and thereupon that the House will direct the Return for the said City to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the name of the said *Jean Blanchet*, and by inserting in the stead thereof the name of the Petitioner, and that the House will grant to the Petitioner such other and further relief in the premises as to the House shall seem meet.

Of the Reverend *Antoine Gusselin* and others, School Commissioners of the School District of *St. Jean*, Island of *Orleans*; praying aid for the establishment of an Academy therein.

Of *John Sharples*, Esquire, and others, the Committee of Management of the Congregation of Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the English language; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *La Banque du Peuple*; praying for an increase of their Capital Stock.

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

Of *A. T. McCord* and others, members and friends of the *Upper Canada* Religious Tract and Book Society; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Society.

Of *L. J. Moll* and others, Directors of the *Berthier* Academy; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *B. H. Leprohon* and others, School Commissioners for the Parish of *St. Charles de L'Industrie*, County of *Joliette*; praying for aid in behalf of the College established by the late Honorable *B. Joliette*.

Of *M. Crépeau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, District of *Montreal*; praying that so much of the said Parish as is now included within the Parish of *Berthier* may be detached therefrom, and that the whole of the said Parish may be included within the County of *Joliette*.

Of *George Southwick*, Esquire, and others; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railway from the *Detroit* River, at or near *Anherstburg*, to the *Niagara* River.

Of *Robert Christie*, Esquire, a Candidate at the recent Election of a Member to represent in the House the County of *Gaspé*; setting forth: That deeming it a public duty the Petitioner owes the House, and to the Country, he submits the following to its consideration, for such action thereupon as in its wisdom shall seem fitting to maintain and preserve the freedom and purity of Elections, as well as the independence and dignity of the House, as Representatives of the People of this Province, against the artifice and intrigues of officials, who, by the means and abuse of their offices, and by fraud and surprize, may unduly secure their election as Members of the House, obtrude themselves upon it as duly elected, and contrary to law and justice, obtain seats therein, and sit and vote for an indefinite period, in contempt and defiance of the laws and of the independence of the House: That the Petitioner actuated solely by the aforesaid motive of duty, accordingly begs to put the House in possession of the following facts: At the date of the dissolution of the last Parliament, in the month of June last, the Registrar of the County of *Gaspé*, *Peter Winter*, Esquire, and as such *ex officio* the Returning Officer for the County of *Gaspé*, was in the City of *Quebec*, received the Writ of Election for the said County, and proceeded with it thither: That shortly after his arrival at the County, he issued the usual Proclamation, as by law prescribed for the election of a person to represent the said County in the House, dated at *Percé*, the 3rd July, 1854, fixing the twenty-seventh day of the same month for the day of Election, and in case that a Poll should be demanded, the twelfth and fourteenth days of August, the days for polling the votes, and which is as followeth:—"Proclamation, County of *Gaspé*, to wit: Public notice is hereby given to the Electors of the County of *Gaspé*, that in obedience to Her Majesty's Writ to me directed, and bearing date the twenty-third day of the month of June last, I require the presence of the said Electors at the County Town of *Percé*, in the said County, on the ground attached to the Court Hall thereof, on the twenty-seventh day of the month of July instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing a person to represent them in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: and that in case a Poll shall be demanded and allowed in the manner by law prescribed, such Poll will be opened on the twelfth and fourteenth days of the month of August next, in each of the Townships of *Newport*, *Percé*, *Malbay*, *Douglas*, *Gaspé South*, *Cap-des-Rosiers*, *Fox*, *Cap-Chat*, *York* and *Haldimand* united, *Gaspé North* and *Sydenham* united, Seigniories *Ste. Anne des Monts*, *Grand Pabos*, and *Grand River*; and in the *Magdalen Islands* at *Amherst Harbour* and *House Harbour*. Of all of which every person is hereby required to take notice and to govern himself accordingly. Given under my hand at *Percé*, this third day of the month of July, in the year 1854, *P. Winter*, Returning Officer:" That in pursuance of this notice the several Deputy Returning Officers, and Poll Clerks, or necessary subordinates, were appointed for the different localities where by law Polls were to be opened and held. That in the mean time the said *Peter Winter* had, it seems, made up his mind to offer himself as a Candidate at the Election, and on the twenty-first of July accordingly issued an address to the Electors of *Gaspé*, in print, dated 21st July, 1854, as followeth:—"Electors of the County of *Gaspé*. Being requested by a great number of yourselves, particularly from *Point Maquereau* to this, to allow myself to be nominated as one of the Candidates at the approaching Election, and finding that the general feeling is favorable, I have made up my mind to resign my offices of Registrar and Inspector of Schools, and to tender my services; if elected, my undivided attention will be given to the following: General reform of all abuses, whether of a local nature or affecting the Province and its Government. Improvements in our Public and Educational Institutions—Public Works, Roads and Bridges, and to that end, advocate our rights to a better share of the public revenue. Promote by every means in my power, the ends proposed by the Treaty lately entered into between *Great Britain*

“and the *United States*, so that Reciprocity and Free Trade may reach this District
 “entire and unshackled. This above all should be attended to; it will enhance the
 “value of property, introduce capital and new branches of industry, and among
 “other advantages, encourage our Lumber trade, and also the Herring and Macke-
 “rel Fisheries, hitherto but little attended to, for want of Markets to sell them to
 “advantage,—whereas now, the Ports and Markets of the *United States* are to be
 “opened to us free from the twenty per cent Duty hitherto imposed upon our Fish,
 “and on the same footing with their own Citizens. The advantages to be derived
 “therefrom are incalculable, provided Trade be free and unshackled. It is a ques-
 “tion of life or death for *Gaspé*. Its fate will be in the hands of its Representa-
 “tives in Parliament. If favorable to Free Trade, and energetic, this part of
 “*Canada* will rise in value, wealth and importance, together with the spirit and in-
 “dustry of its people. If, on the contrary, our Representatives are opposed to or
 “interested against Free Trade, or even careless respecting it, then the inhabitants
 “of *Gaspé* must be doomed to continual misery and discontent,—in fact, to be
 “slaves with the name of freemen. Now is the time then, for the people of *Gaspé*
 “to rise as one man to vindicate their rights and say whether they will be free—
 “let them beware of false friends, or perhaps enemies cloaking themselves as friends;
 “their tame confidence has too oftentimes been abused and disappointed, it is there-
 “fore high time that they act by themselves and for themselves. We have never
 “had such an opportunity of bettering our condition. Let us therefore be alive,
 “united, and bear in mind that the result of the approaching contest will decide
 “our fate for better or for worse! Of the Candidates who have come forward
 “claiming the suffrages of the people, none have condescended to express their feel-
 “ings and expose their views to their intended constituency, as if the electors were
 “mere tools and had not the right to claim some information in this respect. It is
 “according to the old custom in *Gaspé*, where the wishes of the people were but
 “little cared for, and would yet be admitted as all right, if the Representatives
 “were to continue the careless lords and masters, instead of being the servants of
 “the people,—but my hope is, that with the help of God, their eyes will at last be
 “opened, and that the people of *Gaspé* will assert their right of franchise as free-
 “men should, by fearlessly voting after due consideration of the merits and views
 “of the Candidates, irrespective of any private feeling; for who can boast of
 “having no personal enemy, or that none are, from some cause or other, prejudiced
 “against him? Should the like be a bar between an elector and myself, I would
 “say to him, that when the fate of our common Country is at stake, we should for-
 “get personal animosities and fight side by side for the good of the land we live in,—
 “does it not deserve some sacrifice?—I shew the example by renouncing the situa-
 “tions whereby my family is maintained; because I feel, in this critical moment,
 “that some one must step forward, even at his peril, to secure the great advantages
 “now offered us—hoping that such sacrifice shall not be in vain. Should I suc-
 “ceed in so doing, my loss will only be momentary, for if the Country is made to
 “thrive and be prosperous, my family will also thrive and be prosperous. Let then
 “‘Reciprocity and Free Trade,’ aye as free as the winds, be our motto: Let us
 “join hand and heart in forwarding that desirable end, and *Gaspé* will rise in reputa-
 “tion, industry and wealth, as high and as brilliant as any other part of the
 “‘brightest gem in the *British Crown*,’ our noble *Canada*! Praying your sup-
 “port at the approaching contest, I have the honor to be, Gentlemen, your
 “obedient servant, *P. Winter*.—*Percé*, 21st July, 1854.” Giving out by it that
 being requested by a large number of Electors to offer himself, he had resigned his
 employs of Registrar of the County as well as Inspector of Schools, in order to
 offer his services to the County: That the said Mr. *Winter*, pursuant to this address,
 accordingly did offer himself as a Candidate at the said Election (at which *John*
LeBoutillier, Esquire, and the Petitioner were also Candidates,) and received

large number of votes, but failed in his Election. the majority being in favor of Mr. *LeBoutillier*. who, as the Petitioner is informed, is returned, or is so to be, a Member of the House, by a Deputy Returning Officer nominated by the said *Peter Winter* previous to divesting himself of his office of Returning Officer for the said County of *Gaspé*, the legality of all which it will be for the House to scrutinize and determine: That the Petitioner has in the above strictly confined himself to matters of fact founded upon official and other documents that are not to be contested, refraining from all commentary and reflections upon the novel and extraordinary course the Returning Officer, Mr. *Winter*. has been advised to take, and which, as a matter of privilege, affecting the independence and character of the House. it is its peculiar province to examine and deliberate upon, and which accordingly is submitted from a sense of duty and respect to the House by the Petitioner: and praying the House will take such steps in reference thereto, as to right and justice towards the public shall belong, as well as to prevent the matter alluded to from being drawn into precedent hereafter.

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

Ordered. That the Petition of the *Canadian Institute of Toronto*, and the Petition of *George K. Chisholm*. Esquire, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered. That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill for the better administration of the Estate of deceased persons.

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

Ordered. That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of Merchants, Traders, and others.

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

On motion of Mr. *Bureau*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*.

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Papers, Petitions, Letters and Correspondence in the possession of the Executive Government, relative to a tract of land in dispute between the Inhabitants of *Russeltown* and the Seigneur of the Seignior of *Beauharnois*, and also copies of the Titles of concession and of commutation of the said Seignior.

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

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*,

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a Schedule containing the names of all defaulters to the Government of *Canada*, and to the late Governments of *Upper and Lower Canada*, including all balances from Public Accountants, past, due and unpaid, whether payable to the Consolidated Fund, or to any special Fund, with the sums they respectively owe, the names of their sureties, and the amount for which such sureties are severally or jointly responsible,—the said Return to be made up to 31st of January last.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the tools or implements of any Debtor's 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.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee of thirteen Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House; and that the said Committee be composed of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *DeWitt*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Cauchon*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Felton*, Mr. *Southwick*, and Mr. *Wright*.

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

That we thank His Excellency for the satisfaction expressed by him at meeting the Legislature, and that we believe, with His Excellency, 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 we will give our best consideration to the subjects of great magnitude and importance which will necessarily come under our consideration during the Session which is now commencing :

That we, in view of the two Acts which the Imperial Parliament, advancing with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years, has recently passed, feels the grave responsibilities thereby imposed on the *Canadian* Legislature :

That as to the one of these Acts which empowers the *Canadian* Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, although 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 Constitution of Countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers, we think that in order to give to that 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 we trust that the difficulties to which His Excellency has referred will be surmounted by our endeavours, and by the patriotism of the Members of that Honorable Body :

That the other Act of the Imperial Parliament having removed the restrictions which had for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, and as 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, we consider it 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 expressed upon it in no equivocal manner. We hope to be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction :

That the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure will engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interest both of Seigniors and *Consitaires*. We are aware of 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 being an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada*, having to look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighboring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals :

That we will consider 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. The other subjects of importance upon which measures may be submitted for our deliberation, will be also attentively considered :

That the Public Accounts for the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, when laid before us, will receive our best attention, and that His Excellency may rely on our readiness to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service :

That our attention will be called to the prosperous condition of the Revenue as affording 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 :

That we will be glad to receive 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 we will consider the propriety of amending the Act past in eighteen hundred and forty-nine, 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 :

That we learn with satisfaction that the Government and Congress of the *United States* have evinced a liberal and friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and that we are disposed to meet them by a corresponding spirit :

That it is our hope 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 ;

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,
Ordered, That the Debate be further adjourned until Monday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 18^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *O. Boudreau* and others, Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Charles Jones* and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Bowes*,—The Petition of the Provincial Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Catholic Institute of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *James Ross*,—The Petition of *W. H. Ponton* and others.

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petition of *G. K. Foster* and others, of the County of *Sherbrooke*; and the Petition of *William Farwell*, of the Township of *Melbourne*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*, in the Province of *Canada*, Yeoman.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of *C. Lynde*, Chairman, and *J. Welsh*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Whitby*.

By Mr. *Masson*,—The Petition of *Robert Simpson*, of the Village and Parish of *St. Andrews*, alias *Saint Andrews*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, a qualified recognized Candidate for the Representation of the said County in Parliament now sitting; and the Petition of the Reverend *F. Cholette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe* and other places.

By Mr. *Papin*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Cooke*,—The Petition of *W. Kiernan* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *Alexis Caron* and others, of the Township of *Shawenegan*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *R. H. Thornhill* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Dufresne*,—The Petition of *F. Renaud* and others, of the Parish of *St. Lignori*, County of *Montcalm*; and the Petition of *J. W. Dorwin* and others, of the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *L'Institut Canadien* of *Iberville*; and the Petition of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Rivière Ouëlle*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, Notary Public, lately a Candidate at the Election for the choice of a Member to represent the said County in the present Provincial Parliament of this Province, and as such duly qualified.

By Mr. *Gamble*,—The Petition of *D. Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, Merchants.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Bank*.

By Mr. *Casault*,—The Petition of *Jean Langlois*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate.

By Mr. *Clarke*,—The Petition of *George S. Tiffany* and others.

By Mr. *Machenzie*,—The Petition of *Martin Machinnon*, of the Township of *Vaughan*.

By Mr. *Lumsden*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Oshawa*.

By Mr. *Mougenais*,—The Petition of *Cédéon Ouimet* and others, Municipal Councillors of the Village of *Vaudreuil*: and the Petition of *H. Cartier* and others, Municipal Councillors of the County of *Vaudreuil*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of the President and others of the Association of Teachers of the County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *A. Stinson* and others, Trustees of the *Compton* High School, in the County of *Compton*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *J. O. Prince*, and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*: the Petition of the there-undersigned *André Benjamin Papineau*, Notary, residing in the Parish of *St. Martin*, in the County of *Laval*, in the District of *Montreal*; and three Petitions of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of the Honorable *Z. Burnham* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*.

By Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*,—The Petition of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Eric* Railway and Harbour Company.

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Southwold*; two Petitions of the Municipality of the Village of *Vienna*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elyin*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Yarmouth*; the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Bayham*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Samuel Carr*, of *Toronto*, Manufacturer.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *R. O. Bruneau* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Verchères*.

By Mr. *James Smith*,—The Petition of *George Pandust* and others, Chiefs and People of the Tribe of *Mississauga* Indians residing at *Rice Lake*, in the Township of *Otonabee*, County of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Duost*,—The Petition of *J. Keith* and others, of the Circuit of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of *Embro* Division, No. 359, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,—The Petition of *James Douglas* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

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

Of the Reverend *L. J. Guyon* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Elizabeth*, County of *Joliette*; praying for aid in behalf of the establishment of the Reverend Sisters of Providence in the said Parish.

Of *Hugh Elder* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Stephen Mackay* and others, of *St. Eustache*; and of *Pierre Colin* and others; praying for indemnity to all those persons who have been unjustly excluded from the benefits of the Act granting indemnity to sufferers by the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

Of *George Okill Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, *George Honoré Simard*, of the same place, Esquire, Merchant, and *Hypolite Dubord*, of the same place, Esquire, Merchant; setting forth: That under and in virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election, bearing date at the City of *Quebec*, on the twenty-third day of

June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, issued for the Election of three Members to represent the said City in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, an Election was opened and began in the said City of *Quebec*, on the fourteenth day of July in the said year, being the nomination day for the said Election, by *William Smith Sewell*, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of *Quebec*, being and acting as the Returning Officer for the said Election: That at and before the day of the date of the said Writ of Election, and at and during the time of the said Election, the Petitioners were, together with *Jean Blanchet*, of the City of *Quebec*, Physician and Surgeon, *Charles Alleyne*, of the same place, Advocate, and *Jean Chabot*, of the same place, Advocate, Commissioner of Public Works, severally Candidates at the said Election, and the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne*, and *Jean Chabot* have been returned by the said *William Smith Sewell*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, as duly elected to represent the said City as aforesaid: That the Petitioners at the time of the said Election entered a protest against the said Election and Return, which protest was not entertained or acted on by the said Returning Officer: That the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot* were illegally and unduly returned to represent the said City in the said Parliament, by the said *William Smith Sewell*, because the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, and each of them, after the teste of the Writ for the said Election, and at and during the said Election, and before the Return of the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, at such Election did directly and indirectly by themselves and their authorized agents, and the authorized agents of each of them, for that purpose, employ divers means of corruption, by giving sums of money, offices, places, employment, gratuities, rewards, and bonds, bills and notes and conveyance of land, and promises of the same to divers electors of the said City whose votes have been given and recorded in favor of them the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, and by threatening divers of the said electors with the loss of their offices, salaries, incomes, and advantages with the intent to corrupt and bribe divers of the said electors to vote for them the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, and each of them, and to keep back divers others of them from voting for any other Candidate; and that the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, and each of them, did during the period aforesaid, by the said means of corruption, corrupt and bribe divers of the said electors to vote for them the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, and divers others of them to keep back from voting for any other Candidate; and that the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne*, *Jean Chabot*, and each of them, did open and support, and did cause to be opened and supported, at their costs and charges, and at the costs and charges of each of them, houses of public entertainment for the accommodation of the electors, and they the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, and other persons on their behalf did, with intent to promote their election and the election of each of them, the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, provide and furnish entertainment at his and their expense to divers meetings of electors assembled for the purpose of promoting such Election, previous to and during the said Election, and did pay for, procure and engage to pay for such entertainment, which entertainment was not furnished at the said meetings of electors by or at the expense of the said person or persons, at his, her or their usual place of residence: That the Petitioners do further represent that the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne* and *Jean Chabot*, and each of them, and others on their behalf, did give or cause to be given, loans of sums of money, and also offices, places, and employments, gratuities and rewards, and bonds, bills and notes and conveyance of lands and other property, and promises of the same to divers of the said electors in consideration of and for the purpose of corrupting them to give their vote for the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyne*, and *Jean Chabot*, and to divers

others of the said electors to forbear to give their votes for the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and as a compensation to divers other electors for their loss of time and expenses in going to and returning from voting, and on divers other pretences: That the Petitioners do further represent, that on the day of nomination aforesaid, at the said City of *Quebec*, the said *Jean Chabot*, and *Pierre Joseph Olivier Chauveau*, the former of whom was then Commissioner of Public Works for the said Province, and the latter Provincial Secretary, did organize by and through the instrumentality of divers persons holding offices of profit and emolument under the Provincial Government and others, gangs of persons for the purpose of preventing the free and open expression of opinion at and during the said Election, and before, during and after the period between the day of nomination and the polling days at the said Election, and by means of the gangs of persons aforesaid, the said *Jean Chabot* and *Pierre Joseph Olivier Chauveau* did prevent the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord* from addressing the electors at the said nomination, and did then and there interfere with the freedom of the said Election: That the Petitioners do further represent, that the said persons employed as aforesaid, and the gangs of persons aforesaid, were at the said Election acting under the observation and with the approbation of the said *Jean Chabot* and *Pierre Joseph Olivier Chauveau*, and they did, then and there, commit acts of violence upon divers subjects of Her Majesty, and did attempt to force the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard* and the said *Hypolite Dubord*, from the place where they were addressing the said electors at the said Election, and did then prevent the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, from expressing their political opinions and sentiments; and the said *Jean Chabot* and *Pierre Joseph Olivier Chauveau* as Ministers of the Crown did act as partizans at the said Election, and with other Ministers of the Crown did directly and indirectly before, during and at the time of the said Election use and exert the influence of their respective offices to intimidate and bribe divers of the electors of the said City, to compel some electors to vote and to prevent others from voting: That the Petitioners do further represent, that the said *Jean Chabot* being, at the time of the said Election, Commissioner of Public Works, did through the power of his said office and by means of Government contracts and other means of corruption at his disposal before, at, and during the said Election, directly and indirectly, by himself and his authorized agents, corrupt and bribe divers electors to vote for the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, and each of them, which acts of bribery and corruption the said *Jean Blanchet* and *Charles Alleyn* did participate in and sanction: That the Petitioners do further represent, that divers persons purporting to be electors voting at the several polling places at the said Election whose names are recorded in the Poll Books kept by the Deputy Returning Officers, as having voted at the said Election for the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, and for each of them, being in number one thousand and upwards, never gave their votes at all and knew not in favor of whom their votes were recorded as votes given at the said Election, and that, on the contrary, when asked or called upon by the Deputy Returning Officer or Officers to say in favor of whom they voted or intended to vote, such persons declared that they did not know, but handed up tickets on which the names of the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot* had been previously written or printed, placed in the hands of such persons, severally and respectively, by the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, or others in their interest or intriguing on their behalf at the said Election, which said tickets the said persons were unable to read or understand, but from which the Deputy Returning Officers read and recorded the vote, such mode of voting being subversive of the free and open expression of the opinions of the electors, exposing them to surprize, deception and fraud, and

being also in direct violation of the Laws and Statutes regulating Elections, and in truth and in fact numbers of the persons who so voted were deceived and cheated by the falsehoods and representations of the parties by whom such illegal tickets were thrust into their hands before, or as they appeared at the polling places respectively, and were made to vote in direct opposition to their real views and wishes, in which particulars and many others the Laws and Statutes of this Province have been and were from the commencement to the close of the said Election violated and set at naught: That the Petitioners do further represent that a large majority of legal votes were recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and of each of them, that upwards of a thousand of the votes recorded in favor of the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot* and of each of them, were those of persons not possessing, at the time of the said Election, the qualification required by Law to vote thereat, that many persons voted as often as twenty times in favor of the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot* at the said Election, that many persons who were not qualified to vote did vote for the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, and had not been in actual and uninterrupted possession of the lands and tenements upon which they claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as proprietors, and were not tenants according to the intent and meaning of the Statute in such case made and provided: That the majority obtained by the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, by means of the premises, was apparent and colorable only, and was and is fictitious and fraudulent, and that the majority of good and legal votes polled and tendered at the said Election was in favor of the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and each of them, who ought to have been duly elected and returned as Members for the said City instead of the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, and by reason of the premises the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot* were unduly and illegally proclaimed as having been duly elected Members to represent the said City in the said Legislative Assembly, and the pretended Election of them the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot* was and is, by reason of the premises, null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and praying that the House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare that the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, nor any or either of them, ought to have been elected or returned as a Member to serve in Parliament for the said City, and that the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and each of them, were duly elected and ought to have been returned as such Members as aforesaid, and that thereupon the House will direct the Return for the said City to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the names of the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot*, and each of them, by inserting instead thereof the names of the said *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, and of each of them, or that the House will declare the Election and Return of the said *Jean Blanchet*, *Charles Alleyn*, and *Jean Chabot* null and void, or direct a new Writ to issue for the Election of three Members to serve in Parliament for the said City, and that the House will grant to the Petitioners such other and further relief in the premises as to the House shall seem meet.

Of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock.

Of the Reverend *Antoine Manseau* and others, of the County of *Joliette*; and of *E. B. G. De Lanaudière*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Joliette*; praying for the establishment of a Circuit Court at the Village of *Industry*, the County seat of the said County.

Of *R. N. Webber* and others, of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, Dis-

trict of *St. Francis*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of The *St. Francis* College.

Of the Trustees of the Academy of *St. André d'Argenteuil*; praying for aid.

Of the *Montreal* and *Vermont Junction* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to their Charter.

Of Miss *Eliza Taylor*, Secretary, on behalf of the Committee of Ladies conducting the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of *E. W. Carter* and others, of the Municipality of *William Henry*; praying that the Petition of the said Municipality for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Town under the name of The Town of *Sorel* may not be granted.

Of the Committee of Management of the *Montreal* Industrial House of Refuge; praying for aid.

Of *G. Houle* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; and of *A. B. Lafrenière*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Guillaume*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law, and the consolidation of the Road Laws of *Lower Canada*.

Of *A. Labrecque* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; and of *T. Paradis* and others, of the Parish of *St. Guillaume d'Upton*; praying that the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* may be separated, and each entitled to send a Representative to Parliament.

Of *A. Boisvert* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; praying that compensation may be provided for Jurors attending the Courts in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Pierre Marcotte* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of Squatters, may be protected by Law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of *Pierre Croteau* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying that the annual Provincial grant for Public Education may be increased to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Prescott* and *Russell*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Vaudreuil* and *Vankleek Hill* Railway Company, so as to extend the said Line of Railway to the Town of *Bytown*.

Of the Reverend *L. H. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *Longueuil*; praying for aid in behalf of a Male and a Female Educational Establishment in the said Parish.

Of *Thomas Devaney* of the Township of *Inverness*, in the County of *Megantic*, Farmer, *Adam Bailey* and *John Ross*, both of the Township of *Leeds*, in the same County, Farmers, and *Robert Rickaby*, *William Gunston*, *William F. Rickaby* and *John Smith*, all of the Township of *Inverness*, aforesaid, Farmers; setting forth: That under and in virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election bearing date at the City of *Quebec*, on the twenty-third day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, issued for the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Megantic* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, an Election was opened and began in the Township of *Leeds*, in the said County, on the twentieth day of July in the said year, being the nomination day for the said Election, by *John R. Lambly*, Esquire, Registrar of the first Division of the said County, being and acting as the Returning Officer for the said Election: That at and before the day of the date of the said Writ of Election, and at and during the time of the said Election, the Petitioners were and have since continued to be and still are electors of and voters for the said County, and as such had a right to vote and did vote at the said Election for a Member to serve in the Provincial Parliament for said County of *Megantic*: That *John Greaves Clapham*, of the said City of *Quebec*, Esquire, and *William Rhodes*, of *Benmore*, in the vicinity of the said City of *Quebec*, Esquire, were Candidates at the said Election, and that the afore-

said *William Rhodes* was by the said *John R. Lambly*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, returned as duly elected to represent the said County as aforesaid: That the Petitioners at the time of the said Election entered a Protest against the said Election and Return, but which Protest was not acted on or entertained by the said Returning Officer: That the said *William Rhodes* was illegally and unduly returned to represent the said County in the said Provincial Parliament, by the said *John R. Lambly*: That by an Act passed on the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act the several Statutory provisions now in force for the regulation of Elections of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof," it was and is in the sixteenth Section thereof, among other things enacted, that when at any such Election for a County, Riding, City or Town, a Poll shall have been demanded and granted in the manner provided by the said Act, the Returning Officer immediately after having granted such Poll, and before adjourning his proceedings, shall publicly proclaim from the hustings, the day previously fixed in and by his first proclamation and the place at which the Poll shall be so opened separately in each Parish, Township or Union of Townships, or Ward or part of a Ward or Township, (as the case may be,) for the purpose of then and there taking and recording the votes of the electors according to Law, and the said Returning Officer shall allow at least six days, and not more than ten, to elapse between the day so by him fixed as aforesaid for opening the Election and the day by him fixed for opening the Poll at separate places as aforesaid: That the said *John R. Lambly*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, did not allow six days to elapse between the day by him fixed for opening the said Election and the day by him fixed for opening the Poll at separate places as aforesaid, but on the contrary allowed five days and no more to elapse between the day so by him fixed as aforesaid for opening the Election and the day by him fixed for opening the Poll at separate places as aforesaid, that is to say, the said Election having been opened and begun in the Township of *Leeds*, in the said County, on Thursday the twentieth day of July now last past, being the nomination day for the said Election by the said *John R. Lambly*, being and acting as the Returning Officer as aforesaid, and a Poll having been demanded and granted on that day, the said Returning Officer, after having granted such Poll, and before adjourning his proceedings, did publicly proclaim from the hustings, Wednesday the twenty-sixth day of the same month of July as the day previously fixed in and by his first Proclamation for the purpose of then taking and recording the votes of the electors according to Law at the places at which the Polls should be opened separately in each Township in the said County, and that in truth and in fact the Poll at the separate places as aforesaid was opened, and the votes of the electors at the said Election were taken and recorded on the said twenty-sixth day of July, the said Returning Officer thereby allowing but five days to elapse between the nomination day aforesaid, to wit: the said twentieth and the said twenty-sixth days of July, and that by reason of such irregular and illegal proceedings of the said Returning Officer, and by reason of the taking and recording of the votes of the electors at the said Election before the period at which they could be legally taken and recorded, the said votes were absolutely thrown away and null and void, and the pretended Election of the said *William Rhodes* for the said County, was and is null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever: That there never has been any Election for the said County according to the requirements of the said Writ, and of the provisions of the Statute aforesaid: That the said *William Rhodes* was furthermore illegally and unduly returned to represent the said County in Parliament by the said *John R. Lambly*, because the said *William Rhodes* after the teste of the Writ for the said Election, and at and during the said Election, and before the Return of the said *William Rhodes* at such Election, did directly and indirectly, by himself and by his autho-

rized agents, employ divers means of corruption by giving sums of money, offices, places, employments, gratuities, rewards and bonds, bills and notes, and conveyances of lands and promises of the same to divers electors of the said County whose votes have been given and recorded in favor of him the said *William Rhodes*, and by threatening divers others of the said electors with the loss of their offices, salaries, incomes and advantages, with the intent to corrupt and bribe divers of the said electors to vote for him the said *William Rhodes*, and to keep back divers others of them from voting for him the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and that the said *William Rhodes* did, during the period aforesaid, by the said means of corruption, corrupt and bribe divers of the said electors to vote for him the said *William Rhodes*, and divers others of them to keep back from voting for the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and that the said *William Rhodes* did open and support, and did cause to be opened and supported at his cost and charges, houses of public entertainment for the accommodation of the electors; and he the said *William Rhodes*, and other persons in his behalf did, with intent to promote his Election, provide and furnish entertainment at his expense to divers meetings of electors assembled for the purpose of promoting such Election, and did pay for, promise and engage to pay for such entertainment, which entertainment was not furnished at the said meetings of electors by or at the expense of the said *William Rhodes* or other person or persons in his or her or their behalf, at her or their usual place of residence: That the Petitioners do further represent, that the said *William Rhodes* and others on his behalf, did give or cause to be given, loans of sums of money, and also offices, places and employments, gratuities and rewards, and bonds, bills and notes and conveyances of land and other property, and promises of the same to divers of the said electors, in consideration of, and for the purpose of corrupting them to give their votes for the said *William Rhodes*, and to divers others of the said electors to forbear to give their votes for *John Greaves Clapham* aforesaid, and as a compensation to divers other electors for their loss of time and expenses in going to and returning from voting, and on divers other pretences: That the Petitioners do further represent, that divers of the said electors when they presented themselves at the Poll in the Township of *Halifax*, did not know even the name of the person for whom they had been called upon and directed to vote, but were assisted and directed in so doing by *Andrew Bezeau*, Esquire, the representative of the said *William Rhodes*, and Mr. *John Johnson*, the Deputy Returning Officer. before and during the Election violent partizans of the said *William Rhodes*: That the Petitioners further represent, that a large majority of legal votes were recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, that more than three hundred votes recorded in favor of the said *William Rhodes* were those of persons not possessing at the time of the said Election the qualification required by Law to vote thereat, that many persons voted more than once in favor of the said *William Rhodes* at the said Election, that many persons who were not qualified to vote did vote for the said *William Rhodes*, and had not been in actual and uninterrupted possession of the lands and tenements upon which they claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as proprietors according to the intent and meaning of the Statute in such case made and provided: That the majority obtained by the said *William Rhodes* by means of the premises was apparent and colorable only, and was and is fictitious and fraudulent, and that the majority of good and legal votes polled and tendered at the said Election was in favor of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, who ought to have been duly elected and returned as Member for the said County instead of the said *William Rhodes*, and by reason of the premises the said *William Rhodes* was unduly and illegally proclaimed as having been duly elected Member to represent the said County in the said Legislative Assembly, and the pretended Election of him the said *William Rhodes* was and is by reason of the premises null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever: and praying that the House will be

pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare that the said *William Rhodes* ought not to have been duly elected and returned as Member to serve in Parliament for the said County, and that *John Greaves Clapham* aforesaid was duly elected and ought to have been returned as such Member aforesaid, and that therefore the House will direct the Return for the said County to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the name of *William Rhodes*, and by inserting instead thereof the name of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, or that the House will declare the Election and Return of the said *William Rhodes* null and void, and direct a new Writ to issue for the Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County, and that the House will grant to the Petitioners such other and further relief in the premises as to the House shall seem meet.

Of *John Greaves Clapham*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; setting forth: That under and in virtue of Her Majesty's Writ of Election bearing date at the City of *Quebec*, on the twenty third day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, issued for the Election of a Member to represent the County of *Megantic* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, an Election was opened and began in the Township of *Leeds*, in the said County, on the twentieth day of July in the said year, being the nomination day for the said Election by *John R. Lambly*, Esquire, Registrar of the first Division of the said County, being and acting as the Returning Officer for the said Election: That at and during the time of the said Election, the Petitioner was a Candidate at the said Election, together with *William Rhodes*, of *Benmore*, in the vicinity of *Quebec*, Esquire, who was by the said *John R. Lambly*, Returning Officer as aforesaid returned as duly elected to represent the said County as aforesaid: That at the time of the said Election, and before Proclamation made, the Petitioner entered and made a Protest against the said Election and Return, but which Protest was not entertained or acted on by the said Returning Officer: That the said *William Rhodes* was illegally and unduly returned to represent the said County in the said Provincial Parliament, by the said *John R. Lambly*, Returning Officer as aforesaid: That by an Act passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate, and reduce into one Act, the several Statutory provisions now in force for the regulation of Elections of Members to represent the People of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof," it was and is in the sixteenth Section thereof among other things enacted, that when at any such Election for a County, Riding, City or Town, a Poll shall have been demanded and granted in the manner provided by the said Act, the Returning Officer immediately after having granted such Poll, and before adjourning his proceedings, shall publicly proclaim from the hustings the day previously fixed in and by his first proclamation, and the place at which the Poll shall be so opened separately in each Parish, Township, or Union of Townships, or Ward or part of a Ward, or Township (as the case may be) for the purpose of then and there taking and recording the votes of the electors according to Law, and the said Returning Officer shall allow at least six days and not more than ten, to elapse between the day so by him fixed as aforesaid for opening the Election, and the day by him fixed for opening the Poll at separate places as aforesaid: That the said *John R. Lambly*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, did not allow six days to elapse between the day by him fixed for opening the said Election, and the day by him fixed for opening the Poll at separate places as aforesaid, but on the contrary allowed five days and no more to elapse between the day so by him fixed as aforesaid for opening the Election, and the day by him fixed for opening the Poll at separate places as aforesaid, that is to say, the said Election having been opened and begun in the Township of *Leeds*, in the said County, on Thursday the twentieth day of July now last past, being the nomination day for the said Election by the said *John R. Lambly*, being and acting as the Returning Officer as aforesaid, and a Poll having

been demanded and granted on that day, the said Returning Officer after having granted such Poll and before adjourning his proceedings, did publicly proclaim from the hustings, Wednesday the twenty-sixth day of the same month of July, as the day previously fixed in and by his first proclamation for the purpose of then taking and recording the votes of the electors according to Law, at the places at which the Polls should be opened separately in each Township in the said County, and that in truth and in fact the Poll at the separate places as aforesaid was opened, and the votes of the electors at the said Election were taken and recorded on the said twenty-sixth day of July, the said Returning Officer thereby allowing but five days to elapse between the nomination day aforesaid, to wit: the said twentieth and the said twenty-sixth days of July, and that by reason of such irregular and illegal proceeding of the said Returning Officer, and by reason of the taking and recording of the votes of the electors at the said Election before the period at which they could be legally taken and recorded, the said votes were absolutely thrown away and null and void, and the pretended Election of the said *William Rhodes* for the said County, was and is null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever: That there never has been any Election for the said County according to the requirements of the said Writ, and of the provisions of the Statute aforesaid: That the said *William Rhodes* was furthermore illegally and unduly returned to represent the said County in Parliament by the said *John R. Lambly*, because the said *William Rhodes* after the teste of the Writ for the said Election, and at and during the said Election and before the return of the said *William Rhodes* at such Election, did directly and indirectly, by himself and his authorized agents, employ divers means of corruption, by giving sums of money, offices, places, employments, gratuities, rewards and bonds, bills and notes, and conveyances of land and promises of the same to divers electors of the said County whose votes have been given and recorded in favor of him the said *William Rhodes*, and by threatening divers others of the said electors with the loss of their offices, salaries, incomes and advantages, with the intent to corrupt and bribe divers of the said electors to vote for him the said *William Rhodes*, and to keep back divers others of them from voting for him the said *John Greaves Clapham*: and that the said *William Rhodes* did, during the period aforesaid, by the said means of corruption, corrupt and bribe divers of the said electors to vote for him the said *William Rhodes*, and divers others of them to keep back from voting for the said *John Greaves Clapham*, and that the said *William Rhodes* did open and support, and did cause to be opened and supported at his cost and charges, houses of public entertainment for the accommodation of the electors, and he the said *William Rhodes* and other persons in his behalf did, with intent to promote his Election, provide and furnish entertainment at his expense to divers meetings of electors assembled for the purpose of promoting such Election, and did pay for, promise and engage to pay for such entertainment, which entertainment was not furnished at the said meetings of electors by or at the expense of the said *William Rhodes*, or other person or persons, on his, her or their behalf, at his, her or their usual place or places of residence: That the Petitioner doth further represent that the said *William Rhodes* and others on his behalf, did give or cause to be given, loans of sums of money, and also offices, places and employments, gratuities and rewards and bonds, bills and notes, and conveyances of land and other property, and promises of the same to divers of the said electors, in consideration of and for the purpose of corrupting them to give their vote for the said *William Rhodes*, and to divers others of the said electors to forbear to give their votes for *John Greaves Clapham* aforesaid, and as a compensation to divers other electors for their loss of time and expenses in going to and returning from voting, and on divers other pretences: That the Petitioner doth further represent, that divers of the said electors, when they presented themselves at the Poll in the Township of *Halifax*, did not know even the name of the person

for whom they had been called upon and directed to vote, but were assisted and directed in so doing by *Andrew Bezeau*, Esquire, the representative thereof of the said *William Rhodes*, and Mr. *John Johnson*, the Deputy Returning Officer, both of them, before and during the Election, violent partizans of the said *William Rhodes*: That the Petitioner doth further represent, that a large majority of legal votes were recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *John Greaves Clapham*; that more than three hundred votes recorded in favor of the said *William Rhodes* were those of persons not possessing at the time of the said Election, the qualification required by Law to vote thereat; that many persons voted more than once in favor of the said *William Rhodes* at the said Election; that many persons who were not qualified to vote, did vote for the said *William Rhodes*, and had not been in actual and uninterrupted possession of the lands and tenements upon which they claimed and pretended to be entitled to vote as proprietors according to the intent and meaning of the Statute in such case made and provided: That the majority obtained by the said *William Rhodes* by means of the premises, was apparent and colorable only, and was and is fictitious and fraudulent, and that the majority of good and legal votes polled and tendered at the said Election was in favor of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, the Petitioner, who ought to have been duly elected and returned as Member for the said County instead of the said *William Rhodes*, and by reason of the premises the said *William Rhodes* was unduly and illegally proclaimed as having been duly elected Member to represent the said County in the said Legislative Assembly, and the pretended Election of him the said *William Rhodes* was and is, by reason of the premises, null and void to all intents and purposes whatsoever; and praying that the House will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and to find and declare that the said *William Rhodes* ought not to have been duly elected and returned as Member to serve in Parliament for the said County, and that *John Greaves Clapham*, as aforesaid, the Petitioner, was duly elected, and ought to have been returned as such Member aforesaid, and that therefore the House will direct the Return of the said County to be amended accordingly, by erasing therefrom the name of *William Rhodes*, and by inserting instead thereof the name of the said *John Greaves Clapham*, the Petitioner, or that the House will declare the Election and Return of the said *William Rhodes* null and void, and direct a new Writ to issue for the Election of a Member to serve in the Parliament for the said County; and that the House will grant to the Petitioner such other and further relief in the premises as to the House shall seem meet.

Of *Benjamin Seymour*, of *Bath*, in the Incorporated County of *Lenox* and *Addington*, Esquire, and others, Electors for the said County; setting forth: That at the last Election for the Incorporated County of *Lenox* and *Addington* of a Member to represent the said County in the present Parliament, *David Roblin*, Esquire, and the Petitioner, the said *Benjamin Seymour*, were the Candidates, and that the other Petitioners are, and at the time of the said Election were, electors of the said County having a right to vote at the Election to which this Petition relates, and that they voted for the said *Benjamin Seymour* at the said Election: That at the said Election the said *David Roblin* was declared and returned as duly elected by the Returning Officer, on which occasion one of the Petitioners tendered a protest against the Return of the said *David Roblin*: That a majority of legal votes was recorded at the said Election in favor of the said *Benjamin Seymour*, and that the majority of the said *David Roblin* is only a colorable one, being composed of persons not entitled to the franchise: That at the Poll held in the Township of *Sheffield*, the Deputy Returning Officer, at a quarter before three o'clock in the afternoon of the last day of polling, admitted a large number of persons to vote for the said *David Roblin*, indiscriminately, and without regard to their property qualification: That eighty or more of such persons not being freeholders entitled to the franchise did vote at such Election, and that the said votes were recorded by the

Deputy Returning Officer for the said *David Roblin*: That at the several Polls held in the several Townships composing the said United Counties, large numbers of aliens and other persons not entitled to vote were allowed to vote and did vote for the said *David Roblin*: That at the said several Polls large numbers of persons who were entitled to vote and tendered their votes in favor of the said *Benjamin Seymour* were rejected, their votes refused, and they were thereby disfranchised: That threats, intimidation and violence were used and excited towards the friends, voters and supporters of the said *Benjamin Seymour* during the Election, and many persons entitled to vote were thereby prevented and deterred from voting for the said *Benjamin Seymour*: That the said *David Roblin*, his agents and supporters were guilty of bribery at the said Election, by giving and tendering money to divers voters to vote for the said *David Roblin* at said Election, and did also promise and tender to divers voters and persons entitled to vote at said Election, other rewards in consideration that they would vote for the said *David Roblin*; and praying that the House will take this Petition into consideration, and declare the Return of the said *David Roblin*, Esquire, to be illegal and void, and that the said *Benjamin Seymour* may be declared duly elected, and may be substituted in the place of the said *David Roblin*, as Member to represent the said incorporated County of *Lenox and Addington*, that all votes illegally rejected be added to the Poll Books, and all votes illegally allowed be removed therefrom, or that the Petitioners may have such other relief in the premises as the nature of the case requires and deserves.

Of *Télesphore Fournier*, Esquire, Advocate, of the City of *Quebec*, a Candidate for the County of *Montmagny* at the last General Election, and as such duly qualified, and *François Tétu*, Esquire, Provincial Surveyor, and *Magloire Tétu*, Cultivator, both of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, District of *Quebec*; setting forth: That at the last Election in the County of *Montmagny* of a Member to represent the said County in the present Parliament, being a General Election which took place in the said County in the month of July last, *Napoléon Casault*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, and the Petitioner. *Télesphore Fournier*, were the Candidates, and the other Petitioners promoters of the said Election, were then and thence up to the present time, have been and are now electors and voters in the said County duly qualified and entitled to vote at the Election to which this Petition relates, and that they voted for the said *Télesphore Fournier* at the said Election; that a Poll having been demanded and granted, the polling took place on the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh days of July last, and that at the close of the said Election, to wit: on the first day of August last, the said *Napoléon Casault* was declared and returned by the Returning Officer as having been duly elected to represent the said County. notwithstanding the Protest in writing delivered to the Returning Officer by *Télesphore Fournier*, Candidate, and one of the Petitioners against the Return in favor of the said *Napoléon Casault*, to which Protest the Returning Officer refused to conform: That the Petitioners sincerely believe and affirm, that a large majority of the legal votes were registered at the said Election in favor of the said *Télesphore Fournier*, and that the majority obtained by the said *Napoléon Casault* was only fictitious and composed of illegal votes, and that more-over two hundred and more who registered their votes for the said *Napoléon Casault* either had no right to the elective franchise or were disqualified and incapacitated from voting by reason of bribery, violence and corruption: That at least two hundred persons registered their votes at the said Election in favor of the said *Napoléon Casault* without possessing any of the qualifications required by the Statutes in force in that behalf, to wit: without having been in possession for their own use and benefit as proprietors, by virtue of legal titles transferring to and vesting the same in them either in fee simple or in freehold under the tenure of free and common soccage, or in *seif* or in *roture*, or in *franc alevu*, or by virtue of certificates derived

under the authority of the Governor and Council of the late Province of *Quebec*, or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of either of the late Provinces of *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, or of the Legislature of *Canada*, of any lands or tenements lying and being in such County, and of the clear yearly value of forty four shillings and five pence and one farthing currency, (equal at the time of the passing of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, commonly called "The Constitutional Act," to forty shillings sterling) or upwards, over and above all annual rents, whether ground rents (*rentes foncières*) or constituted rents (*rentes constituées*) or any other rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same, and without being at the time such persons respectively gave their votes at such Election in actual and uninterrupted possession of such lands or tenements, or in the receipt of the rents or profits thereof, as proprietors as aforesaid, by virtue of and under a legal title for their own use and benefit during at least the six calendar months next before the date of the Writ of Election, to wit: before the twenty-third day of June last, and without having become possessed of such lands or property by descent or inheritance, or by devise, marriage or contract of marriage, and without being in possession of any deed or instrument in writing containing a promise of sale (*promesse de vente*) in their favor, and without being in possession of any property described in any title or other instrument in writing as aforesaid, or without having any title or instrument in writing containing a promise of sale as aforesaid in favor of the persons who had transferred to the said voters the property mentioned in such titles or instruments in writing, which might be considered for the purposes of the Act as a legal title vesting such property in the persons who so voted as aforesaid, and without such Notarial deed or instrument having been enregistered at least twelve months before the said Election, and without the said voters possessing any of the other qualifications required by Law to vote at the said Election: That the said *Napoléon Casault*, so being as aforesaid a Candidate at the said Election for the County of *Montmagny*, did employ both directly and indirectly various means of corruption by giving sums of money, offices, places, employments, gratuities and rewards, and also bonds, bills or notes, and conveyances of lands and promises of the same to divers electors having votes in the said County, to wit: to two hundred of the said electors and more, and did threaten divers other electors of the said County, to wit: two hundred and more of the electors of the said County, with the loss of offices, salaries, incomes, and advantages then and there possessed by the said electors, both by himself and his authorized agents for that purpose, with the intent to corrupt and bribe the said first mentioned electors to vote for him the said *Napoléon Casault* as such Candidate as aforesaid, and to keep back such electors from voting for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, the other Candidate at the said Election: That the said *Napoléon Casault* being a Candidate as aforesaid, did open and support and did cause to be opened and supported at his own cost and charges, several houses of public entertainment for the reception of the electors for the said County, in which said houses of public entertainment and divers other places in the said County he did provide and furnish and did cause to be provided and furnished large quantities of spirituous liquors and other provisions to the said electors, with the intent to corrupt them and to bribe them to vote for him: That the said *Napoléon Casault*, his agents and partizans as aforesaid, by the employment of similar means and by threats as aforesaid, and other informal, corrupt and illegal practices, did obtain an informal majority over the said *Télesphore Fournier*, the other Candidate, by means whereof he was informally and illegally returned as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Montmagny*: That at the said Election for the County of *Montmagny* divers persons gave and caused to be given and lent divers sums of money, and divers gifts and rewards, and gave divers bonds and notes, and made divers conveyances of land and other property, and promised the same to

divers electors with the intent to engage them to vote for the said *Napoléon Casault*, Candidate as aforesaid, and to dissuade them from giving their votes for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, the other Candidate, and as compensation to the said electors for their loss of time and expenses in going to vote and returning from so doing: That the said *Napoléon Casault*, by the means of corruption herein above last referred to, obtained an informal majority over the said *Télesphore Fournier*, Candidate at the said Election, by means whereof he was unduly and illegally returned as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Montmagny*: That the said *Napoléon Casault*, Candidate as aforesaid for the representation of the said County of *Montmagny*, with the intent to promote his Election, did provide and furnish for the entertainment, at his expense, of divers meetings of electors assembled for the purpose of promoting the said Election, and did pay and cause to be paid, and did engage to pay for the said entertainment: and that divers other persons with the intent to promote the Election of the said *Napoléon Casault*, Candidate for the representation of the said County, did provide and furnish at their own expense for the entertainment of divers meetings of electors assembled for the purpose of promoting the said Election, both before and during the Election at which the said *Napoléon Casault* was Candidate as aforesaid, and did pay and promise to pay for the said entertainment, and did provide therefor as aforesaid: that the said *Napoléon Casault*, by means of the corruption, bribery and entertainment above mentioned, obtained an informal majority over *Télesphore Fournier*, the other Candidate at the said Election, by means whereof he has been unduly and illegally returned as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Montmagny*: That the Petitioners further humbly allege and affirm that at the last Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Montmagny*, the Petitioners were entitled to vote, and did vote at the said Election, saving and excepting the said *Télesphore Fournier*: That before and after the attesting and issuing of the Writ for the holding of the said Election, and also during and after the said Election, the said *Napoléon Casault* did himself, and by his agents, friends, leaders, partizans and others in his name, by divers ways and means, directly and indirectly give, present and grant to the persons having votes at the said Election, money, intoxicating liquors, provisions, entertainment and rewards, and promises, agreements and obligations, and bonds to pay and grant money, intoxicating liquors, provisions, entertainment and rewards and promises, to and for such persons, in order that he the said *Napoléon Casault* might be elected, and being so elected might serve in the present Parliament for the County of *Montmagny*: That the said *Napoléon Casault* himself, and his agents, friends, leaders, partizans and others in his name, have been guilty of extensive and systematic bribery, entertainment and practices of corruption in order to persuade persons having or claiming to have the right of voting at the said Election to vote for the said *Napoléon Casault*, and to abstain from giving their votes for the said *Télesphore Fournier*: and that the said bribery and the said corrupt practices took place openly and notoriously in the said County, and were well known to the electors thereof: that the Return of the said *Napoléon Casault* was obtained by the said corrupt and illegal practices, and that therefore the said Election and Return of the said *Napoléon Casault* were and are absolutely null and void; and praying that they may be declared so to be: That the Petitioners further humbly represent, that *Joseph Marmet*, Esquire, the Returning Officer for the said County, did neglect to post up or cause to be posted up the proclamations according to Law, in the most frequented places in the Township of *Potton* and that part of the Township of *Armagh* which is now within the limits of the County of *Montmagny*, in order to give notice to the electors of the days on which and the places at which the said Election would be held: That inasmuch as the said part of the Township of *Armagh* belonging to the County of *Montmagny*, and containing at

the date of the Writ for the holding of the said Election, to wit: the twenty-third day of June last, more than two hundred electors qualified to vote at the Election of a Member to represent the said County in Parliament, was entitled to have a Poll within its limits for voting purposes at the said Election, and that no such Poll was allowed by the Returning Officer for that locality, and that in consequence of not being provided with a Poll in the aforesaid part of the Township of *Armagh*, a considerable number of electors residing therein and entitled to and desirous of voting in their locality, and being only entitled to vote on account of property situate in the aforesaid part of the Township of *Armagh*, and of others having the right and being by Law obliged to vote in that locality and who were desirous of voting therein for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, were deprived of the opportunity of giving their votes in his favor, by reason whereof the said *Napoléon Casault* did obtain an undue advantage over the said *Télesphore Fournier*, by means whereof the said *Napoléon Casault* was unduly and illegally elected Representative in Parliament for the County of *Montmagny*; that in consequence also of the absence of a Poll in the aforesaid part of the Township of *Armagh*, the said Election and Return in favor of the said *Napoléon Casault* are altogether and absolutely *pleno jure* null and of none effect; and praying that the same may be annulled, and the said Election and Return declared null and of no effect whatsoever: That inasmuch as at several of the Polls held and opened in the said County of *Montmagny*, during the said Election, to wit: in the Parishes of *St. Pierre* and *St. François de la Rivière du Sud*, the voting was illegally prevented and suspended during considerable periods of time by adjournments of the Polls and other interruptions by the Deputy Returning Officers during the hours for voting fixed by Law, and that the Polls were not held and kept open in the Parishes aforesaid according to Law during two days for the registration of the votes of the electors, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon of each of the said days, and that in consequence of these adjournments and interruptions a considerable number of electors, more than sufficient to change the result of the said Election, who were present at the Poll and desirous of voting for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, offered themselves, both during, before, and after the said adjournments and interruptions for the purpose of registering their votes, and were deprived of the benefit of so doing, the said *Napoléon Casault* did obtain an undue advantage over the said *Télesphore Fournier*, by means whereof the said *Napoléon Casault* was unduly and illegally elected to represent in Parliament the County of *Montmagny*; that by reason also of the closing of the Polls in the Parishes aforesaid of *St. Pierre* and *St. Thomas de la Rivière du Sud*, the said Election and Return in favor of the said *Napoléon Casault* are all together and absolutely *pleno jure* null and of none effect; and praying that the same be annulled, and the said Election and Return declared null and of no effect whatsoever: That inasmuch as the Poll opened for the said Election in the Parish of *St. Pierre de la Rivière du Sud*, as appears on the face of the Poll Book kept for the said Parish, was illegally adjourned by *Godefroy Blais*, Esquire, in the presence of witnesses who have signed conjointly with him to attest the said adjournment (the said *Godefroy Blais*, Esquire, being Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish) from the hour of noon until two o'clock in the afternoon on the twenty-sixth day of July, the first day of polling for the said Election for the County of *Montmagny*, and that in consequence of this adjournment and interruption in the voting, some electors who desired to vote for the said *Télesphore Fournier* having presented themselves at the Poll during, before, and after that time, to have their votes registered in his favor, were deprived of the benefit of so doing; and other electors, moreover, being present at the Poll at the time of the said adjournment and desiring also to have their votes registered in favor of the said *Télesphore Fournier*, could not do so on account of the said adjournment, wherefore the said *Napoléon Casault* did obtain an un-

due advantage over the said *Télesphore Fournier*, by means whereof the said *Napoléon Casault* has been informally and illegally elected the Representative in Parliament of the County of *Montmagny*; that further, on account of the adjournment of the Poll in the said Parish of *St. Pierre de la Rivière du Sud*, the said Election and Return in favor of the said *Napoléon Casault* are altogether and absolutely *pleno jure* null and of none effect: and praying the annulling thereof, and that the said Election and Return be declared null and of none effect whatsoever: That inasmuch as the Poll opened for the said Election in the Parish of *St. François de la Rivière du Sud* was illegally adjourned and closed by *Jean Olivier Fraser*, Esquire, the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish, on the twenty-sixth day of July last, the first day of polling, from the hour of noon until a quarter past one in the afternoon, that the voting at the said Poll was illegally and fraudulently stopped and suspended during the whole of the said period of time, at the suggestion of the said *Napoléon Casault*, and of his agents and representatives at the Poll of the said Parish, and of his partizans, with the sole intent of preventing the numerous partizans of the said *Télesphore Fournier* from registering their votes in his favor, that during the whole of that period of time the said Deputy Returning Officer did not register any vote, and absented himself from the Poll with his Poll Clerk, that no Poll was held and opened in the Parish aforesaid by the said Deputy Returning Officer in conformity with the Law for two days, for the re-registration of the votes of the electors from nine o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon of each of the said days, that in consequence of this adjournment and interruption in the voting a considerable number of the electors then present at the Poll, more than sufficient to change the result of the said Election, and who were desirous of voting for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, were unable so to do on account of the said adjournment and the interruption in the polling, wherefore the said *Napoléon Casault* did obtain an undue advantage over the said *Télesphore Fournier*, by means whereof he has been informally and illegally elected Representative in the Parliament for the County of *Montmagny*; that by reason also of the adjournment of the Poll in the aforesaid Parish of *St. François de la Rivière du Sud*, the said Election and Return in favor of the said *Napoléon Casault* are altogether and absolutely *pleno jure* null and of none effect; and praying the annulling thereof, and that the said Election and Return may be declared null and of none effect whatsoever: That inasmuch as on the twenty-seventh day of the aforesaid month of July, the second day fixed for the registration of votes in the aforesaid Parish of *St. François de la Rivière du Sud*, the Poll held and opened in the said Parish for the Election aforesaid, was also closed and adjourned about the hour of noon by *Jean Olivier Fraser*, the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish, for more than an hour, and this at the suggestion and instigation of the said *Napoléon Casault*, and of his representatives at the Poll and of his partizans, with the sole intent of preventing the numerous partizans of the said *Télesphore Fournier* from registering their votes in his favor, that during the whole of the said period the said Returning Officer did not register any votes, refused to receive the votes of persons then present and who were desirous of voting for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, that he absented himself from the said Poll with his Poll Clerk, that a Poll was not held and opened in the Parish aforesaid by the said Deputy Returning Officer, in conformity with the Law, during two days, for the registration of the votes of the electors, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon of each of the said days, that in consequence of this adjournment and interruption in the voting a considerable number of the electors then present at the Poll, and more than sufficient to change the result of the said Election, who were desirous of voting for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, were unable so to do on account of the said adjournment and of the interruption in the polling, the said *Napoléon Casault* did obtain an undue advantage over the said *Télesphore Fournier*, by means whereof the

said *Napoléon Casault* was informally and illegally elected Representative in Parliament for the said County of *Montmagny*; that by reason also of the absence of a Poll in the aforesaid Parish of *St. François de la Rivière du Sud*, the said Election and Return in favor of the said *Napoléon Casault* are altogether and absolutely *pleno jure* null and of none effect; and praying the annulling thereof, and that the said Election and Return be declared null and of none effect whatsoever: That inasmuch as a Poll was not held and opened in the aforesaid Parish of *St. François de la Rivière du Sud* for the Election aforesaid, on the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh days of July last, the days fixed for voting, during the whole time, to wit: during two days for the registration of the votes of the electors from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon of each of the said days, as provided by Law, and that the said Poll was not open for a period of time sufficient to admit of all the electors registering their votes; that the voting at the said Polls was illegally stopped and suspended by the partizans of the said *Napoléon Casault*, and at his instigation and suggestion, with the intent to prevent the partizans of the said *Télesphore Fournier* from registering their votes in his favor; that the Deputy Returning Officer of the said Parish allowed a considerable period of time to be lost by permitting the partizans of the said *Napoléon Casault* to put to the voters a great number of illegal and useless questions, and to make useless entries in the Poll Book, to the great prejudice of the said *Télesphore Fournier*; that further, in the afternoon of the second day of voting, to wit: on the twenty-seventh day of July last, the partizans of the said *Napoléon Casault*, with the intent of promoting his Election, and to prejudice the coming forward of the said *Télesphore Fournier*, caused a long interruption in the polling at a time when the electors were hurrying to vote, by advancing by one hour the Clock of the Parsonage House of the Parish aforesaid, by which the said Deputy Returning Officer timed himself in opening the Poll, and by which he had to time himself in closing the same; that the said Clock was so advanced one hour by *Vildebond Larue*, Esquire, Notary, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de la Rivière du Sud*, agent and representative of the said *Napoléon Casault* at the Poll in the Parish of *St. François de la Rivière du Sud*, that when according to the said Clock so advanced, the hour of five had arrived, although in fact it was only four o'clock in the afternoon or thereabouts, the said *Vildebond Larue* and other partizans of the said *Napoléon Casault* summoned the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish to close the Poll, inasmuch as the hour for so doing had arrived; that this stratagem having been immediately discovered, the Deputy Returning Officer, instead of continuing the polling without interruption, suspended the same in order to send for correct information as to the hour, to the houses in the vicinity, thereby wasting considerable time, during which the voting was suspended while there were electors present who requested or were prepared to register their votes in favor of the said *Télesphore Fournier*; that in consequence of this stratagem, the hour being already advanced, many of the voters present at the Poll were unable to register their votes, and at the close of the said Poll, in consequence of this interruption, a considerable number of electors remained (more than sufficient to change the result of the said Election) who would have voted for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, and who were by this means deprived of the opportunity for so doing: That inasmuch as the votes of a great number of the electors who were desirous of voting for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, and whose names are inscribed in the Poll Book for the aforesaid Parish of *St. François*, have not been registered and marked for the said *Télesphore Fournier* by the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish, who has confined himself to making mention of the objections made to the said votes, and to noting their intention to vote for the said *Télesphore Fournier*, refusing to put to the said voters the oath of qualification which they were ready to take, that instead of offering to put the oaths required by law to the said voters, which oaths they were ready to take, the said De-

puty Returning Officer, at the suggestion of the partizans and agents of the said *Napoléon Casault*, required them to make oath to matters altogether irrelevant to the said oaths, or compelled them to take oaths other than those required by Law; and praying that the House will be pleased to order that the Return for the said County be in consequence amended, by striking out therefrom the name of the said *Napoléon Casault*, and inserting instead thereof the name of *Télesphore Fournier*, and further that the House will take into its consideration the allegations hereinbefore set out, and declare the Election and Return of the said *Napoléon Casault* to be null and of none effect, or that the House will do justice to the present Petition, as they may deem expedient.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Copy of the original Agreement to rent for the use of the Legislature from the Grey Nuns, "*L'Hospice des Sœurs de la Charité*," or Grey Nunnery; and of any claim by the Archbishop of *Quebec* for the loss sustained by the burning in May last, of the said House; also, any Correspondence between the Government and parties interested, and shewing what Insurance was effected on the said building, when, by whom, and to whom paid.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing the number of Tenants upon Indian Lands, or of persons due the Indian Department, or its Agents, in whole or in part, for lands in *Haldimand* County by them severally purchased.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Durche* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinances relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Montreal*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts to secure the Independence of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Ordered. That Mr. *Foley* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the formation of Railroad Corporations, and to regulate the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Foley* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the People of the several Counties of this Province to elect their own County Officers.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Ferris have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Cameron have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Toronto Esplanade Act*.

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

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Quebec, 18th September, 1854.

Sir,—Having been returned to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Renfrew*, as well as for the South Riding of the County of *Orford*, I beg leave to state to you, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, that it is my intention to elect, and I do elect to sit for the County of *Renfrew*.

I have the honor therefore respectfully to request, that you will be pleased to communicate my election to serve for the County of *Renfrew* in the present Parliament, so soon as the rules of the House will permit that communication to be made, in order to allow a new Writ to issue for the South Riding of the County of *Orford*.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient humble Servant,

F. Hincks.

To the Honorable

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That the Petition of *W. S. Griffin* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*; and the Petition of *Hilaire Allard* and others, of the Village of *L'Avenir*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

1. On Privileges and Elections.—Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Alley*, Mr. *Crysler*, Mr. *Burton*, Mr. *Laberge*, Mr. *Dufresne*, Mr. *Frazer*, Mr. *McCann*, Mr. *Pouliot*, Mr. *Fresman*, Mr. *Blanchet*, and Mr. *Wilson*.

2. On Expiring Laws.—The Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, Mr. *Scatcherd*, Mr. *Labelle*, Mr. *Larwill*, Mr. *Aikins*, Mr. *Biggar*, Mr. *Gill*, Mr. *Yeilding*, Mr. *Laporte*, Mr. *O'Farrell*, Mr. *Charles Daoust*, Mr. *Meagher*, Mr. *Dostaler*, Mr. *Bourassa*, Mr. *Guéremont*, and Mr. *Marchildon*.

3. On Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.—The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Cavehon*, Mr. *Egan*, Mr. *Papin*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Bureau*, Mr. *Bellingham*, Mr. *James Smith*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Lemicux*, and Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*.

4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—The Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Rankin*, Mr. *Felton*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Powell*, Mr. *Prévost*, Mr. *Loranger*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *James Ross*, Mr. *Angus Morrison*, Mr. *Fergusson*, Mr. *Huot*, and Mr. *LeBoutillier*.

5. On Standing Orders.—Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *Sidney Smith*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Murney*, Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, Mr. *Casault*, Mr. *Boncs*,

Mr. Poulin, Mr. McKerlie, Mr. Chapais, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Wright, Mr. Jean Baptiste Daoust, and Mr. Lumsden.

6. On Printing.—Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Terrill, Mr. Brown, Mr. Ferres, Mr. Fournier, the Honorable Mr. Young, Mr. Flint, Mr. Thibaudeau, Mr. Shaw, Mr. Bell, Mr. Daly, Mr. Dionne, Mr. Delong, Mr. Munro, and Mr. Matheson.

7. On Contingencies.—Mr. Roblin, Mr. Galt, Mr. Niles, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Gould, Mr. Valois, Mr. Jobin, Mr. Clisholm, Mr. Church, Mr. Fortier, Mr. Desaulniers, Mr. Darche, Mr. Macbeth, Mr. Roderick McDonald, and Mr. Cooke.

8. On Public Accounts.—Mr. Holton, Mr. Patrick, the Honorable Mr. Young, Mr. Gamble, Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Mongenais, Mr. DeWitt, Mr. Masson, Mr. Ferrie, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Mattice, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Somerville, Mr. Southwick, and Mr. Whitney.

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

That we thank His Excellency for the satisfaction expressed by him at meeting the Legislature, and that we believe, with His Excellency, 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 we will give our best consideration to the subjects of great magnitude and importance which will necessarily come under our consideration during the Session which is now commencing :

That we, in view of the two Acts which the Imperial Parliament, advancing with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years, has recently passed, feel the grave responsibilities thereby imposed on the *Canadian* Legislature :

That as to the one of these Acts which empowers the *Canadian* Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, although 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 Constitution of Countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers, we think that in order to give to that 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 we trust that the difficulties to which His Excellency has referred will be surmounted by our endeavours, and by the patriotism of the Members of that Honorable Body :

That the other Act of the Imperial Parliament having removed the restrictions which had for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, and as 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, we consider it 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. We

hope to be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction :

That the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure will engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interest both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*. We are aware of 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 being an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada*, having to look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighbouring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals :

That we will consider 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. The other subjects of importance upon which measures may be submitted for our deliberation, will be also attentively considered :

That the Public Accounts for the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, when laid before us, will receive our best attention, and that His Excellency may rely on our readiness to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service :

That our attention will be called to the prosperous condition of the Revenue as affording 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 :

That we will be glad to receive 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 the Citizens of the *United States* on the other, and we will consider the propriety of amending the Act passed in eighteen hundred and forty-nine, 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 :

That we learn with satisfaction that the Government and Congress of the *United States* have evinced a liberal and friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and that we are disposed to meet them by a corresponding spirit :

That it is our hope 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 ;

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

Mr. *Wright* moved, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be further adjourned until To-morrow ;

The House divided :

Yeas, 36.

Nays, 43.

So it passed in the Negative.

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That we will consider 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. The other subjects of importance upon which measures may be submitted for our deliberation, will be also attentively considered:

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may rely on our readings to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service:

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And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Scatcherd*, seconded by Mr. *Biggar*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to compel the attendance of Witnesses upon the Superior Courts in any part of *Canada*, being read;

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Wright*, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*,
The House adjourned.

Martis 19^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, That his Warrant for the appointment of Members to serve on the General Committee of Elections, was upon the Table;—And the said Warrant was read, as followeth:—

Pursuant to the thirtieth Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," I do hereby appoint the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, Member for the County of *Lincoln*; *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Three Rivers*; *John Sewall Sanborn*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Compton*; *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Niagara*; *John Langton*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Peterborough*; and *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, Member for the City of *Montreal*, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand, this nineteenth day of September, 1854.

L. V. Sicotte,
Speaker, Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That the said Warrant be printed.

Pursuant to the 45th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," the Clerk read over an Alphabetical List of the Names of all the Members of the House.

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

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *William Winder*, Esquire, Librarian to this House.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of the *Huntingdon* and *Lake St. Francis* Road Company.

By Mr. *Dostaler*,—The Petition of *Leopold Desrosiers* and others, of *Berthier*, in the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of *Woodward* Division, No. 168, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of *T. Kearnes*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *North Plantagenet*, County of *Prescott*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *North Plantagenet*.

By Mr. *Larwill*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *McNab*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Committee of the *British* and *Canadian* School Society of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Allyn*,—The Petition of the Ladies Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; and the Petition of *Joseph Morrin*, Esquire, and others, Shareholders in the *Quebec* Building Society.

By Mr. *Atkins*,—The Petition of *T. Henry*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Albion* and *Chinguacousy*; and the Petition of *Thomas Neelands* and others, of the Townships of *Albion* and *Chinguacousy*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. T. Brassard* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Paul*.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *Warsaw* Division, No. 201, and the Petition of *Oakdale* Division, No. 271, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Otonabee*; and the Petition of the Municipality of *North Monaghan*.

By Mr. *DeLong*,—The Petition of *Kitley* Division, No. 68; *Mallory Town* Division, No. 10; and *Coleman's Corners* Division, No. 5, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Antoine Aisé Dorion*,—The Petition of the Members and Trustees of *Zion* Church, in the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *F. A. Cutter*, Esquire, and others, Physicians and Surgeons, of *Missisquoi* and *Shefford*; the Petition of the *Stanstead*, *Shefford* and *Chambly* Railroad Company; and the Petition of the *Kingsey* Slate Works Company.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*; and the Petition of *William H. Brehaut*, Joint Clerk of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*.

On motion of Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Charles Daoust*, *Ordered*, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this

present Parliament for the County of *Bagot*, in the room of *Timothée Brodeur*, Esquire, whose Election was declared void.

On motion of Mr. *DeWitt*, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, the authority by which the Emigrant Sheds at Point *St. Charles*, in *Montreal*, were sold, the name of the purchaser or purchasers, the amount of the proceeds, the time when and to whom paid.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors.

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

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

Resolved, That the time fixed by the Rules of this House for receiving Petitions for Private or Local Bills be extended to the tenth day of October; for receiving Private or Local Bills to the twenty-third of October, and for receiving Reports of Standing or Special Committees on such Private or Local Bills to the sixth of November next.

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

That we thank His Excellency for the satisfaction expressed by him at meeting the Legislature, and that we believe, with His Excellency, 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 we will give our best consideration to the subjects of great magnitude and importance which will necessarily come under our consideration during the Session which is now commencing:

That we, in view of the two Acts which the Imperial Parliament, advancing with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years, has recently passed, feel the grave responsibilities thereby imposed on the *Canadian* Legislature:

That as to the one of these Acts which empowers the *Canadian* Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, although 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 Constitution of Countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers, we think that in order to give to that 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 impera-

tively required; and we trust that the difficulties to which His Excellency has referred will be surmounted by our endeavours, and by the patriotism of the Members of that Honorable Body:

That the other Act of the Imperial Parliament having removed the restrictions which had for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, and as 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, we consider it 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. We hope to be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction:

That the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure will engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interest both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*. We are aware of 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 being an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada*, having to look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighbouring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals:

That we will consider 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. The other subjects of importance upon which measures may be submitted for our deliberation, will be also attentively considered:

That the Public Accounts for the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, when laid before us, will receive our best attention, and that His Excellency may rely on our readiness to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service:

That our attention will be called to the prosperous condition of the Revenue as affording 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:

That we will be glad to receive 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 the Citizens of the *United States* on the other, and we will consider the propriety of amending the Act passed in eighteen hundred and forty-nine, 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:

That we learn with satisfaction that the Government and Congress of the *United States* have evinced a liberal and friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and that we are disposed to meet them by a corresponding spirit:

That it is our hope 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:

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

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

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

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Labellé,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lurwill,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Falton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonuld, Roderick</i>	<i>Sunborn.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Goold,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Guévremont.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>94. Young.</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Sobin.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Cameron.</i>	<i>Robinson.</i>	<i>6. Yelding.</i>
<i>Brown.</i>	<i>Murney.</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixth paragraph being again read, as followeth : That the other Act of the Imperial Parliament having removed the restrictions which had for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, and as 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, we consider it 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. We hope to be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction.

Mr. *Hartman* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Sunborn*, That the words " consider it 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" be left out, and the words " will with a view to promote the interest of religion

“ and social harmony without further delay give our best attention to the maturing
 “ of a measure for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, by which the opinions
 “ of the People of the Province, as expressed at the late Election in no equivocal
 “ manner, will be carried into effect, and this fertile source of discord and agitation
 “ will be for ever removed” inserted instead thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Rodrick</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Gauquemont,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	33. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macheth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mason,</i>	<i>Robin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Caruchon,</i>	<i>Feries,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Gumble,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Murray,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaulteau,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	59. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Mercurii, 20^o die Septembris, 1854.

And the Question being again proposed, That the words “ consider 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” be left out of the sixth paragraph, and the words “ will with a view to promote the interest of religion and social harmony without further delay give our best attention to the maturing of a measure for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, by which the opinions of the People of the Province, as expressed at the late Election in no equivocal manner, will be carried into effect, and this fertile source of discord and agitation will be forever removed inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lalberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sunborn,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKerrie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>33. Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desautniers,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bowes.</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>70. Yeilding.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desautniers,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>70. Yeilding.</i>
<i>Crysler.</i>	<i>Lemieux.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>33. Young,</i>

Dorion, Jean B. E.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The seventh paragraph being again read ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. *Laberge* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until this day ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles.</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>32. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Roblan,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Mongenaix,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>50. Yeilding.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Foley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until this day ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>28. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fournier.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	48. <i>Yeilding.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roderick McDonald*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles.</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guèreremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	25. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dorion Antoine A.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	53. <i>Yeilding.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ferrie*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guèreremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	26. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham.</i>	<i>Egan.</i>	<i>Mongenais.</i>	<i>Roblin.</i>
<i>Bowes.</i>	<i>Felton.</i>	<i>Moin.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton.</i>	<i>Fortier.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier.</i>	<i>Fournier.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Scatcherd.</i>
<i>Chabot.</i>	<i>Gill.</i>	<i>Munro.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapais.</i>	<i>Labelle.</i>	<i>Niles.</i>	<i>Somerville.</i>
<i>Chauveau.</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>O'Farrell.</i>	<i>Southwick.</i>
<i>Clarke.</i>	<i>Lemieux.</i>	<i>Polette.</i>	<i>Taché.</i>
<i>Crawford.</i>	<i>Loranger.</i>	<i>Poulin.</i>	<i>Thibautdcau.</i>
<i>Crysler.</i>	<i>Macbeth.</i>	<i>Pouliot.</i>	<i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell.</i>	<i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Masson.</i>	<i>Rankin.</i>	52. <i>Xcilding.</i>
<i>Dionne.</i>	<i>Mcagher.</i>	<i>Rhodes.</i>	
<i>Drummond, Atty Gen.</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ferrie*, and the Question being put, That Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair from seven o'clock until ten o'clock in the forenoon; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the seventh paragraph being again read, as followeth: That the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure will engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interest both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*. We are aware of 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 being an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada* having to look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighbouring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals.

Mr. *Laberge* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "That" to the end thereof be left out, and the words "this House will proceed at an early period to take into consideration the Seigniorial Tenures, which it believes should be immediately abolished, for the interest of the Seigniors, for that of the *Censitaires*, and for the advantage of the Province at large; and at the same time will respect and secure the rights of all parties interested" inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa.</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>John.</i>	<i>Papin.</i>
<i>Brown.</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge.</i>	<i>Prévost.</i>
<i>Bureau.</i>	<i>Dostaler.</i>	<i>Lumsden.</i>	<i>Rolph.</i>
<i>Cook.</i>	<i>Dufresne.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sanborn.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Ferrie.</i>	<i>Mackenzie.</i>	<i>Scatcherd.</i>
<i>Darche.</i>	<i>Guévremont.</i>	<i>McKerlie.</i>	<i>Valois.</i>
<i>De Witt.</i>	<i>Hartman.</i>	<i>Marchildon.</i>	28. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins.</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Masson.</i>	<i>Rhodes.</i>
<i>Bell.</i>	<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Matheson.</i>	<i>Robinson.</i>
<i>Bellingham.</i>	<i>Dionne.</i>	<i>Meagher.</i>	<i>Roblin.</i>
<i>Biggar.</i>	<i>Egan.</i>	<i>Mongenais.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Boucs,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Porcell,</i>	58. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Porcell,</i>
<i>Alcyn,</i>	<i>Duoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Boucs,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	62. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Samborn,</i>
<i>Duoust, Charles</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	29. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

That we thank His Excellency for the satisfaction expressed by him at meeting the Legislature, and that we believe, with His Excellency, 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 we will give our best consideration to the subjects

of great magnitude and importance which will necessarily come under our consideration during the Session which is now commencing :

That we, in view of the two Acts which the Imperial Parliament, advancing with accelerated speed in the course of liberal Colonial Policy which it has followed of late years, has recently passed, feel the grave responsibilities thereby imposed on the *Canadian* Legislature :

That as to the one of these Acts which empowers the *Canadian* Parliament to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council, although 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 Constitution of Countries where the Legislative Bodies consist of two Elective Chambers, we think that in order to give to that 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 we trust that the difficulties to which His Excellency has referred will be surmounted by our endeavours, and by the patriotism of the Members of that Honorable Body :

That the other Act of the Imperial Parliament having removed the restrictions which had for some time past prevented the Provincial Legislature from dealing with Clergy Reserves, and as 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, we consider it 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. We hope to be able, without difficulty, to agree upon a measure for accomplishing this object which will give general satisfaction :

That the condition of properties held under the Seigniorial Tenure will engage our attention at an early period, with a view to the determination of questions affecting them which cannot be kept in suspense without detriment to the interest both of Seigniors and *Censitaires*. We are aware of 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 being an indispensable condition to economical progress, and persons who invest their funds in property in *Canada*, having to look to the justice and moderation of the Legislature for that protection which in a neighbouring Country is afforded by judicial tribunals :

That we will consider 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. The other subjects of importance upon which measures may be submitted for our deliberation, will be also attentively considered :

That the Public Accounts for the past year, and the Estimates for the current year, when laid before us, will receive our best attention, and that His Excellency may rely on our readiness to make the necessary provision for the exigencies of the Public Service :

That our attention will be called to the prosperous condition of the Revenue as affording 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:

That we will be glad to receive 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 we will consider the propriety of amending the Act passed in eighteen hundred and forty-nine, 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:

That we learn with satisfaction that the Government and Congress of the *United States* have evinced a liberal and friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and that we are disposed to meet them by a corresponding spirit:

That it is our hope 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.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Loranger* and Mr. *Sidney Smith*, to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Legislature, in conformity to the said Resolution.

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

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

May it please Your Excellency,

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

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Our attention will be called to the prosperous condition of the Revenue as affording 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.

We shall be glad to receive 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 we will consider the propriety of amending the Act passed in eighteen hundred and forty-nine, 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 learn with satisfaction that the Government and Congress of the *United*

States have evinced a liberal and friendly disposition in dealing with this subject, and we are disposed to meet them by a corresponding spirit.

It is our hope 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 said Address being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

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

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until To-morrow at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to compel the attendance of Witnesses upon the Superior Courts in any part of *Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis 21^o die Septembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company; the Petition of the *Montreal* Section of the Bar of *Lower Canada*; and the Petition of the *Shipton* Slate Company.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of *J. B. Bailey* and others, of *Plattsburg*, in the State of *New York*, and Stockholders and Proprietors of the *Plattsburg* and *Montreal* Railroad.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of *Charles Waters* and others, of the Village of *Vancleeck Hill*.

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Bayham*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the *Toronto* Athenæum; the the Petition of *Donald Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, County of *Ontario*; and the Petition of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District.

By Mr. *Rankin*,—The Petition of *A. Rankin*, Esquire, and others.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *William Power*, Esquire, one of the Circuit Judges of *Lower Canada*; and the Petition of *Matthew A. Hearn*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr *Lumsden*,—The Petition of *John B. Warren* and others, of the Village of *Oshawa*.

By Mr. *Church*,—The Petition of *Joseph Leeming* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *John Macallister* and others, of the Village of *Nithburg*, County of *Perth*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of *Edwin Pridham* and others, of the Counties of *Argenteuil* and *Ottawa*, and others.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *James Pearson* and others, of the Township of *Hillier*.

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of *Nathan Fellows* and others, of *Earnesttown* and *Fredericksburg*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *James Shannon* and others, of the Village of *Ashton*.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of *Andrew Stuart*, Esquire, and others of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the President and Members of the *Quebec British and Canadian School Society*.

By Mr. *Papin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *M. J. E. Chévigny* and others.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of the *Quebec Friendly Society*.

By Mr. *Pouliot*,—The Petition of *John Dillon* and others, of the Townships of *East Frampton*, *Standon*, and adjacent parts, County of *Dorchester*.

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

Of *O. Boudreau* and others, Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to the Laws regulating the duties and liabilities of Pilots, and their subjection to the Trinity House of *Montreal*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Corporations Act.

Of *Charles Jones* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as a Coal Company, to enable them to supply the said City with Coal.

Of the Provincial Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of 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.

Of *W. H. Ponton* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Murray Canal Company*, for the construction of a Canal to connect the waters of Lake *Ontario* with the *Bay of Quinté*.

Of *G. K. Foster* and others, of the County of *Sherbrooke*; praying that the Townships composing the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke* may be separated from the Municipal County of *Sherbrooke*, and erected into a separate County for all Municipal and Registration purposes.

Of *William Farwell*, of the Township of *Melbourne*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*, in the Province of *Canada*, Yeoman; setting forth: That on the twenty-second day of July last, in the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, the Petitioner was duly nominated and proposed as Member to represent the said United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* in Parliament: That at the same time, *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* was also proposed and nominated to represent the said United Counties: That a Poll was ordered to be had on the thirty-first day of July and the first day of August last, to decide upon the Election and Return of a Member for the said United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*: That afterwards, to wit: on or about the fifth day of August last, the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* was by the Returning Officer returned as elected for the said United Counties: That the Petitioner avers that the said Return, and all and every the pro-

ceedings had at the said Election and Return that relates to the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* are and were irregular, null and void, and that the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* should not have been returned as such Member, and that he now usurps and illegally and wrongfully holds and exercises the office of Member for the said United Counties in Parliament: That the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* procured himself so to be returned by fictitious and illegal votes, and by bribery and corruption, and by force and violence, and by preventing the voters of the said United Counties from recording their votes in favor of the Petitioner: That the Deputy Returning Officers were partial to the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* at the Polls, and acted illegally in recording the votes, and refused to protect the Petitioner and his agents thereat, and kept open the said Polls and recorded votes thereat after the Petitioner's agents had been forcibly expelled therefrom by the agents of the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, and after the said Deputy Returning Officers had been duly required and called upon to close the said Polls, and to protect the agents of the Petitioner thereat: That the Petitioner was forcibly, violently, and illegally prevented from objecting to all, every, and any the votes which purport to have been duly recorded as legal votes for the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* at the Polls held on the said thirty-first day of July and the first day of August last, at *Drummondville* and *Upton*, and the Petitioner's agent and representative was violently expelled and detained from said Poll at *Drummondville* on the thirty-first day of July immediately after the said Poll was opened, and was so prevented from acting thereat either of the said two days: That the Poll for the Township of *Grantham* in said United Counties, was not an open Poll, and the Petitioner was not suffered to be represented thereat: That a large majority of the legal votes at the said Election was recorded in favor of the Petitioner: That the apparent majority of votes pretended to have been recorded in favor of the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* was composed of the pretended votes of parties not qualified to vote, and of parties who recorded their votes several times for the said *Dorion* at said Election, and of the names of fictitious parties, and of the names of parties recorded without their being present: That the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* was not at the time of said nomination and Election, and is not now qualified in respect to property to represent the said United Counties in Parliament: That the Petitioner is so qualified, and should have been returned as such Representative; and praying that the House will be pleased to make inquiry into the premises, and will consider, declare, and adjudge the said Return and Election of the said *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* to have been and to be null and void, and that he be deprived of all and every the rights, privileges and office of Representative and Member of and for the said United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, and that the Petitioner be declared to be the Member and Representative of the said United Counties, and alone entitled to hold and exercise the office, duties, and privileges thereof.

Of *C. Lynde*, Chairman, and *I. Welsh*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of *Whitby*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Town of *Whitby*.

Of *Robert Simpson*, of the Village and Parish of *St. Andrews*, alias *Saint Andrews*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, a qualified recognized Candidate for the Representation of the said County in Parliament now sitting; setting forth: That on the twenty-fourth day of July last, at *St. Andrews*, to wit: at the time and place of nomination for the Election of a Member to represent and serve the County of *Argenteuil* in the Parliament of this Province, in virtue of the Writ to that effect signed by His Excellency the Governor General of this Province, and tested in the City of *Quebec*, in this Province, on the twenty-third day of June last, the said Writ being then in the hands of *Daniel DeHertel*, Esquire, Registrar in the said County, the Returning Officer ordered and empower-

ed to execute the same according to Law, the Petitioner was duly proposed by *Michel Gauthier* and *Thomas Proulx*, yeomen, electors qualified to that effect, and that the Petitioner was then and there duly nominated as a fit and proper person to represent and serve the said County as Member thereof in Parliament aforesaid, according to the requirements of the said Writ: That the shew of hands and the majority of electors then and there present, to wit: at the hustings, being in favor of the Petitioner, the said Returning Officer did then and there state, that *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, then and there proposed by *Thomas Pulliser*, blacksmith, as a Candidate for the said Election, to wit: *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, now wrongfully assuming to represent the said County in Parliament aforesaid, demanded a Poll: That on the fourth day of August last, at *St. Andrews* aforesaid, the said Returning Officer did unjustly and illegally proclaim the said *Sydney Bellingham* as being duly elected Member to represent the said County as aforesaid: That the Petitioner then and there protested against the said proclamation of Election as appears by a Notarial Copy of Protest to be produced in due time, marked A: That the Petitioner complains of the said pretended Election of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, made as aforesaid, under color of the Writ and proceedings aforesaid as being an undue Election, and of the pretended Return thereof by the said Returning Officer as being an undue Return; and also complains that no Return has been made according to the requisition of the said Writ, and also further complains of certain special matters hereinafter set forth, rendering null and void the pretended Election in question: That the grounds and reasons of such complaints are as follow, to wit:—Firstly, Because the said *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, was not, either at the time of nomination aforesaid, or at the time of the pretended proclamation and Election aforesaid, legally or equitably seized as of freehold for his own use and benefit, of lands and tenements held in free and common soccage, or seized or possessed for his own use and benefit of lands and tenements held in *fief* or in *roture* within the Province of *Canada*, of the value of five hundred pounds of sterling money of *Great Britain*, over and above all rents, charges, mortgages and incumbrances charged upon and due and payable out of or affecting the same: Secondly, Because the Poll opened in and for the Township of *Gore*, in and of the said County, was not kept according to Law, nor in compliance with the requirements of the Writ aforesaid, nor at the proclamation aforesaid: Firstly, inasmuch as fifty-eight of the pretended names of pretended voters entered in the Poll Book or List, at and for the said Poll, to wit: the names specified in a paper writing, to be produced in due time, marked B, being as appears by the same List, the names of pretended voters, then resident and being landholders in *Wentworth*, to wit: in the separate Township of *Wentworth*, and not in the said Township of *Gore*: Secondly, inasmuch as sixty-three, to wit: those specified in a paper writing to be produced in due time in support thereof, marked C, of the pretended names of pretended voters at the said Poll, being as appears by the said List of parties alleged to be then residents, and being landholders in *Mille Isles*, and not in the said Township of *Gore*: and inasmuch as *Mille Isles*, wherever it may be, is not in the said Township of *Gore*, nor even in the said County of *Argenteuil*: Thirdly, inasmuch as the pretended votes specified in the paper marked C, copied from the said Poll List do not, and as the Petitioner believes never did, own real estate, nor ever reside in the said County: Fourthly, inasmuch as the pretended votes recorded in the said List specified in a paper to be produced in due time, marked D, are names of parties who were not even present at or near the said Poll at any time during the said two days polling: Fifthly, inasmuch as the pretended votes specified in the paper writing to be produced in due time, marked E, entered in the said Poll List are mere repetitions of names of parties, none of whom, excepting those mentioned in the paper writing also to be produced in due time, marked E, were present at the said Poll, and none of whom excepting those mentioned in

the paper writing marked — could, as the Petitioner believes, have legally voted at the said Poll: Sixthly, inasmuch as three hundred and thirty-nine of the pretended votes entered in the said List, namely, all those specified in the paper writing to be produced in due time in support hereof, marked G, are not the names of votes of qualified electors voting at the said Poll: Thirdly, Because three hundred and thirty-nine of the pretended votes recorded in the said Poll List in and for the Township of *Gore* aforesaid, to wit: those specified in a paper, marked H, to be produced in due time in support thereof, are not of parties qualified to vote at the said Poll or for the said Election, all and each of them not being at the time of the pretended giving of the said pretended votes, respectively possessed for their or his own use and benefit as proprietor or proprietors, respectively, by virtue of some legal title vesting such property in him or them respectively, either in fee simple or in freehold under the tenure of free and common socage, or in *fief* or in *roture*, or in *franc alev*, or by virtue of a certificate derived under the authority of the Government and Council of the late Province of *Quebec*, or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of either of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, or of the Legislature of *Canada*, of lands and tenements lying and being in the said County of *Argenteuil*, and being of the clear yearly value of forty-four shillings and five pence and one farthing currency, or upwards, over and above all annual rents, whether ground rents (*rentes foncières*) or constituted rents (*rentes constituées*) or any other rents and charges payable out of or in respect of the same, and none of the said pretended voters being at the time in question in any way by Law entitled to vote at the said Poll: That three hundred and forty-five of the pretended votes entered in the said List for the *Gore*, were entered after the Petitioner's representative thereat had been driven from the said Poll by threats and danger, and the said three hundred and forty-five votes in question were entered after eleven o'clock in the forenoon of the second day of polling: Fourthly, Because the pretended votes specified in the paper, marked I, to be produced in support hereof in due time, and recorded in the Poll List for *Saint Jerusa em*, in the said County, are illegal, null and void, being of parties not possessed of property to qualify them for such voting: Fifthly, Because the said *Sydney Bellingham*, being then a Candidate as aforesaid, did directly employ means of corruption by giving at or about the time of these pretended Elections in the said County, a sum of money, to wit: fifteen pounds to *Patrick Kelly*, of *Grenville*, in said County, innkeeper; twenty-five pounds to *Thomas Palliser*, of *Lachute*, in said County, blacksmith: to *Colin Arnot*, innkeeper, and *William Strong*, both of the *Gore* aforesaid, each fifteen pounds; and did also give promise of employment to *Louis Sarazin*, of *St. Hermas*, in the said County, yeoman, all the said parties being electors: Sixthly, Because the said *Sydney Bellingham*, being a Candidate as aforesaid, did at the said Election, with intent to corrupt and bribe *Archibald McVicar*, of *St. Andrews*, aforesaid, carpenter; *David Sweeney*, of *Chatham*, in the said County, yeoman; *Robert Farley*, of the same place, yeoman, and others, electors at the said Election, indirectly, by his duly authorized agents and otherwise, against Law, give and also promise employment, money and reward to the said *McVicar*, *Sweeney*, *Farley*, and others to be named in due time: Seventhly, Because the said *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, then being a Candidate as aforesaid, at the said Election, to wit: at the closing of the Poll at *St. Hermas*, hereinafter mentioned, and also at the time of closing the Poll at *Saint Placide*, and also at the polling and Polls respectively at *Chatham* and *Grenville*, in the said County, with the intent to keep back electors from voting at the said Polls for the Petitioner, did indirectly and by his authorized agents and others, and more especially by *Allan Carmichael*, and *Thomas Sutton* also a Railway sub-contractor, and by parties non-electors, armed with fire arms and bludgeons, threaten several electors, to wit: *Hyacinthe Berthiaume*, *Jacques Daoust*, and *Joseph Lemaire*, at *St. Hermas*, in said County, and also certain other electors in *Chatham*, *Gren-*

ville and *St. Andrews* to be named in due time, with loss of advantage if they should vote for the Petitioner: Eighthly, Because the said *Sydney Bellingham* then being Candidate as aforesaid, with intent to promote his Election as aforesaid, did provide and furnish entertainment at his expense to meetings of electors assembled at *Grenville, Chatham, St. Andrews, Lachute*, in the Parish of *St. Jerusalem, Gore, St. Hermas*, and *St. Placide*, in the said County, to wit: at or near the Polls for the said Election, for the purpose of promoting his said Election during the polling days for the same: Ninthly, Because certain other persons with intent to promote the Election in question of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, to wit: *Patrick Kelly* and *Charles Riley*, innkeepers, of *Grenville*, at *Grenville* aforesaid, *Archibald McDonald*, of the Parish of *St. Andrews*, civil engineer, *Joseph Palliser*, of the same place, blacksmith, at *St. Andrews* aforesaid, *Colin Arnot*, of the Township of *Gore*, innkeeper, at the *Gore* aforesaid, *Alvah Burch*, of *Lachute* aforesaid, at *Lachute*, *Joseph Desjardins*, of *St. Hermas* aforesaid, at *St. Hermas*, *Paul Labelle*, of *St. Placide* aforesaid, at *St. Placide*, all in the said County, did during the polling days for the said Election, at the said respective places, provide and furnish entertainment at the said *Sydney Bellingham's* expense, and because the said *Sydney Bellingham* did engage to pay for such entertainment: Tenthly, Because the Petitioner had the majority of the total number of votes, to wit: legal votes polled for, at the said Election: Eleventhly, Because the Petitioner had a very large majority, to wit: about one hundred of the legal votes recorded at the said polling, and ought in justice to have been proclaimed elected: That the Petitioner without waiver of any of the above grounds, but reserving all benefit thereof for other grounds against the said Election, saith, that the said pretended Election of the said *Sydney Bellingham* is wholly null and void in Law, and for reasons in support thereof, he saith: Twelfthly, Because the proclamation for the said pretended Election was not posted up in each Parish and Township, nor in fact in any place in the said County of *Argenteuil*, within eight clear days before the nomination day for the said Election, nor at the time and in the manner required by Law: Thirteenthly, Because no Poll was opened and kept in any of the Townships of *Harrington, Howard, Arundel, Montcalm, Wolfe, Salaberry*, and *Grandisson*, the said Townships being wholly within and constituting part of the said Electoral County of *Argenteuil*: Fourteenthly, Because, although a Poll had been demanded and granted as aforesaid, and one was by the proclamation for the Election in question appointed to be opened and kept in the Parish of *Saint Hermas*, for the said Election, on the thirty-first day of July and first day of August last, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of each of the said days, for taking and recording the votes of the electors according to Law in the said Parish for the said Election, no such Poll was opened and kept, the Deputy Returning Officer appointed thereto and acting thereat as such, to wit, *Jean George Lebel*, of the said Parish of *St. Hermas*, Notary Public, having against the remonstrances of the Petitioner, illegally and without reasonable cause, and with favor to the said *Sydney Bellingham*, at the instance of one *Allan Carmichael*, a Railway sub-contractor, assuming and recognized by the said Deputy Returning Officer to be the duly authorized agent of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, closed the said Poll, at or about ten minutes past one o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of the said polling, and then and thence took and carried away the Poll Book and List of the said Poll out of the said Parish long before five of the clock in the afternoon of the said second day of polling, whereby the Petitioner was deprived of his right to poll and have enregistered according to Law, several, to wit: upwards of, or about, two hundred votes of electors at the said Poll. who the Petitioner believes would have voted in the Petitioner's favor, had such Poll been held according to Law: That the Poll Clerk at the said Poll, to wit, — *Ollier*, the father-in-law of the said *Jean George Lebel*, and who, the Petitioner believes, left the duties of Poll Clerk thereat to be

performed by the said *Lebel*, aided and was a party to the said illegal closing, and on the refusal and neglect of the said *Lebel* to perform his duty as Returning Officer in this respect as aforesaid, refused and neglected to act as Deputy Returning Officer: Fifteenthly, Because the Poll demanded, granted and appointed as aforesaid in and for the Parish of *St. Placide*, in the said County, was not opened and kept as required by Law, inasmuch as the Deputy Returning Officer therefor and thereat, to wit: *Alfred T. Gibeau*, of the said Parish, Notary Public, did illegally and without reasonable cause, and with favor to the said *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, close the said Poll at or before four o'clock in the afternoon of the said second day of polling, thereby depriving the Petitioner of about fifty votes at the said Poll, the reason alleged by the said Deputy Returning Officer being, that by his watch it was five o'clock; that the agent of the Petitioner then and there protested verbally against the said illegal closing; that the Poll Clerk at the said Poll refused and neglected then and there to perform the duties of the said Deputy Returning Officer on his refusal and neglect, and was a party to, and abetting the said illegal closing; and praying that the Election in question of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, on the first eleven grounds, and on each of them, be declared by the House to be null and void, and that the House will be pleased to adjudge and declare the Petitioner to be duly elected under the aforesaid Writ to represent the said County of *Argenteuil* in the House of Legislative Assembly in the present Parliament, and further, that the House will be pleased to order and cause to be done what may be required by Law to this effect; and in the event that the foregoing prayer on the first eleven grounds aforesaid not being accorded, praying that for all and each of the said twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth grounds, the pretended Election be declared null and void in Law, and that the House will be pleased to order a Writ to issue forthwith for the Election of a Member to represent and serve the said County in the Legislative Assembly in the present Parliament of this Province, and also that the House will be pleased to declare, order, and do what law and justice may require in the premises, and moreover that the said *Sydney Bellingham* and all whosoever may contest this Petition or defend the said pretended Election of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, be ordered and adjudged and condemned to pay the just costs of this Petition and of supporting the same.

Of the Reverend *F. Cholette* and others, of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe* and other places; praying for the establishment of a Circuit Court, a Registry Office, and a Municipal Council in the County of *Soulanges*; and that the Village of *St. Polycarpe* may be made the County Seat thereof.

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

Of *W. Kiernan* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; of *Embro* Division, No. 359; of *Woodland* Division, No. 168; of *Warsaw* Division, No. 201; of *Oakdale* Division, No. 271; of *Kitley* Division, No. 68; of *Mallory Town* Division, No. 10; of *Coleman's Corners* Division, No. 5, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *T. Henry*, Esquire, and others, of the Townships of *Albion* and *Chinguacousy*; and of *Thomas Neelands* and others, of the Townships of *Albion* and *Chinguacousy*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Alexis Caron* and others, of the Township of *Shawenegan*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying for aid to open and construct certain Roads in the said Township.

Of *R. H. Thornhill* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, County of *Welland*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Fort Erie* Canal Company.

Of *F. Renaud* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ligouri*, County of *Montcalm*; praying for the establishment in each Parish, of a Registry Office, a Circuit Court, a Court of Reconciliation, and a Municipal Council.

Of *J. W. Dorwin* and others, of the District of *Montreal*; praying for an Act

of Incorporation to enable them to improve the Navigation of the River *L'Assomption*.

Of *L'Institut Canadien* of *Iberville*; praying for aid.

Of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Rivière Ouëlle*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, Notary Public, heretofore Candidate at the Election of a Member to represent the said County in the present Provincial Parliament, and as such duly qualified; setting forth: First, That at the last Election in and for the County of *Kamouraska*, of a Member to represent the said County in Parliament, the said Election being a General Election, which took place in the said County of *Kamouraska* in the months of July and August last, *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, of the Parish of *St. Denis*, in the said County, and the Petitioner, *Luc Letellier*, were the only Candidates at the said Election: Second, That a Poll was demanded, granted and had, and at the close of the said Election, to wit: on or about the fourth day of August last, the said *Jean Charles Chapais* was declared and returned by the Returning Officer duly elected to represent the said County: Third, That the Petitioner has reason to believe and does verily believe that the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, was not eligible as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, the said *Jean Charles Chapais* holding a salaried and a lucrative office under the Crown in this Province, to wit: that of Post Master for the Parish of *St. Denis*, in the County of *Kamouraska* aforesaid, and that the said *Jean Charles Chapais* was, by Commission under the Crown, before, at and after the said Election, in possession of the said paid office or charge, and did receive before, at and after the said Election a salary and emoluments for filling the said office or charge, thereby rendering the said *Jean Charles Chapais* ineligible at the said Election; that in consequence thereof the suffrages or votes registered during the said Election for the said County, being null through the want of qualification on the part of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, they should be held to be of no effect, and that the said *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, being the only duly qualified Candidate at the said Election, and in whose favor suffrages and votes were duly received and registered at the said Election, he, the said *Luc Letellier*, should have, by the said Returning Officer, been returned and declared Member duly elected to represent the said County in the said Parliament: Fourth, That the Petitioner has reason to believe that a great majority of the legal votes were registered in his favor at the said Election, and that the majority of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, together with a great number of other votes, to wit: three thousand three hundred and more, were fictitious, having been given by persons not entitled to the elective franchise, or whose votes were rendered illegal by reason of bribery, violence, and corruption, the said votes having been moreover enregistered in an illegal manner and contrary to the provisions of the Law: Fifth, That on the face of the Poll Books kept in the different localities entitled thereto in the said County, at the said Election, the majority of votes legally registered and really and correctly taken, amounts to more than three hundred and fifty-four in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*, and that in consequence of the said majority in favor of the said *Luc Letellier* at the close of the said Election, the said Returning Officer should have proclaimed the said *Luc Letellier* as the Member duly elected to represent the said County in the said Parliament: Sixth, That at four of the Polls opened in the said County, at the said Election, to wit: at *Ste. Anne*, *Inworth*, *St. Denis*, and *Mont Carmel*, the votes were taken and registered, conformably to Law, during the first day of the Election, and during a part of the second day of the voting at the said Election, and that during the latter part of the second day of polling the votes registered were not registered in a true and correct manner, nor in conformity with the Law, as the whole appears by the Returns under oath of the Deputy Returning Officers acting as such at each of the said four Polls; the Deputy Returning Officer at the Poll at *Ste. Anne*, by his Return under oath, declaring 1st, That up to number three

hundred and fifty-one, the votes were taken in a true and correct manner at that Poll until about half-past ten in the forenoon of the second day of the voting at the said Election; that of such number two hundred and eighty votes were registered in favor of Mr. *Chapais*, and that ninety-two were registered in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*; 2nd, That at about that time the Poll was taken possession of, and it was impossible for him, on account of the violence used, to register the votes in a true and correct manner; the Deputy Returning Officer at *Irworth*, by his Return under oath made to the Returning Officer, made a declaration similar to that made by the Deputy Returning Officer at the Poll at *Ste. Anne*, and he, by his said Return, attested only eighty-seven votes registered in a true and exact manner at the said Poll, sixty-two of which were registered in favor of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and twenty-five in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*; the Deputy Returning Officer at the Poll at *St. Denis*, by his Return under oath made to the Returning Officer, only attests two hundred and ninety votes as having been registered in a true and exact manner at the said Poll up to half-past eleven o'clock on the second day of voting at the said Election, of which two hundred and sixty-two were registered in favor of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and twenty-five in favor of the said *Luc Letellier*, declaring moreover that at the said hour the Poll was taken possession of by a mob, and that the voting was constrained and not under his sole control as Deputy Returning Officer; the Deputy Returning Officer at *Mont Carmel*, by his Return under oath made to the Returning Officer, declares that the votes taken and registered at the said Poll to the number one hundred and thirteen, and that the votes Nos. 141, 177 and 190, were registered according to Law, and that the remainder were votes neither approved by Law nor by him, and which he declares to have registered, being compelled thereto by superior force: Seventh, That eight other Polls were held and opened in conformity with the Law in the said County during the said Election, to wit: at *St. Pacôme, Rivière Ouelle, St. Pascal, Woodbridge, St. Louis, Ste. Hélène, St. André, and St. Alexandre*, and that at these eight Polls the votes were legally taken and registered at each of the said Polls, as the whole appears by the Returns under oath of the Deputy Returning Officers at each of the said Polls, which Returns are annexed to the Poll Books kept in the said places: Eighth, That in consequence, the votes registered in the said Poll Books after the number three hundred and fifty-one, in the *Ste. Anne* Poll Book, after the number eighty-seven in the *Irworth* Poll Book, after the number two hundred and ninety in the *St. Denis* Poll Book, and after number one hundred and thirteen, without prejudice to Nos. 141, 177, and 190, in the Poll Book of *Mont Carmel*, are null and illegal, and were not taken and registered in a true and exact manner, nor in conformity with the Law; that they amount in number to two thousand six hundred and seventy-seven and upwards, and that they should be rejected, inasmuch as the Deputy Returning Officer in each of the said Polls have refused to certify them, and that consequently the votes which are registered in a true and correct manner at the said Election, as appeared at the close of the said Election by the Returns under oath of the Deputy Returning Officers, annexed to their respective Poll Books, give the numbers following; that is to say: For *J. C. Chapais*,—*Ste. Anne*, 257; *Irworth*, 62; *St. Denis*, 262; *Mont Carmel*, 103; *Rivière Ouelle*, 59; *St. Pascal*, 108; *St. Louis*, 144; *Woodbridge*, 17; *St. André*, 133; *St. Alexandre*, 135; *Ste. Hélène*, 32; *St. Pacôme*, 130; Total, 1442. And for *Luc Letellier*,—*Ste. Anne*, 92; *Irworth*, 25; *St. Denis*, 20; *Mont Carmel*, 6; *Rivière Ouelle*, 601; *St. Pascal*, 264; *St. Louis*, 154; *Woodbridge*, 45; *St. André*, 122; *St. Alexandre*, 78; *Ste. Hélène*, 182; *St. Pacôme*, 207; Total, 1796. Giving in favor of the said *Luc Letellier* a majority of 354 votes legally taken and registered at the said Election; and praying the House to be pleased to order that the Return of *Jean George Taché*, Esquire, Returning Officer *ex officio* for the said County, at the said Election, be therefore amended by

striking out the name of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and inserting in the place and stead thereof the name of *Luc Letellier*, the Petitioner, the said *Luc Letellier* having for the above reasons protested in writing in his own name against the said *Jean George Taché* against the Return of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and this before he had proclaimed him duly elected to represent the said County: That the Petitioner further represents, that a very large number of them who voted for the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, to wit: three thousand three hundred voters and upwards, registered their votes in favor of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* without possessing any of the qualifications required by the Statutes in force in that behalf, namely, without being possessed for their own use and benefit as proprietors by virtue of legal titles vesting such property in them either in fee simple or in freehold under the tenure of free and common soccage, or in *fief* or in *roture*, or in *franc alevu*, or by virtue of certificates derived under the authority of the Governor and Council of the late Province of *Quebec*. or by virtue of any Act or Acts of the Legislature of either the late Provinces of *Upper* or *Lower Canada*, or of the Legislature of *Canada*, of lands or tenements lying and being in the said County, and being of the clear annual value of forty-four shillings and five pence and one farthing currency, (equal at the time of the passing of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the thirty-first year of the Reign of His Majesty King *George* the Third, commonly called "The Constitutional Act," to forty shillings sterling), or upwards, over and above all annual rents, whether ground rents (*rentes foncières*) or constituted rents (*rentes constituées*) or any other rents or charges payable out of or in respect of the same; nor were such persons at the time of giving their votes at such Election in actual and uninterrupted possession, for their own use and benefit, of such lands or tenements, or in the receipt of the rent or profits thereof as proprietors as aforesaid during at least six calendar months next before the date of the Writ of Election, to wit: on the twenty-third day of the month of *June* last. nor did the said lands come to them by descent or inheritance, or by devise, marriage, or contract of marriage, nor had the said voters any deed or instrument in writing containing a promise of sale (*promesse de vente*) in their favor, nor were the said voters in possession of the property mentioned in any deed or instrument in writing as aforesaid, nor were they in possession of any deed or instrument in writing as aforesaid containing a promise of sale (*promesse de vente*) in favor of any other person or persons who had conveyed to the said voters the properties mentioned in the said deeds or instruments in writing, which might be considered for the purposes of the Statute in such case made and provided, a legal title vesting such property in the persons so claiming to vote as aforesaid, and without such deed or instrument, not being a Notarial deed or instrument, having been registered at least twelve months before the said Election, and the said voters not possessing any of the other qualifications required by Law to entitle them to vote at the said Election: That the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, Candidate as aforesaid at the said Election for the County of *Kamouraska*, did directly and indirectly employ means of corruption, by giving sums of money, offices, places, employments, gratuities, rewards, and bonds, obligations, bills and notes, conveyances of land, and promises of the same, to divers electors having votes in the said County, to wit: to three thousand three hundred of the said electors, and more, and did threaten divers other electors of the said County, to wit: three thousand three hundred electors and upwards, of the said County, of losing offices, salaries, incomes and advantages then and there possessed by the said electors, both by himself and his authorized agents for that purpose, with the intent to corrupt the said electors above mentioned, and to bribe them to vote for him the said *Jean Charles Chapais* as such Candidate as aforesaid, and to prevent the said electors from voting for the said *Luc Letellier*, the other Candidate at the said Election: That the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, as such Candidate as aforesaid, did open

and support, and cause to be opened and supported at his own cost and expense, divers houses of public entertainment for the reception of the electors of the said County, in which said houses of public entertainment, and in divers other places in the said County, he did give and distribute, and cause to be given and distributed, large quantities of hay and straw, peas, drinks, spirituous liquors, and other provisions, to the said electors in and for the said County, with the intent to corrupt the electors of the said County, and to bribe them to vote for him the said *Jean Charles Chapais*; that the said *Jean Charles Chapais* and his agents and partizans as aforesaid, by the employment of similar means and similar threats as aforesaid, and other informal, corrupt and illegal practices, obtained an undue majority over the said *Luc Letellier*, the said other Candidate as aforesaid, by means whereof he has been unduly and illegally returned as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Kamouraska*: That at the said Election for the said County of *Kamouraska*, divers persons did give and cause to be given, divers sums of money, and did give divers sums of money, gratuities and rewards, and did give divers bonds and bills, and divers conveyances of land, and other property, and promises of the same, to divers electors, with the intent to bribe the said electors to vote for the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, Candidate as aforesaid, and to keep them back from voting for the said *Luc Letellier*, the other Candidate as aforesaid, and as a compensation to the said electors for their loss of time and expenses in going to and returning from voting as aforesaid: That the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, by means of corruption hereinabove last mentioned, obtained over the said *Luc Letellier*, the other Candidate as aforesaid, an undue majority, by means whereby he has been unduly and illegally returned as Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Kamouraska*: That the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, Candidate for the Representation of the said County of *Kamouraska*, with the intent to promote his Election, did provide and furnish entertainment at his own expense, to divers meetings of electors assembled for the purpose of promoting the said Election, and did pay for, procure and engage to pay for the said entertainment, and that divers other persons with the intent to promote the Election of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, Candidate as aforesaid for the Representation of the said County, did provide and furnish at their own expense, for the entertainment of divers meetings of electors assembled for the purpose of promoting the said Election, and previous to and during the Election at which the said *Jean Charles Chapais* was Candidate as aforesaid, and did engage to pay for the said entertainment, and did provide therefor as aforesaid; that the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, by the means of corruption, bribery and entertainment hereinabove last set forth, did obtain an undue majority over the said *Luc Letellier*, the other Candidate as aforesaid, by means whereof he has been unduly and illegally returned as the Representative in Parliament of the said County of *Kamouraska*: That the Petitioner doth further humbly allege and affirm, that at the late Election of a Member to serve in Parliament for the said County of *Kamouraska*, previous to and after the attesting and issuing of the Writ for holding the said Election, and during and after the said Election, the said *Jean Charles Chapais* did by himself, his agents, friends and canvassers, partizans and others in his name, in divers ways and means, directly and indirectly give, present and grant to persons having votes at the said Election, money, hay, straw, intoxicating liquors, entertainment and reward, and promises of the same to such person, in order to the Election of him the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and thereupon serving in this present Parliament for the County of *Kamouraska*: That the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, by himself, his friends, agents, canvassers, partizans and others in his name, was guilty of bribery, entertaining and extensive and systematic corrupt practices in order to procure persons being or claiming to be entitled to vote at the said Election, to vote for the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and to abstain from voting for the said *Luc Letellier*, and that the said bribery and the said corrupt practices did take place openly and noto-

riously in the said County, and were well known to the inhabitants thereof; that the Return of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* was obtained by means of the said corrupt and illegal practices, and that therefore the said Election and Return of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* were and are absolutely null and of no effect: That the Petitioner further sheweth, that during the said Election, and more particularly on the second polling day at the said Election, a system of intimidation, violence, threats, injuries and force was organized and designed, with the view of keeping back, by intimidation and violence, the electors who were desirous of voting for the said *Luc Letellier* from registering their votes in his favor; that in consequence of this system of intimidation, violence, threatening, injury and force, a great number of the electors who came to register their votes in favor of the said *Luc Letellier* at the said Election, were ill-treated, beaten, threatened and intimidated, and thereby prevented from so doing, and from the free use of their elective franchise at the Polls held at *Ste. Anne, L'worth, St. Denis, Mont Carmel* and *St. Alexandre* during the holding of the Poll at the said Election; that this system of violence, threats, force, injuries and intimidation organized by the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, his agents, friends and partizans at the said Election, was carried to such an extent that the public highways at *St. Denis*, in the said County, were obstructed by the said agents, friends, partizans and electors of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, who did stop the electors on the public road while on their way from one Parish to another to exercise their franchise, and who were moreover kept and detained from the Poll in the said Parish of *St. Denis*, in the said County, the whole of the second day: That this system of violence and intimidation was employed by the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, his partizans, agents, friends and electors, against the representatives and agents of the said *Luc Letellier*; and that at *Ste. Anne*, the agents, partizans, friends and electors of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, armed with sticks, staves and guns, did maltreat, beat, insult, and throw out of the window, the agents and representatives of the said *Luc Letellier* in the said Poll, which they attacked, seized and kept possession of: That at the Polls at *Mont Carmel, St. Denis*, and *L'worth*, by means of this system of violence and intimidation, the agents and representatives of the said *Luc Letellier* at the said Poll during the voting at the said Election, were prevented from acting in their said capacity, and that whenever the said agents or representatives endeavored to make legal objections to the voters who presented themselves to register their votes, or required the oath of qualification from such voters, they were threatened, maltreated, injured, insulted and intimidated by an armed mob of the partizans, friends, electors and agents of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and that the electors of the said *Luc Letellier* were also in like manner threatened, maltreated, and intimidated by the said mob: That in consequence of the system above described, after having attacked the Polls at *Ste. Anne, L'worth, St. Denis, Mont Carmel*, and *St. Alexandre*, the Deputy Returning Officers at the said Polls were compelled and obliged by violence and threats to inscribe in the Poll Books a host of names of persons absent, or deceased, or of persons who had voted under fictitious and borrowed names: That by these means of violence, and after having seized the said Polls, the said agents, partizans and electors of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* did cause to enter and vote a large number of children scarcely able to pronounce their names, and this contrary to the Laws and in violation of the elective franchise, social order, and public morals, and of the privileges of the House, and that these names were registered in the said Poll Books to the number of several thousands: That in consequence of which violent and illegal practices and of the measures adopted and practised, as above set forth, by the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, his agents, friends, partizans and electors, the said *Jean Charles Chapais* is ineligible as a Member to represent the said County, and inasmuch as by the said means the said Petitioner was unable to have registered all the

votes of the electors who would have voted in his favor at the said Election, and who to the number of three hundred were unable so to do, and inasmuch as the votes registered in favor of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* at the said Polls of *St. Anne, Ixworth, St. Denis, and Mont Carmel*, were so registered by means of violence, intimidation, threats and force, in a manner which is neither true nor correct, nor in conformity with the Law, and inasmuch as they are not certified as having been registered legally by the said Deputy Returning Officers, the said Petitioner prays that they may be null, and struck out of the said Poll Books; and praying that the House will declare the Election of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* to be null and of no effect, and that the Petitioner has been well and duly elected Member to represent the said County in the present Parliament, and that the Return be amended in conformity with the said conclusions, and that the House will cause the said Election Return to be amended, by striking out the name of the said *Jean Charles Chapais*, and inserting instead thereof the name of the said *Luc Letellier*; and that the House will take into consideration the allegations hereinbefore set out, and declare the Election and Return of the said *Jean Charles Chapais* to be null and void, or that the House will do justice to this Petition as it may deem expedient.

Of *D. Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, Merchants; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to establish an Exchange in the said City.

Of the *Quebec Bank*; praying for the passing of an Act to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank.

Of *Jean Langlois*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate; setting forth: That the Petitioner was one of the Candidates at the Election of a Member or Representative to represent the County of *Saguenay* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, which took place in the months of July and August last, at the time of the last General Election, and that he was duly qualified, according to Law, to be elected: That *Pierre G. Huot* being also a Candidate at the said Election for the said County of *Saguenay*, a Poll was demanded by the electors of the said County, and granted according to Law by *Charles Duberger*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Les Eboulements*, in the said County, Returning Officer at the said Election, who appointed and determined the places at which the said Poll should be held for the taking of the votes of the Election of the said County, and, among other places or localities at which Polls were to be holden, appointed the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, one of the Parishes of the said County of *Saguenay*, at which a Poll ought according to Law to be opened and held, and that he nominated and appointed to hold the said Poll in the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, in the said County, the person of *John McLaren*, of the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, gentleman, who appointed as his Poll Clerk for the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, *John McLeod*, gentleman, then of the said County of *Saguenay*: That on the day appointed by the said Returning Officer, *Charles Duberger*, for the closing of the Election, that is to say, on the third of August last, the said Returning Officer had received the Returns of all the Deputy Returning Officers appointed by him at the said Election, except that of the said *John McLaren*, the Deputy Returning Officer appointed by him as aforesaid to open and hold the said Poll in the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, and that inasmuch as the said *John McLaren* had not on the said day or on any day prior thereto, given in a Return of his proceedings, the close of the Election was then and there adjourned by the said Returning Officer to the following day, that is to say, to the fourth of August last: That on the said day so secondly appointed for the close of the said Election, that is to say, on the fourth day of August last, some sheets stitched together (*Cahier*) having neither certificate nor signature, nor seal, were delivered to the said *Charles Duberger*, the Returning Officer aforesaid, in the absence of the said *John McLaren*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*,

and of the said *John McLeod*, his Poll Clerk, by one of the known partizans of the said *Pierre G. Huot*, at the said Election, that is to say, by *Jean Gagné*, Esquire, Notary, of the Parish of *Malbaie*, in the said County, who represented the said sheets to be the Poll Book kept by the said *John McLaren* at the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, and that although the said sheets or pretended Poll Book were neither closed nor certified, nor sealed by the said Deputy Returning Officer, *John McLaren*, and although the affidavits by Law required from Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks were not annexed to the said sheets as by Law required, and although they were delivered to the said Returning Officer by the hand of a third person, and not in the presence of the said *John McLaren*, the Deputy Returning Officer aforesaid, and of the said *John McLeod*, his Poll Clerk, and without the production of any valid authority from them for the delivery of the said sheets or Poll Book, the said *Charles Duberger*, the Returning Officer aforesaid, received and accepted the said sheets as the Poll Book for the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, and added to the votes enregistered in the Poll Books regularly closed, certified, signed, sealed and returned, the names and pretended votes entered and written on the said sheets, and thus gave a majority of votes to the said *Pierre G. Huot*, although he was then of opinion, had reason to believe, and did verily believe, as he declares in his special Return, that this pretended Poll Book contained sheets which had been added after the close of the Poll at the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*: That the sheets delivered to the said Returning Officer, *Charles Duberger*, by the said *Jean Gagné* as aforesaid, and returned with the Writ of Election for the said County, ought not, according to the strict letter of the Law, to be considered as the Poll Book for the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, because the said sheets were neither certified, signed, nor sealed according to Law by the Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, because they contain no date and are informal, irregular, incorrect, and on the face thereof null and of none effect: That the pretended votes enregistered in the said sheets, so delivered to the said Returning Officer, were not taken and received at the Poll held in the said Parish of *St. Fidèle* during the days and hours appointed by Law and by the said Returning Officer for the voting at the said Election: That the said *John McLaren* did not make and has not at any time made any Return or Report to the said *Charles Duberger*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, of his proceedings as Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*: That the said Petitioner, *Jean Langlois*, had, at the said Election for the said County of *Saguenay*, a majority of all the votes enregistered in the said County of *Saguenay* at all the Polls holden therein during the days and hours fixed and appointed for the said voting by Law, and by the said Returning Officer: That by the Poll Books regularly kept, returned and delivered in by the different Deputy Returning Officers named and appointed by the said Returning Officer, *Charles Duberger*, the said *Jean Langlois* had at the close of the Polls, and of the Election, for the said County of *Saguenay*, a majority of the votes taken and enregistered according to Law in the said County at the said Election: That the said *Charles Duberger*, Returning Officer as aforesaid, disregarding such majority of votes in favor of the said *Jean Langlois*, did on the fourth of August last, unlawfully, falsely and unjustly proclaim the said *Pierre G. Huot* to be the Representative of the said County, and did make his Return to the House that the said *Pierre G. Huot* had been elected to represent the said County of *Saguenay* in the present Parliament: That the Petitioner further represents that on the day appointed for the nomination of the Candidates at the said Election for the said County of *Saguenay*, the qualification of the said *Pierre G. Huot* was lawfully demanded, and that the said *Pierre G. Huot* did then and there deliver to the said Returning Officer, *Charles Duberger*, a certain document which he represented as his qualification to be eligible for the said County, that the property designated in the said qualification, and by means of which he pre-

tended to be qualified to be eligible to represent the said County of *Saguenay* in Parliament, did not, at the date of the said Election, belong to the said *Pierre G. Huot*, that it has never belonged to him either before or since the said Election, and the said *Pierre G. Huot* has never had the enjoyment or possession thereof as proprietor; that the said property, even if belonging to him at the date of the said Election, was not then and is not now of the value of five hundred pounds sterling, over and above all rents, mortgages, charges and hypothecary debts attached to, being due or payable out of the said property, or by which it might be burthened; that at the time when the said Election took place, the said *Pierre G. Huot* was not duly qualified according to Law to be eligible to represent the said County of *Saguenay* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and that if the said *Pierre G. Huot* was the proprietor and seized of the said property at the date of the said Election, the said Petitioner affirms that it was acquired by the said *Pierre G. Huot* collusively and speciously for the express purpose of qualifying himself and rendering himself eligible as a Member of the said Legislative Assembly; and praying the House will be pleased to take this Petition into consideration, that the said Return for the Election of the County of *Saguenay* and the Election of the said *Pierre G. Huot* be declared null, that the Petitioner be declared elected to represent the said County of *Saguenay* in the room and stead of the said *Pierre G. Huot*, that the Return of the said *Charles Duberger*, Returning Officer for the said County, may therefore be amended, and that the House will grant such relief in the premises as it may see fit, by the adoption of any other course of proceeding which may tend to do justice to the Petitioner.

Of *George S. Tiffany* and others; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the sale of a certain parcel of land in the Township of *Guelph* now held in trust by the parties therein interested.

Of *Martin Mackinnon*, of the Township of *Vaughan*; praying that a certain Glebe Lot in the said Township, occupied by him and improved since the year 1833, may be sold to him at the same price that other lots have been disposed of; that the Court of Chancery may be abolished,—the Clergy Reserves sold, and the funds appropriated to Free Common Schools; and that the fifty-seven Rectorics may also be abolished.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Oshawa*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to construct a Harbour on Lake *Ontario*, and to make a tram road therefrom to the said Village, with power to continue the same to *Scugog* Lake.

Of *Gédcon Ouimet* and others, Municipal Councillors of the Village of *Vaudreuil*; and of *H. Cartier* and others, Municipal Councillors of the County of *Vaudreuil*; praying that the amendments petitioned for by the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company to the Act incorporating the said Company may be granted to them.

Of the President and others of the Association of Teachers of the County of *L'Islet*; praying for aid.

Of *A. Stinson* and others, Trustees of the *Compton* High School, in the County of *Compton*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Reverend *J. O. Prince* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law, and the consolidation of the Road Laws of *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *J. O. Prince* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of Squatters, may be protected by law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of *André Benjamin Papineau*, Notary, residing in the Parish of *St. Martin*, in the County of *Laval*, in the District of *Montreal*; setting forth: That at the time of the last Election for the County of *Laval*, which was held in virtue of a Writ issued under the seal of this Province, bearing date the twenty-third day of

June last, the Petitioner was and had been for more than six months prior to the date of the said Writ, proprietor, under good titles, of lands situate in the Parish of *St. Martin*, the annual value whereof exceeded forty shillings sterling, and that he was duly qualified to vote and did vote at the said Election: That by the Return of *S. F. McMahon*, Esquire, Returning Officer for the said County of *Laval*, at the said last Election, it appears that *Pierre Labelle*, Esquire, was elected to represent the said County of *Laval* in the present Parliament: That the Petitioner further represents, that at the time of the issue of the said Writ, and also at the time of the said Election for the said County of *Laval*, the said *Pierre Labelle*, Esquire, was and still is, at the present time a contractor under the Provincial Government, having contracted with the Board of Public Works of this Province by two Deeds passed before *Belle* and his colleague, Notaries, bearing date at *Montreal* the twenty-eighth day of November one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and the seventh day of March one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, in conjunction with *Augustin LaBerge* and *Michel Bro dit Pominville*, for the masonry and carpentry of a building to serve as a Court House in the City of *Montreal*, which said work and labor were contracted to be done in consideration of the price or sum of Twenty-one thousand three hundred and fifteen pounds, five shillings and and eleven pence currency, which money was to be paid out of the Public Funds of this Province: That the Petitioner produces herewith authentic copies of the said two Deeds or Contracts: That the said works mentioned in the said two Deeds were not completed at the period of the said Election, and that they are not yet completed and have not been received as such nor paid for: That the said *Pierre Labelle* was moreover, at the time of the said Election, employed by the Board of Public Works aforesaid in the completion of certain works in and about the said Court House in the City of *Montreal*: That for the reasons above set forth, the said *Pierre Labelle* was ineligible and has no right to represent the said County of *Laval* in Parliament, and that his Election is altogether null and void; and praying that the House will be pleased to take this Petition into its serious consideration, and do justice thereto by declaring that the said *Pierre Labelle* was ineligible at the time of the said last Election for the County of *Laval*, and that the House will at the same time declare that the Election of the said *Pierre Labelle* is null, and that the seat for the said County of *Laval* is vacant, and so ordain according to Law that the said County of *Laval* may be represented in Parliament.

Of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; praying that the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* may be separated, and each entitled to send a Representative to Parliament.

Of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; praying that compensation may be provided for Jurors attending the Courts in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; praying that the annual Provincial Grant for Public Education may be increased to One hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Of the Honorable *Z. Burnham* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm the Survey made by *John K. Roche* of the said Township.

Of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company; praying for the passing of an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation, and enable them to extend their line of Railway.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Southwold*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Elgin*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Southern Union Railway Company.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Yarmouth*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Southern Railway Company.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Vienna*; praying for the passing of an Act

to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Port Dover* to *St. Thomas*, *viâ* the said Village of *Vienna*.

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

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Bayham*; and of the Municipality of the Village of *Vienna*; praying that the Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation may be granted.

Of *Samuel Carr*, of *Toronto*, Manufacturer; praying that the duty on unmanufactured Hair may be reduced to the same rate as that imposed on other raw material.

Of the Reverend *R. O. Bruneau* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Verchères*; praying aid for an Educational establishment in the said Parish.

Of *George Pandust* and others, Chiefs and People of the Tribe of *Mississauga* Indians residing at *Rice Lake*, in the Township of *Otanabee*, County of *Peterborough*; praying to be confirmed and protected in their rights and the possession of certain Islands reserved by their ancestors on their cession to the Crown of the adjacent territory.

Of *J. Keilh* and others, of the Circuit of *Beauharnois*; praying that the place of holding the Circuit Court of the said Circuit may be changed to the Village of *St. Clement*.

Of *James Douglas* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Megantic* Mining Company.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to negotiate a Loan for consolidating the County Debt.

Of *William Winder*, Esquire, Librarian to this House; praying compensation for losses sustained by him through the destruction by fire of the Parliament Buildings at *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

Of the *Huntingdon* and *Lake St. Francis* Road Company; praying compensation for damage to the said Road caused by the Dam erected by the Board of Works at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal.

Of *Leopold Desrosiers* and others, of *Berthier*, in the District of *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf of the *Berthier* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute.

Of *T. Kearnes*, Esquire, and others, of the Township of *North Plantagenet*, County of *Prescott*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *North Plantagenet*; praying for the passing of an Act to change the Road allowance from between Lots numbers six and seven in the first and second concessions, to Lots numbers seven in the second and third concessions in the said Township, and to vest the old allowance in *Henry Erratt* in lieu of that taken from the new road.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Committee of the *British* and *Canadian* School Society of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Ladies Committee of the *Quebec* Infant School; praying for aid.

Of *Joseph Morrin*, Esquire, and others, Shareholders in the *Quebec* Building Society; praying that their Act of Incorporation may be so amended as to facilitate the action of General Meetings of the said Society.

Of the Reverend *L. T. Brassard* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Paul*; praying aid for two Educational Establishments in the said Parish.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Otonabee*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to make a certain change in the line of the Highway leading to *Peterborough*.

Of the Municipality of *North Monaghan*; praying for the repeal of the Act 16 *Vic. cap. 228*, to confirm a certain allowance for Road in the said Township.

Of the Members and Trustees of *Zion Church*; in the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to sell, hypothecate, or purchase property according to the requirements of the said Church.

Of *F. A. Cutler*, Esquire, and others, Physicians and Surgeons, of *Missisquoi* and *Shefford*; praying for the passing of an Act to amend the Act of last Session amending the Act to incorporate the Medical Profession of *Lower Canada*, so as to entitle them to the privileges thereof.

Of the *Stanstead, Shefford* and *Chambly* Railroad Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Kingsley* Slate Works Company; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Corporation of the Seminary of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for aid.

Of *William H. Brabant*, Joint Clerk of the Peace for the District of *Montreal*; representing the injustice of certain changes made with reference to offices held by him since the year 1838, and the pecuniary losses to which he has in consequence been subjected,—and praying for compensation and relief in the premises.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive the House with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, this day, at half past four o'clock, at the Government House.

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

And being returned;

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

Gentlemen,

I thank you for your loyal Address, and I rely on your wisdom and prudence to aid me in such measures as are necessary to promote the peace and prosperity of the Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, Copy of a Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States of America*; which is as followeth:—

HER Majesty, the Queen of *Great Britain*, being equally desirous with the Government of the *United States* to avoid further misunderstanding between their respective Subjects and Citizens, in regard to the extent of the right of Fishing on the coasts of *British North America*, secured to each by Article I. of a Convention between the *United States* and *Great Britain*, signed at *London* on the twentieth day of October, 1818; and being also desirous to regulate the Commerce and Navigation between their respective Territories and People, and more especially between Her Majesty's Possessions in *North America*, and the *United States*, in such manner as to render the same reciprocally beneficial and satisfactory, have respectively named Plenipotentiaries to confer and agree thereupon. that is to say: Her Majesty, the Queen of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Lord *Bruce* and *Elgin*, a Peer of the United Kingdom, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, and Governor General in and over all Her *Britannic* Majesty's Provinces on the Continent of *North America*, and in and over the Island of *Prince Edward*; and the President of the *United States of America*, *William L. Marcy*, Secretary of State of the *United States*, who, after having communicated to each

other their respective full Powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:—

ARTICLE I.

It is agreed by the High Contracting Parties, that in addition to the liberty secured to the *United States* fishermen by the above mentioned Convention of October 20, 1818, of taking, curing, and drying fish on certain coasts of the *British North American Colonies* therein defined, the Inhabitants of the *United States* shall have, in common with the Subjects of Her *Britannic Majesty*, the liberty to take fish of every kind, except shell-fish, on the sea-coasts and shores, and in the bays, harbours, and creeks of *Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island*, and of the several Islands thereunto adjacent, without being restricted to any distance from the shore; with permission to land upon the coasts and shores of those Colonies and the Islands thereof, and also upon the *Magdalen Islands*, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish; provided that in so doing, they do not interfere with the rights of private property or *British* fishermen in the peaceable use of any part of the said coast in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that the salmon and shad fisheries, and all fisheries in rivers, and the mouths of rivers, are hereby reserved exclusively for *British* fishermen.

And it is further agreed, that in order to prevent or settle any disputes as to the places to which the reservation of exclusive right to *British* fishermen contained in this Article, and that of fishermen of the *United States* contained in the next succeeding Article, apply, each of the High Contracting Parties, on the application of either to the other, shall, within six months thereafter, appoint a Commissioner. The said Commissioners before proceeding to any business, shall make and subscribe a solemn declaration that they will impartially and carefully examine and decide to the best of their judgment, and according to justice and equity, without fear, favor or affection to their own country, upon all such places as are intended to be reserved and excluded from the common liberty of fishing under this and the next succeeding Article; and such declaration shall be entered on the record of their proceedings. The Commissioners shall name some third person to act as an Arbitrator or Umpire in any case or cases, on which they may themselves differ in opinion. If they should not be able to agree upon the name of such third person, they shall each name a person, and it shall be determined by lot which of the two persons so named shall be the Arbitrator or Umpire in cases of difference or disagreement between the Commissioners. The person so to be chosen to be Arbitrator or Umpire shall, before proceeding to act as such in any case, make and subscribe a solemn declaration in a form similar to that which shall already have been made and subscribed by the Commissioners, which shall be entered on the record of their proceedings. In the event of the death, absence, or incapacity of either of the Commissioners or of the Arbitrator or Umpire, or of their or his omitting, declining or ceasing to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire, another and different person shall be appointed or named as aforesaid, to act as such Commissioner, Arbitrator, or Umpire, in the place and stead of the person so originally appointed or named as aforesaid, and shall make and subscribe such declaration as aforesaid.

Such Commissioners shall proceed to examine the coasts of the *North American Provinces* and of the *United States* embraced within the provisions of the first and second Articles of this Treaty, and shall designate the places reserved by the said Articles from the common right of fishing therein.

The decision of the Commissioners and of the Arbitrator or Umpire shall be given in writing in each case, and shall be signed by them respectively.

The High Contracting Parties hereby solemnly engage to consider the decision of the Commissioners conjointly, or of the Arbitrator or Umpire, as the case may be, as absolutely final and conclusive in each case decided upon by them or him, respectively.

ARTICLE II.

It is agreed by the High Contracting Parties that *British* Subjects shall have, in common with the Citizens of the *United States*, the liberty to take fish of every kind, except shell-fish, on the Eastern sea coasts and shores of the *United States*, North of the 36th parallel of North Latitude, and on the shores of the several Islands thereunto adjacent, and in the bays, harbours, and creeks of the said sea coasts and shores of the *United States* and of the said Islands, without being restricted to any distance from the shore, with permission to land upon the said coasts of the *United States* and of the Islands aforesaid, for the purpose of drying their nets and curing their fish: provided that in so doing, they do not interfere with the rights of private property, or with the fishermen of the *United States* in the peaceable use of any part of the said coasts in their occupancy for the same purpose.

It is understood that the above mentioned liberty applies solely to the sea fishery, and that salmon and shad fisheries, and all fisheries in rivers and mouths of rivers are hereby reserved exclusively for fishermen of the *United States*.

ARTICLE III.

It is agreed, that the Articles enumerated in the Schedule hereunto annexed, being the growth and produce of the aforesaid *British* Colonies or of the *United States*, shall be admitted into each Country respectively free of duty:—

SCHEDULE.

Grain, flour, and breadstuffs of all kinds.
 Animals of all kinds.
 Fresh, smoked and salted meats.
 Cotton-wool, seeds and vegetables.
 Undried fruits, dried fruits.
 Fish of all kinds.
 Products of fish and of all other creatures living in the water.
 Poultry, eggs.
 Hides, furs, skins or tails undressed.
 Stone or marble in its crude or unwrought state.
 Slate.
 Butter, cheese, tallow.
 Lard, horns, manures.
 Ores of metals of all kinds.
 Coal.
 Pitch, tar, turpentine, ashes.
 Timber and lumber of all kinds, round hewed, sawed, unmanufactured in whole or in part.
 Firewood.
 Plants, shrubs and trees.
 Pelts, wool.
 Fish-oil.
 Rice, broomcorn, and bark.
 Gypsum, ground or unground.
 Hewn or wrought or unwrought burr or grindstones.
 Dye-stuffs.

Flax, hemp, and tow unmanufactured.
Unmanufactured tobacco.
Rags.

ARTICLE IV.

It is agreed that the Citizens and Inhabitants of the *United States* shall have the right to navigate the River *St. Lawrence* and the Canals in *Canada*, used as the means of communicating between the Great Lakes and the Atlantic Ocean, with their vessels, boats, and crafts, as fully and freely as the Subjects of Her *Britannic Majesty*, subject only to the same tolls and other assessments as now are or may hereafter be exacted of Her Majesty's said Subjects, it being understood however, that the *British Government* retains the right of suspending this privilege on giving due notice thereof to the Government of the *United States*.

It is further agreed that if at any time the *British Government* should exercise the said reserved right, the Government of the *United States* shall have the right of suspending, if it think fit, the operation of Article III. of the present Treaty in so far as the Province of *Canada* is affected thereby, for so long as the suspension of the free navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* or the Canals may continue.

It is further agreed that *British* Subjects shall have the right freely to navigate Lake *Michigan* with their vessels, boats and crafts, so long as the privilege of navigating the River *St. Lawrence* secured to *American* Citizens by the above clause of the present Article shall continue, and the Government of the *United States* further engages to urge upon the State Governments to secure to the Subjects of Her *Britannic Majesty*, the use of the several State Canals on terms of equality with the Inhabitants of the *United States*.

And it is further agreed that no Export duty or other duty shall be levied on lumber or timber of any kind cut on that portion of the *American* territory in the State of *Maine*, watered by the River *St. John* and its tributaries, and floated down that river to the sea, when the same is shipped to the *United States* from the Province of *New Brunswick*.

ARTICLE V.

The present Treaty shall take effect as soon as the Laws required to carry it into operation shall have been passed by the Imperial Parliament of *Great Britain*, and by the Provincial Parliaments of those of the *British North American Colonies* which are affected by this Treaty on the one hand, and by the Congress of the *United States* on the other. Such assent having been given, the Treaty shall remain in force for ten years from the date at which it may come into operation, and further until the expiration of twelve months after either of the High Contracting Parties shall give notice to the other of its wish to terminate the same; each of the High Contracting Parties being at liberty to give such notice to the other at the end of the said term of ten years, or at any time afterwards.

It is clearly understood, however, that this stipulation is not intended to affect the reservation made by Article IV. of the present Treaty with regard to the right of temporarily suspending the operation of Articles III. and IV. thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

And it is hereby further agreed that the provisions and stipulations of the foregoing Articles shall extend to the Island of *Newfoundland*, so far as they are applicable to that Colony. But if the Imperial Parliament, the Provincial Parliament of *Newfoundland*, or the Congress of the *United States* shall not embrace in their laws enacted for carrying this Treaty into effect, the Colony of *Newfoundland*, then this Article shall be of no effect, but the omission to make provision by law to give it

effect, by either of the Legislative bodies aforesaid, shall not in any way impair the remaining Articles of this Treaty.

ARTICLE VII.

The present Treaty shall be duly ratified and the mutual exchange of ratifications shall take place in *Washington* within six months from the date hereof, or earlier if possible.

In faith whereof, We, the respective Plenipotentiaries, have signed this Treaty, and have hereunto affixed our Seals.

Done in triplicate, at *Washington*, the Fifth day of June, *Anno Domini*, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

(Signed,) *Elgin & Kincardine*, [L. S.]
W. L. Marcy, [L. S.]

Certified Copy,

L. Oliphant,

Private Secretary.

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

On motion of Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *Munro*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the South Riding of the County of *Oxford*, in the room of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* who has made his Election to serve for the County of *Renfrew*.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House.

And the said Report being again read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, and the Question being proposed, That the name of "Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*" be left out of the Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, and the names of "Mr. *Rankin*, Mr. *Clarke*, and Mr. *Mongenais*" inserted instead thereof ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the names of "Mr. *Crawford* and Mr. *Cartier*" be left out of "the Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, and the names of "Mr. "Sanborn, Mr. *Rankin*, Mr. *Fergusson*, and Mr. *Mongenais*" inserted instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Marchildon</i> ,
<i>Bourassa</i> ,	<i>Dostaler</i> ,	<i>Laberge</i> ,	<i>Papin</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>Launsden</i> ,	<i>Prévost</i> ,
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Ferrie</i> ,	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rolph</i> ,
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Frazer</i> ,	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sanborn</i> ,
<i>Darche</i> ,	<i>Gauvremont</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Scatcherd</i> ,
<i>DeWitt</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>McKerlie</i> ,	<i>29. Wright</i> ,
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allyn</i> .	<i>Crysler</i> ,	<i>Larwill</i> .	<i>Palotte</i> .
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<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>53. Thibaudcau.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the name of "Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*" be left out of the Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, and the names of "Mr. *Rankin*, Mr. *Clarke*, and Mr. *Mongenais*" inserted instead thereof; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alcryn,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>53. Thibaudcau.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Damst, Charles</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Gauvremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>29. Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report, so amended; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as in the last preceding Division.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Catholic Institute of *Toronto*, and the Petition of *L'Institut Canadien* of *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill for giving effect on the part of this Province, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States of America*.

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Marchildon*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 22^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Wright*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Fishburn*, Pastor, and others, Elders and Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *Edward Barnard*, Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown and Circuit Court of *Three Rivers*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*,—The Petition of *Nathan S. Coho* and others, of the Township of *Middleton*, County of *Norfolk*; the Petition of *Townsend* Division, No. 141, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Woodhouse*; and the Petition of *Moses C. Nickerson* and others, of the Counties of *Elgin* and *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *James Ross*,—The Petition of *Henry Bull* and others.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Allenburgh* Division, No. 164, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of *J. S. Lewis* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Clarke*,—The Petition of *John King*, M. D., late Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the University of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the *Montreal* General Hospital.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Harper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*, County of *Nicolet*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *C. Claude Grece* and others.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of the President, Directors and Shareholders of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association; and the Petition of the Committee of Management of the National Schools of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *F. R. Pratte* and others, of the Township of *Stanford*; the Petition of *Louis Pratte* and others, of the Township of *Stanford*; the Petition of *Peter Patterson* and others, of the Township of *Stanford*; and the Petition of *Louis Richard* and others, of the Township of *Stanford*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company; and the Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*,

By the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Honorable *L. Massue*, and others interested in the *Gomin* Road, near the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Colonization Society of *L'Islet* and *Kamouraska* for the settlement of the *Saguenay*.

By Mr. *Prévost*,—The Petition of *Charles Smallwood*, M. D., Secretary—Treasurer of the *Terrebonne* County Agricultural Society.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* have leave of absence for three weeks.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowes* have leave of absence for two weeks.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chisholm* have leave of absence for two weeks, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Niles* have leave of absence for ten days, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Yeilding* have leave of absence for ten days.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gould* have leave of absence for ten days, on account of sickness.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* have leave of absence for two weeks, on account of ill health.

Ordered, That Mr. *Foley* have leave of absence for two weeks, on account of private business.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. Keith* and others, of the Circuit of *Beauharnois*, and the Petition of *William Farwell*, Esquire, of the Township of *Melbourne*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*, Yeoman, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Clerk's Office, Legislative Assembly,
Quebec, 26th September, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor to inform you, that in consequence of the absence, through indisposition, of the Clerk Assistant, I have appointed *William B. Lindsay*, Junior, Esquire, to act as Deputy Clerk Assistant at the table, until Mr. *Faribault* shall be so far recovered as to enable him to resume his duties.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most humble and obedient Servant,

Wm. B. Lindsay,

Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, the Public Accounts for the year 1853.

For said Accounts, see Appendix (D.)

Also, Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Province of *Canada*, for the year 1853.

For the said Tables, see Appendix (A.)

Also, Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, for the year 1853.

For the said Report, see Appendix (B.)

Also, Municipal Returns for *Upper Canada*, under the Act 16 Vic. cap. 163.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (K.)

Also, Report of the Progress made in the Geological Survey of the Province, in the years 1852-53.

For the said Report, see Appendix (L.)

And also, Bursar's Return of the University and College at *Toronto*, and of *Upper Canada* College, for the year 1853.

For the said Return, see Appendix (M.)

On motion of Mr. *Loranger*, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*,

Resolved, That this House disapproves of the Warrant of the Honorable the Speaker, appointing the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, *Antoine Poletic*, Esquire, *John Sewall Sanborn*, Esquire, *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Esquire, *John Langton*, Esquire, and *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Esquire, all Members of this House, to compose the General Committee of Elections for the present Session, and laid on the table of this House on the 13th September instant; but in so far only as the said Warrant relates to and appoints the said *Antoine Aimé Dorion* to form part of the said Committee.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Municipal Corporations Act.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Fortier* have leave to bring in a Bill to enforce the enregistration of Titles to Lands in the Townships of *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Charles Daoust* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of last Session relative to the enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students.

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

On motion of Mr. *Charles Daoust*, seconded by Mr. *Darche*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the documents and the information required for the clearing up and solution of the following Questions: 1. What school-houses or lots of land not yet built upon did the School Commissioners of the Parish of *Longueuil* possess in the Village of *Longueuil* when the School Act 9 *Vic. cap. 27*, came into operation? 2. What lots of land built upon or not built upon have the School Commissioners acquired in the said Village of *Longueuil*, from the time when the said School Act came into operation to the present time, whether by donation or by purchase, describing the titles and the lots, and giving communication of the titles if possible? 3. What lots of land vacant or built upon situated in the said Village of *Longueuil* have the said School Commissioners alienated either by donation or by sale from the time mentioned to the present time, describing the titles and the lots, with copies of the titles, and of the authority or authorities granted by the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada* to alienate the same? 4. What school-houses have the said Commissioners built in the said Village of *Longueuil* since the time before specified? 5. What sums of money have the said Commissioners received

from the Government, since the time above mentioned, for the building or repair of school-houses in the said Village of *Longueuil*, with a description of the lot or lots of land on which such sums of money were expended, or to which they were appropriated? 6. How many and what school-houses do the said Commissioners now possess in the said Village of *Longueuil*, and under what titles do they possess them?

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Bellingham* have leave to bring in a Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Argenteuil* into a separate Municipality.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferres* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Interpretation Act in so far as it relates to Holidays.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of Patent for Inventions.

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

Mr. *Fortier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*, and the Question being put, That from Monday next until the close of the present Session, Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair from six o'clock to seven o'clock in the afternoon; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable *Jean Chabot*, Member for the County of *Bellechasse*, and also for the City of *Quebec*, made his Election to serve for the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Bellechasse*, in the room of the Honorable *Jean Chabot* who has made his Election to serve for the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* have leave to bring in a Bill to improve the Law relating to Betterment.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, for the year 1853, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for giving effect on the part of this Province, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States of America*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, acquainted the House, That His Excellency having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his consent, as far as Her Majesty's interest is concerned, that the House may do therein as they shall think fit.

The Bill was then read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time; and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, *Nemine contradicente*, That the Bill do pass.

And the Names of the Members present being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

Messieurs *Aikins, Bell, Bellingham, Biggar, Blanchet, Brown, Bureau, Cameron, Cartier, Casault, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Church, Clarke, Cooke, Crawford, Crysler, Charles Daoust, Darche, Delong, Antoine Aimé Dorion, Attorney General Drummond, Felton, Ferres, Ferris, Fortier, Frazer, Hartman, Huot, Jackson, Jobin, Laberge, Langton, Laporte, Larwill, Lemieux, Loranger, John Sandfield Macdonald, Mackenzie, McCann, McKerlie, Merritt, Morin, Joseph Curran Morrison, Munro, Murney, O'Farrell, Papin, Pouliot, Powell, Précost, Rankin, Rhodes, Robinson, Rolph, Solicitor General Ross, Sanborn, Scatcherd, Sidney Smith, James Smith, Southwick, Stevenson, Thibaudeau, and Wright.*

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

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until To-morrow at half-past Two o'clock in the afternoon.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to compel the attendance of Witnesses before the Superior Courts in any part of *Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *Loranger*, and Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for giving effect on the part of this Province, to a certain Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States of America*," without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,

The House adjourned.

Sabbati, 23^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Government House,
Quebec, 23d September, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you, that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber to-day, at Three o'clock, to assent, in Her Majesty's Name, to a certain Bill passed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

L. Oliphant.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber, Esquire*, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

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

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

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's Name, the Royal Assent to the following Bill:

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

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

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 25^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

BILLA FLINT, Esquire, Member for the South Riding of the County of *Hastings*, having previously taken the oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Return to an Order, dated the 14th day of September last, for a Return, showing from the Records of the last Elections, the number of Votes polled in each County, Riding, Township, Parish, City, Town, or other Division, for each Candidate, with the total number polled respectively in

the same; also, the total population of each of the said Divisions and sub-divisions, and the name and designation of the several Returning Officers.

For the said Return, see Appendix (N.)

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lolbinière*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Daniel Anderson* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *George Ohill Stuart*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Quebec*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House. That the Recognizance to the Petition of *George Ohill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, Esquires, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, is unobjectionable.

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

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Christian Wurtele* and others, Directors of the *Quebec Provident and Savings Bank*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Herritt*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Louth*; and the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the *Louth Harbour*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Henri Lappare*, Notary, and Secretary to the Board of Notaries of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of Mrs. *B. Delisle* and other Ladies, Directresses and Officers of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Papin*,—The Petition of *E. L. Pacaud* and others, composing the *St. Maurice Bridge Company*; and the Petition of *E. L. Pacaud*, heretofore of the Town of *Three Rivers*, now of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Advocate.

By Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. LaRoque* and others, of the County of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *Clarke*,—The Petition of *A. J. Fergusson*, Esquire, of the Town of *Guelph*, County of *Wellington*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *Henry Mulholland*.

By Mr. *Masson*,—The Petition of *J. Beaudet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph* and other places, in the County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Finch*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *William Smith*, Chairman, on behalf of himself and the other Provisional Directors of the *Stratford and Huron Railway*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Stratford*.

By Mr. *McKerlie*,—The Petition of *William E. N. Byers* and others, of the Townships of *East and West Hawkesbury*.

By Mr. *Cartier*.—The Petition of *Charles Brin* and others; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*.

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

Of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Montreal Section of the Bar of Lower Canada*; praying for the passing of an Act to make it incumbent on the Judges of the Superior Court at *Montreal*

to preside and act at the *Enquête* in cases of the Circuit Court of the *Montreal* Circuit, the same as in cases of the Superior Court.

Of the *Shipton Slate Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *J. B. Bailey* and others, of *Plattsburg*, in the State of *New York*, and Stockholders and Proprietors of the *Plattsburg* and *Montreal* Railroad; representing that the said Railroad was constructed in connection with the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad, uniting at the Province line, and that the Board of the last mentioned Railroad have, without consulting them, disposed of the said last mentioned Railroad, whereby great loss must result to the Petitioners,—and praying that the same may not be confirmed.

Of the Corporation of the College of *St. Anne de la Pocatière*; praying for aid.

Of *Charles Waters* and others, of the Village of *Vankleek Hill*; of *Joseph Leeming* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*; of *John Macallister* and others, of the Village of *Nithburg*, County of *Perth*; of *Nathan Fellows* and others, of *Ernesttown* and *Fredericksburgh*; of *James Shannon* and others, of the Village of *Ashton*; of *Nathan S. Cole* and others, of the Township of *Middleton*, County of *Norfolk*; of *Townsend* Division, No. 141, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *Allenburgh* Division, No. 164, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and of *J. S. Lewis* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying for the passing of an Act to compel the County of *Middlesex* to sell a certain block of land in the Town of *London*, granted for the holding of Free Fairs, and to divide the proceeds according to population with the said County of *Elgin*.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Bayham*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Southern Union Railway Company.

Of the *Toronto* Athenæum; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Donald Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, County of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act granting to *Edward Shortis* a certain allowance for a Road in the said Township.

Of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District; praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock.

Of *A. Rankin*, Esquire, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Hotel at the Village of *Windsor*.

Of *William Power*, Esquire, one of the Circuit Judges of *Lower Canada*; praying payment of his account for services rendered as Commissioner appointed for the examination of Witnesses on the trial of the contested Election of the County of *Megantic*, in the year 1853.

Of *Matthew A. Hearn*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying payment of his account for services rendered as Clerk to the Commission appointed for the examination of Witnesses on the trial of the contested Election of the County of *Megantic*, in the year 1853.

Of *John B. Warren* and others, of the Village of *Oshawa*; representing that the *Sydenham* Harbour Company have failed in complying with the conditions of their Charter,—and praying that no renewal thereof may be granted to them.

Of *Edwin Pridham* and others, of the Counties of *Argenteuil* and *Ottawa*, and others; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the River *Rouge*, in the Township of *Grenville*.

Of *Andrew Stuart*, Esquire, and others, of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company.

Of the President and Members of the *Quebec British* and *Canadian* School Society; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *M. J. E. Chévigny* and others; praying for aid in behalf of the College of *St. Henri de Mascouche* in the District of *Montreal*.

Of the *Quebec* Friendly Society; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *John Dillon* and others, of the Townships of *East Frampton*, *Standon*, and adjacent parts, County of *Dorchester*; praying aid for certain public improvements in the said County.

Of the Reverend *J. Fishburn*, Pastor, and others, Elders and Members of the Evangelical *Lutheran* Church; praying that the Pastors of the said Church may be admitted to the same rights and privileges as other denominations in the solemnization of Matrimony.

Of *Edward Barnard*, Prothonotary and Clerk of the Crown and Circuit Court of *Three Rivers*; praying for an increase of salary.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Woodhouse*; and of *Moses C. Nicholson* and others, of the Counties of *Elgin* and *Norfolk*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railroad from *Port Dover* to *St. Thomas*.

Of *Henry Bull* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Belleville* and *Midland* Railway Company.

Of the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*; praying that the Clergy Reserve Lands may be sold, and the proceeds appropriated to the support of Common Schools.

Of *John King*, M.D., late Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the University of *Toronto*; representing that the original conditions on which he accepted the Professorship have from time to time been altered to his great disadvantage, and the reduction of his salary, and that he has finally been deprived thereof, whereby he has sustained great loss,—and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Corporation of the *Montreal* General Hospital; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *J. Harper* and others, of the Parish of *St. Grégoire*, County of *Nicolet*; praying for aid in behalf of a Female Academy in the said Parish.

Of *C. Claude Grece* and others; complaining that the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company have obtained possession of Lands without giving any compensation therefor, to the damage of the owners of such Lands,—and praying for relief in the premises.

Of the President, Directors and Shareholders of the *British North American* Electric Telegraph Association; praying for the amendment and extension of their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Committee of Management of the National Schools at *Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of *F. R. Pratt* and others, of the Township of *Stanfold*; praying that the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* may be separated, and each entitled to send a Representative to Parliament.

Of *Louis Pratt* and others, of the Township of *Stanfold*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law, and the consolidation of the Road Laws of *Lower Canada*.

Of *Peter Patterson* and others, of the Township of *Stanfold*; praying that the annual Provincial Grant for Public Education may be increased to one hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Of *Louis Richard* and others, of the Township of *Stanfold*; praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of Squatters, may be protected by law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; praying for certain amendments to the Act relating to their Incorporation.

Of the Honorable *L. Massue*, and others interested in the *Gomin Road*, near the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to place the said Road under the management and control of the *Quebec Turnpike Trust*, to be macadamized.

Of the Colonization Society of *L'Islet* and *Kamouraska* for the settlement of the *Saguenay*; praying for aid to complete the Road forming a communication between *Lake St. John*, *Grande Baie*, and *Chicoutimi*.

Of *Charles Smallwood*, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the *Terrebonne County Agricultural Society*; praying that one-half of the Government allowance for prizes at Agricultural Exhibitions may be devoted for competition by Farmers of *Canadian* origin.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—First Report of the Secretary of the Board of Registration and Statistics, of the Census of the *Canadas* for 1851-52, Volume 1.

For the said Report, see Appendix (C.)

Also, Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the cause of the Fire at the Parliament Buildings, *Quebec*, on the 1st February, 1854.

For the said Report, see Appendix (E.)

Also, Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the origin and cause of the Fire at the Grey Nunnery, *Quebec*, on the 3rd of May, 1854.

For the said Report, see Appendix (E.)

Also, Annual Report of the Post Master General, for the year ended 31st March, 1853.

For the said Report, see Appendix (F.)

Also, Report of the Commissioners appointed to enquire into the conduct of the Police Authorities on the occasion of the Riot at *Chalmers' Church*.

For the said Report, see Appendix (G.)

Also, *Lower Canada* Municipal Returns required by the Act 16 *Vic. cap.* 163.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (K.)

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—The General Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the years 1852-53.

For the said Report, see Appendix (O.)

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of the Governor General, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 7th June, 1853, praying the appointment of a Commissioner to enquire into the circumstances attending the loan of One hundred thousand pounds to the Sufferers by the *Quebec* Fires.

For the said Return, see Appendix (P.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 14th September, 1854, for copies of the several appointments of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, M.P.P., as

one of the Visiting Physicians of the *Quebec* Marine Hospital, and also, a detailed Statement shewing the several sums of money received by the said *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, as such Visiting Physician, with the date of each payment.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Q.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 16th June last, for copies of documents relating to the purchase of a site for a Post Office in the City of *Quebec*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (R.)

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau* also presented.—Statement shewing the amount received from the Fee Fund in each County in *Upper Canada*; the salaries of the Judges, and the surplus or the deficiency during the year 1853, pursuant to the directions of the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 163, sec. 7.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (S.)

Copy of the Proclamation issued by His Excellency the Governor General under the provisions of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 8, relative to the Public Health; and of the Regulations adopted by the Central Board of Health in virtue of the said Act.

For the said Documents, see Appendix (T.)

Accounts of the Supervisor of Cullers for the year 1853, pursuant to the directions of the Act 8 *Vic.* cap. 49.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (U.)

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. B. Bailey* and others, of *Plattsburg*, in the State of *New York*, and Stockholders and Proprietors of the *Plattsburg* and *Montreal* Railroad, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Power*, Esquire, one of the Circuit Judges of *Lower Canada*; the Petition of *Matthew A. Hearn*, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *William Winder*, Esquire, Librarian of this House, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the Municipality of *Niagara*; of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company; of *William Barker* and others, of the Town of *London*; of the Town Council of the Town of *London*; of *R. N. Watts* and others; of the Honorable *Pierre J. O. Chauveau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; of *A. McNabb* and others, of the County of *Bruce*; of *R. H. Thornhill* and others, of the Township of *Bertie*, County of *Welland*; of *D. Macdonell* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, Merchants; of the President, Directors and Company of the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company; of *George S. Tiffany* and others; and of the Reverend *William Ritchie*, of the Township of *Georgina*, and others, and find that the Notices have been fully given in each case.

With respect to the Petition of the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, Your Committee find upon inquiry, that among other amendments it is proposed to empower the Company to construct a Branch to *Lake Huron*: Notice of this should have been

published in every County through which the proposed Branch would pass, which Your Committee find has not been done. With respect to the other amendments, Your Committee find that sufficient Notice has been given: they therefore beg leave to recommend that leave be given to proceed upon the Petition, with the exception of so much thereof as relates to the construction of a Branch to Lake *Huron*.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *George Southwick*, Esquire, and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Amherstburg* to the *Niagara* River, passing through the Counties of *Essex*, *Kent*, *Elgin*, *Norfolk*, *Haldimand* and *Welland*, and find that Notice has only been published in one of these Counties, viz. *Elgin*; but it appears to have been inserted in leading papers in *Toronto* and other parts of *Upper Canada*, and also in the *Canada Gazette*, and furthermore, the Petition is signed by the Members of Your Honorable House representing all of these Counties; under these circumstances Your Committee submit to Your Honorable House the expediency of dispensing with the usual Notices.

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to compel the attendance of Witnesses before the Superior Courts in any part of *Canada*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That one thousand copies of the Return relative to the last Elections, which was presented this day, be printed in each of the *English* and *French* Languages, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Standing Committees on Miscellaneous Private Bills, and Standing Orders, be reduced to five Members.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John King*, M. D., late Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine and Clinical Medicine in the University of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *C. Claude Grece* and others, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey or demise certain lands held by him in trust.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Roblin* have leave of absence for ten days.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Exchange.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Alley* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the sale of certain lands described as Lots numbers five and six in Division A. of the Township of *Guelph*, and the reinvestment of the proceeds for the object of the trust.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Macbeth* have leave of absence for two weeks.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*" to *Lower Canada*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Charles Davoust*, seconded by Mr. *Darche*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, 1. Copies of any Report or Reports furnished by Messieurs *Sirois* and *Burroughs*, Commissioners appointed by the Board of Public Works to receive and settle the claims of persons who have suffered damage by the inundation on both sides of the River *St. Lawrence* and Lake *St. Francis* above the *Beauharnois* Canal. 2. A statement of the sums paid to the said Commissioners, either as fees in that capacity, or to cover the amount of indemnity granted by them, shewing the period when they entered into office, the names of the several persons indemnified, and the amount received by such persons respectively. 3. A statement of the expenses incurred by the Government in raising the Public Highways on both sides of Lake *St. Francis*, both in *Upper* and in *Lower Canada*, shewing the extent of the roads so raised, the names of such persons as have received public money for that purpose, the price paid to each per yard, or per mile, and under what contracts those works, or any part of them, have been undertaken and executed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to protect the *Employés*

of the Government of this Province in certain Departments of the Public Service, from being compelled to labor on the Lord's Day.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to improve the mode of obtaining Evidence in cases of Controverted Elections.

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

On motion of Mr. *Daly*, seconded by Mr. *Ferrie*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Statement in detail of the objects to which the sum of Sixty thousand pounds (or any part thereof) appropriated in the Session of 1852-3, for the opening up of the waste lands of the Province, has been appropriated.

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

Mr. *Patrick* moved, seconded by Mr. *McCann*, and the Question being put, That a Select Committee on Temperance, composed of Mr. *Church*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Matheson*, Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *Sunborn*, and the mover, be appointed to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he may be pleased to lay before this House, copies of all Correspondence relative to the transfer of the *Rideau* Canal from the Imperial to the Colonial Government, not already submitted.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to promote the settlement of all Civil Actions by Arbitration in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill in relation to the solemnization of Matrimony in *Upper Canada*.

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

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Papin*, and the Question being put, That the eleventh Standing Rule of this House be amended, by adding the words "When the Yeas and Nays are ordered to be taken, the Clerk shall call the Roll of "Members alphabetically and record the Votes;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Darchie,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Mutheson,</i>	<i>27. Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Clarké,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Allycn,</i>	<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>41. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, and the Question being put, That the Clerk do request the Managers of the different Banks in *Canada* to transmit, for the information of this House, a Statement shewing the name of every Shareholder in such Bank, his, her, or their place of residence, and the amount of Stock the Shareholders severally hold, distinguishing, where it is possible, the holders of new Stock granted under Statutes passed in the two last Parliaments; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Darchie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rolph,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McDonald, Rodk.</i>	<i>22. Wright,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allycn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>46. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the General Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, for the year 1852-3, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt the tools or implements of any Debtor's 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, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Mackenzie*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Frazer*, Mr. *Brown*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Roderick McDonald*, Mr. *Cartier*, and Mr. *Papin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, Mr. *Felton*, Mr. *Laberge*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Freeman*, and Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts to secure the Independence of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Toronto Esplanade Act*, being read;

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Rankin* have leave of absence for two weeks, from this date.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 26^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Clerk's Office, Legislative Assembly,

Quebec, 22nd September, 1854.

Sir,—The increase recently effected in the Representation of the Province, by the addition of forty-six to the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly, has necessarily increased to a great extent the duties and responsibility which devolve on the Clerk and Clerk Assistant of the House. The necessity for additional assistance at the Clerk's Table has already been strongly felt; and as the labours of the Session will be unusually arduous, and the state of Mr. *Faribault's* health will not admit of his giving to the performance of his duties during the long sittings of the House, that attention he has always been anxious to afford, I would respectfully urge the appointment (with the approbation of yourself and the House)

of a second Clerk Assistant conversant in the *French* and *English* languages, to attend at the Clerk's Table.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Wm. B. Lindsay,

Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

To the Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Statement respecting the *Jesuits' Estates*, furnished pursuant to the directions of the Act. 16 *Vic.* cap. 163, sec. 5.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (V.)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That his new Warrant for the appointment of Members to serve on the General Committee of Elections, was upon the Table:—And the said Warrant was read, as followeth:—

In consequence of the disapproval by the House of one of the Members named in a former Warrant, I hereby, pursuant to the thirty-first Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," appoint the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, Member for the County of *Lincoln*; *Antoine Polette*, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Three Rivers*; *John Langton*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Peterborough*; *John Sewall Sanborn*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Compton*; *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Niagara*; and the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Member for the County of *Glengarry*, to be Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand, this twenty-sixth day of September, 1854.

L. V. Sicotte, Speaker, L.A.

Ordered, That the said Warrant be printed.

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *John Greaves Clapham*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, is unobjectionable

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Thomas Devaney* and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Benjamin Seymour*, Esquire, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lenox* and *Addington*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, is unobjectionable.

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

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *Lanark* Division, No. 409, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Pouliot*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, the Founders of the College of *St. Michel*.

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of *Thomas Jenkins* and others, of the Village of *Vienna*, County of *Elgin*.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *L. H. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *Longueuil*; and the Petition of *John Dillon* and others, of the Townships of *East Frampton*, *Standon*, and adjacent parts, County of *Dorchester*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville and Ottawa* Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to secure the more convenient assembling of the Provincial Parliament.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence that may have passed between the Provincial Government and other parties, on the subject of the proposed Normal School for *Lower Canada*.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all papers and documents connected with the sale and purchase of the *Rondeau* Harbour.

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

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *James Smith*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the Act of the Imperial Parliament empowering the Provincial Legislature to alter the distribution of Clergy Reserves; also, a Return of all persons who were receiving any income or allowance from the Clergy Reserves Fund at the date of the passing of the said Imperial Act, and who may still be receiving such allowance, specifying their names, ages, the annual amounts of their allowance, and through whom it is paid; and also, a Return of all Incorporated Bodies receiving aid from the same Fund, specifying the annual amount, and the date and terms of the original grant.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Langton*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Valois*, Mr. *Rhodes*, Mr. *Fergusson*, Mr. *Bell*, and Mr. *Taché*, be appointed to report to this House the best means of making public the valuable information already obtained by the Geological Survey, and of completing it at an early period upon an uniform system.

Ordered, That the Public Accounts of the Province of *Canada*, for 1853; as also such portions of the following Returns, Reports and Statements as have special reference to the receipt and expenditure of the Public Revenue by Public Accountants:

1. The Reports of Superintendents of Education. 2. Bursar's Return for *Toronto* University and Colleges. 3. Post Master General's Report to March 1853. 4. Statement of monies received from the *Upper Canada* Fee Fund, and the surplus or deficiency therein, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the Report of the Geological Survey of the Province for 1852-53, and the Bursar's Return of the University and College at *Toronto*, and of *Upper Canada* College, for 1853, be printed for the use of the Members of this House; and that Mr. *Logan* be authorized to employ a competent person to translate the said Geological Report.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the better administration of the Estates of deceased persons, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Sidney Smith*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Hartman*, and Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of Merchants, Traders, and others, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of last Session relative to the enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, being read;

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 27^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *P. A. C. Munro* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, Professors of the *Montreal* School of Medicine and Surgery.

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Malahide*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of *A. M. Delisle* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of Sister *Stc. Jeanne de Chantal* and others, Sisters of Mercy, Directresses of *L'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the *New York, Newfoundland, and London* Telegraph Company; and two Petitions of the North Shore Railway Company.

By Mr. *Freeman*,—The Petition of *Gideon Smith* and others, of the Township of *Glanford*.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of *John Young* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Lady Caldwell* and others, the Ladies Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec* in connection with the Church of *England*.

By Mr. *Pouliot*,—The Petition of *L. Launière* and others, the School Commissioners of the Village of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*.

By Mr. *Papin*,—The Petition of *T. H. Pacaud*, of the Parish of *St. Maurice*, Esquire, Justice of the Peace for the District of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *George Blais* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jean Port Joli*, and *St. Roch des Aulnets*.

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petition of *A. J. Parker* and others, of *Danville* and its vicinity; and the Petition of *John Downey* and others, of *Danville* and vicinity, in the Township of *Shipton*, County of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Cooke*,—The Petition of *Gardner Church* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; and the Petition of *Catherine Anderson* and others, Daughters of Temperance, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Joseph D. Ridout* and others, on behalf of the *Canadian Order* of Odd Fellows in connection with the *Manchester* Unity.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,—The Petition of *F. Marchand*, President, and others, on behalf of the Academy of *St. Johns*.

By Mr. *Powell*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of *Lester Ball* and others, of *Sutton* and other Townships.

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

Of *Christian Würtele* and others, Directors of the *Quebec Provident and Savings Bank*; praying for certain amendments to the Act for the establishment of Provident and Savings Banks in this Province.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Louth*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Great Western Railway Company to erect a Station on the east side of the Twenty-Mile Creek in the said Township, and to retain the Bridge across the said Creek in its present state.

Of the President, Directors and Company of the *Louth Harbour*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm and continue to the said Company the rights and privileges granted them by the Act of *Upper Canada 3 Will. 4, cap. 23*.

Of *Henri Lappare*, Notary, and Secretary to the Board of Notaries of *Montreal*; praying for an increase of salary.

Of Mrs. *B. Delisle* and other Ladies, Directresses and Officers of the Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*; praying aid in behalf thereof.

Of *E. L. Pacaud* and others composing the *St. Maurice Bridge Company*; complaining of the proceedings of the Government regarding the said Bridge, whereby the Petitioners have been deprived of their possession thereof, to their great loss and damage, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *E. L. Pacaud*, heretofore of the Town of *Three Rivers*, now of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, Advocate; praying indemnity for his services as Commissioner of Bankrupts for the District of *Three Rivers*, from the 1st April, 1844, to the 17th August, 1847.

Of the Reverend *C. La Rocque* and others, of the County of *St. Johns*; praying for the establishment of a Registry Office in the said County.

Of *A. J. Fergusson*, Esquire, of the Town of *Guelph*, County of *Wellington*; praying that the Petition of *George S. Tiffany* and others, for the passing of an Act to authorize the sale of a certain parcel of land in the Township of *Guelph*, now held in trust, may be granted.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*; praying for aid.

Of *Henry Mulholland*; praying to be indemnified for his attendance as a Witness before an Election Committee during last Session.

Of *J. Beaudet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph* and other places in the County of *Soulanges*; praying for the establishment of a Circuit Court, a Registry Office, and a Municipal Council in the said County, and that the Seat thereof may be at the Village of the Parish of *St. Ignace*, in the said County.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Finch*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge across the River *Nation*, in the said Township.

Of *William Smith*, Chairman, on behalf of himself and the other Provisional Directors of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *Stratford*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company.

Of *William E. N. Byers* and others, of the Townships of *East* and *West Hawkesbury*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Charles Brin* and others; praying for indemnity to all those persons who have been unjustly excluded from the benefits of the Act granting indemnity to Sufferers by the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; praying that the Act incorporating the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company may be so amended as to admit of that Railway being extended on to *Bytown*.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that the Notices have been fully given in each case, viz:—Of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company; of *John Jermy Macaulay*, of the City of *Toronto*, Esquire; of *Robert Brown* and others, Landowners in the fourth Concession of the Township of *Cornwall*; of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; of *A. Rankin*, Esquire, and others; of *Wolfred Nelson*, Esquire, and others, Members of the *British American* Friendly Society of *Canada*; of *C. Lynde*, Chairman, and *J. Welsh*, Secretary, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of *Whitby*; of the *Quebec* Bank; of the Bank of *Montreal*; of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District; of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; of *Charles Jones* and others, of the City of *Toronto*; of *Donald Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Thorah*, County of *Ontario*; and of the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railway Company.

With respect to the Petition of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company for an Act to amend their Act of Incorporation and to change the name of the Company, Your Committee find that Notice has been published at *Port Hope*, but not in the Counties of *Peterborough* or *Ontario*. In consideration, however, of the general nature of the prayer of the Petition, Your Committee beg leave to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule.

The Petition of the Commissioners of the *Port Hope* Harbour prays for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, one of which comprises an extension of the limits of the Harbour: Your Committee find that no Notice has been given of the latter portion of the prayer of the Petition, and inasmuch as the amendment referred to is of such a nature as to require Notice, Your Committee respectfully recommend that that portion of the application be not proceeded with.

The Petition of the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company prays for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and for power to construct a Branch to some point on *Lake Huron*: Your Committee find that sufficient Notice has been given so far as the present line of Railway to *Bytown* is concerned, but not as respects the proposed Branch to *Lake Huron*, they therefore beg leave to recommend that that portion of the Petition be not proceeded upon.

The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex* prays for

authority to the said Council to effect a loan of One hundred and eighty thousand pounds, to consolidate the County Debt; while in the Notice published by the Council the amount of the proposed loan is stated to be One hundred thousand pounds; Your Committee would therefore recommend that in any Act that may be passed upon the subject, the smaller amount be inserted.

With respect to the Petitions of *James Reid*, President, and *F. W. Sherriff*, Secretary, on behalf of the Directors of the *Huntingdon Academy Association*, praying for an Act of Incorporation; of the *Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal*, for an Act to incorporate *Masson College*; of the Reverend *G. Werner* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, for Incorporation of the *German Evangelical Church*; of *R. N. Webber* and others, of the Townships of *Shipton* and *Melbourne*, District of *St. Francis*, for incorporation of *St. Francis College*; of the *Toronto Athenæum*, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation; of the Reverend *J. Fishburn*, Rector, and others, Elders and Members of the *Evangelical Lutheran Church*, for the same rights and privileges as other denominations in the solemnization of Matrimony; of the *Quebec Friendly Society*, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation; and of *Peter Freeland* and others, Members and Friends of the *Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*, for an Act of Incorporation, Your Committee find that none of these Petitions are of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly* be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto Athenæum*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for the erection of an Hotel in the Village of *Windsor*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *James Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Roderick McDonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to define the boundary line between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the Township of *Cornwall*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to vest in *Edward Shortis*, Esquire, the Road or Concession allowance between Lots numbers fifteen and sixteen in the Sixth Concession of the Township of *Thorah*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Coal Company.

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

Ordered, That the Quorum of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the state of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, be reduced to five Members; and that the said Committee have power to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pouliot* and Mr. *Thibaudau* be added to the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill to alter and amend certain provisions of the Act of the Imperial Parliament reuniting the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Pouliot* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intitled, "An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to Agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Pouliot* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intitled, "An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*."

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

On motion of Mr. *Pouliot*, seconded by Mr. *Alleyn*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the Report of the Survey or Surveys that have been made under the direction of the Board of Public Works, at *St. Michel*, in the County of *Bellechasse*, with reference to the construction of a Quay in that locality; and also, of all plans and documents relating thereto.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prévost* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Mason* College of *Terrebonne*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Scatcherd* have leave to bring a Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Rectories.
 He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday the eleventh day of October next.

On motion of Mr. *Darche*, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Correspondence which may have taken place between the Executive Government or any person or persons, and more especially any Inhabitants of the County of *Chambly*, relative to the now last appointments of Justices of the Peace and Commissioners for the trial of Small Causes in the Parish of *Longueuil*, in the said County.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to exempt the Homesteads of Families, when under the value of £——, from forced sales under execution to pay debts.

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

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards the *Amherstburg, St. Thomas, Lincoln, and Niagara River Railways.*

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Road from *Amherstburg* on the *Detroit River*, until it intersects the different lines leading to the *Niagara River*, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. *Stevenson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, and the Question being proposed, That the Letter of the Clerk of this House, laid on the Table by the Honorable the Speaker, in reference to the appointment of an additional Clerk Assistant, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies, with an instruction to report upon the present state of the Departments of this House, and what alterations, if any, may be considered necessary touching the efficiency of those Departments, and also, as to any alterations in the salaries or allowances now granted to the Officers and other *Employés* in the same;

Mr. *Fortier* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Dufresne*, That all the words after "referred" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "to a Committee of five Members, with an instruction to the said Committee to inquire concerning the capacity of each of the Officers and Clerks of this House, and their fitness to discharge their duties in the several offices now respectively held by them, or to which they may be hereafter appointed, with a view to ensure the efficient discharge of the duties devolving upon them" respectively, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for "persons, papers, and records" inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That the Letter of the Clerk of this House, laid on the Table by the Honorable the Speaker, in reference to the appointment of an additional Clerk Assistant, be referred to a Committee of five Members, with an instruction to the said Committee to inquire concerning the capacity of each of the Officers and Clerks of this House, and their fitness to discharge their duties in the several offices now respectively held by them, or to which they may be hereafter appointed, with a view to ensure the efficient discharge of the duties devolving upon them respectively, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Laberge*, Mr. *Brown*, Mr. *Lemieux*, and Mr. *Chapais*, do compose the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate *St. Francis College.*

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

Ordered. That Mr. *Daly* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain per-

sons under the name and style of the *Stratford and Huron* Railway Company.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie and Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill in relation to the solemnization of Matrimony in *Upper Canada*, being read;

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

Then, on motion of Mr. *Daly*, seconded by Mr. *Flint*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 28^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker laid before the House, a Return of the distribution of the Statutes of *Canada*, 1st Session, 4th Parliament, 16 *Victoria*, 1852-3.
For the said Return, see Appendix (W.)

And also, The Accounts of the Trinity House of *Montreal*, to the 19th September, 1854.

For the said Accounts, see Appendix (X.)

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

By Mr. *De Witt*,—The Petition of *Louis Roussy* and others, Members of the Evangelical Society established at *Grande Ligne*, District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; the Petition of *Jacques Viger*, Esquire, President, and the Reverend *A. T. Truteau*, Secretary, on behalf of the Association of the School of *St. Jacques, Montreal*; and the Petition of the Natural History Society of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Rescue* Division, No. 182, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Forest* Division, No. 381; and the Petition of *Ridgetown* Division, No. 190, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of *Alexander Brown* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of *William Workman* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, Merchants.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of the *Quebec* Library Association; and the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Poulin*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *Edouard J. Crevier*, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, Diocese of *St. Hyacinthe*.

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

Of *Lanark* Division, No. 409, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, the Founders of the College of *St. Michel*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *Thomas Jenkins* and others, of the Village of *Vienna*, County of *Elgin*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name and style of the *Otter Creek* Navigation Company.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 14th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of any Lease or Patent leasing certain landed property at or near the *Rondeau*, including fishing grounds, to *John Prince*, Esquire, Queen's Counsel, and of the Orders in Council authorizing the said Lease, the Petition, if any, and any Correspondence on file in the Executive Council Office, or Crown Land Department, relative to the same.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Y.)

Ordered, That Mr. *Marchildon* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Creditors of Public Officers to attach by *Saisie Arrêt* after Judgment, the salaries and emoluments of the said Officers.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prévost* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide in a more certain manner for order in enregistration, and to facilitate enregistrations and searches in the Registry Offices of *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prévost* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *James Ross* have leave of absence for fourteen days.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that two Commissions be issued for the revision, consolidation and classification of the Public General Statutes of the late Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, and of *Canada*, and of the *Ordonnances*; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good any expense that may be required in the execution of the said Commissions.

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

On motion of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all Correspondence between the Governments of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia* and *Prince Edward's Island*, respectively, in relation to the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidney Smith* have leave of absence for two weeks.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave of absence for three weeks.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* have leave of absence for two weeks.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bellingham* have leave of absence for ten days.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to protect the Forest and to prevent the setting of fire to woods with the view of clearing lands.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Freeman* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Freeman* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*."

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

Resolved, That the Proclamation issued by His Excellency the Governor General under the provisions of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 8, relative to the Public Health, and the accompanying documents, which were presented on Monday last, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Frazer*, the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, Mr. *Church*, Mr. *Roderick McDonald*, Mr. *Valois*, Mr. *Blanchet*, and Mr. *Taché*, with a view to inquire into the operation of the said Act, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Rolph* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law of *Upper Canada* with respect to the solemnization and registration of Marriages.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Wright* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony therein.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *McCann* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Huntingdon* Academy.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do call upon the *Montreal and Bytown* Railway Company to lay before this House, without delay, a List of the Names of the present Directors, President, Vice-President, and other Officers of the Company, together with a statement shewing the number of shares subscribed, and the amount already paid on account of the said shares.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to change the name of the *Peterborough and Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the Act incorporating the same.

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

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for a Return of all Debentures issued under the provisions of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund Act, up to the 1st September instant, stating the Names of the Municipalities, the object of each issue, the date of By-Law authorizing the same, the date of issue of Debentures, the place where payable, the time when due, the amount paid to the Receiver General on account of interest and sinking fund in each case, and the amount paid by the Receiver General on account of the same; together with a statement of the proceeds derived from the sale of such Debentures.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry Mulholland* be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal* denominated the *German Evangelical* Church.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*, have leave to report from time to time.

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Town of *London* to raise Sixty thousand pounds to consolidate the Debt of the Town, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of erecting an Hotel in the Town of *London*.

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

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

Your Committee have taken into their consideration the first branch of the duties referred to them, viz: that of causing a renewal of the several Contracts for Printing, Binding, and the supply of Printing Paper.

Your Committee, after mature deliberation, have unanimously agreed to recommend that in future the several Contracts for Printing should be made to apply to a longer period than at present, say, to the whole work of a Parliament, or to that of a complete Session.

To enable Your Committee to carry out this arrangement, they have required that the present Contract for the Sessional Printing shall continue for the remainder of this Session, and recommend that the Contract for the Journals be also continued at a small advance in composition only, which would not be higher in price, in the opinion of Your Committee, than might be expected at present, under the usual competition of Tenders; thus enabling them towards the close of the present Session to make such an alteration in the plan heretofore followed, of entering into Contracts in the middle of a Session for parts of two Sessions, as will authorize the advertizing for Tenders for the whole of the above work and materials, either for a Session from its commencement, or for the remainder of the Parliament, which ever may at the time seem to secure to Your Honorable House this branch of service being performed with the greatest advantage and economy.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Toronto Esplanade Act*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday the twenty-sixth day of October next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of last Session relative to the enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Commit-

tee, composed of Mr. *Charles Daoust*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Loranger*, and Mr. *Ferres*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to compel the attendance of Witnesses upon the Superior Courts in any part of *Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Powell* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Powell* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris 29^o die Septembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Robert Simpson*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Jean Langlois*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Saguenay*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *William Farwell*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, is unobjectionable.

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

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—Two Petitions of the Reverend *David Dunkerly* and others, of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; the Petition of *Louis Richard* and others, of *Stanfold*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Narcisse Pelletier* and others, of the Township of *Stanfold*, County of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Bowes*,—The Petition of the Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, *Toronto*; the Petition of *William Rees*, of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Francis Morrison* and others, of the Parish of *St. Cyprien*.

By Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*,—The Petition of *Peter Freeland* and others, Members and Friends of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *William Adams* and others, of the Township of *Louth*.

By Mr. *Flint*,—The Petition of *C. G. Levesconte* and others; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Belleville*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of *Otterville* Division, No. 257, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of Mrs. *M. L. C. Panet* and other Ladies, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,—The Petition of *George Desbarats* and others, Associates in the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*; and the Petition of the Reverend *F. Tremblay* and others, of the Township of *Stukely*, County of *Shefford*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Members of the *Sherbrooke Library Association*; and the Petition of *J. S. Walton*, of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *James Voller*.

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

Of *P. A. C. Munro* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, Professors of the *Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said School of Medicine.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Malahide*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Southern Union Railway Company.

Of *A. M. Delisle* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to provide a good system of drainage through the said City, in connection with water from the *Lachine Canal*.

Of Sister *Ste. Jeanne de Chantal* and others, Sisters of Mercy, Directresses of *L'Hospice de la Maternité de Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the *New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm or re-enact their Charter,—that aid may be extended them,—and also that the Provincial Guarantee may be granted for the interest on One hundred thousand pounds sterling, of their Bonds, at twenty years.

Of the North Shore Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Company to construct Docks in the River *St. Charles*.

Of the North Shore Railroad Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Gideon Smith* and others, of the Township of *Glanford*; of *John Downey* and others, of *Danville* and vicinity, in the Township of *Shipton*, County of *Sherbrooke*; of *Gardner Church* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; and of *Catherine Anderson* and others, Daughters of Temperance, and others; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Lester Ball* and others, of *Sutton* and other Townships; praying that the Townships of *Sutton*, *Potton*, *Bolton*, *Brome*, and the east part of *Farnham*, may be set apart as a separate County, under the name of the County of *Brome*.

Of *John Young* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; representing that their properties were destroyed by the falling of the Rock in *Champlain Street*, Lower Town, *Quebec*, whereby they have been left destitute, and praying for aid in the premises.

Of *Lady Caldwell* and others, the Ladies Managers of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec* in connection with the Church of *England*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *L. Lauvière* and others, the School Commissioners of the Village of *St. Michel*, County of *Bellchasse*; praying for aid in behalf of a High School established in the said Village.

Of *T. H. Pacaud*, of the Parish of *St. Maurice*, Esquire, Justice of the Peace for the District of *Three Rivers*; complaining that the Government have unjustly dispossessed him of the *St. Maurice Bridge*, and carried on an Action of Law for that purpose, and praying for the discontinuance of the said Action, and indemnity for the loss he has already sustained by the said proceedings.

Of *George Blais* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jean Port Joli*, and *St. Roch des Aulnets*; praying for the construction of a wharf or pier.

Of *A. J. Parker* and others, of *Danville* and its vicinity; praying for aid in behalf of the *Danville High School*.

Of the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*; praying for aid.

Of *Joseph D. Ridout* and others, on behalf of the *Canadian* Order of Odd Fellows in connection with the *Manchester* Unity; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *F. Marchand*, President, and others, on behalf of the Academy of *St. Johns*; praying for aid.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; praying for the passing of an Act creating the said Town a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that the requisite Notices have been given, in each case, viz:—Of *Thomas Jenkins* and others, of the Village of *Vienna*, County of *Elgin*; of *Bartholomew Galvin*, of the Town of *London*; of the President and Directors of the City Bank of *Montreal*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Otonabee*; of the Provincial Insurance Company of the City of *Toronto*; and of the President, Directors and Company of the *Louth* Harbour.

On the Petition of the *Montreal* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company, praying for certain amendments to their Charter, the only Notice proved before Your Committee is that in the *Canada Gazette*. The Committee have examined the amendments proposed to be made, and finding them to be of a general nature, they beg to recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

On the Petitions of *Andrew Stuart*, Esquire, and others, of *Quebec*, for incorporation of the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company,—and of *James Douglas* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, for incorporation of the *Megantic* Mining Company, Your Committee find that the parties, in both instances, propose to carry on their operations in the Districts of *Quebec* and *St. Francis*, while their Notices have been published in the District of *Quebec* only. Your Committee therefore beg to recommend that both Companies be required to confine their operations to the District of *Quebec*.

The Petition of *John Sharples*, Esquire, and others, the Committee of Management of the Congregation of Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the *English* language, praying for an Act of Incorporation, is not of such a nature, in the opinion of Your Committee, as to require a Notice under the 62nd Rule.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooke* have leave of absence for two weeks.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the time for completing the *Louth* Harbour.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Sorel*, *Drummondville*, and *Richmond* Railway Company.

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

and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday the thirteenth day of October next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange certain Concession Lines in the said Township.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Southwick* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the *Otter Creek Navigation Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish and confirm the original Survey of the Concession Lines in the Township of *Niagara*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Megantic Mining Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill for the relief of *Bartholomew Galvin*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the *English* language.

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

Ordered, That so much of the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works as has reference to the management of the Public Revenue, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company.

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

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

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

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being put, That a Committee of five Members be appointed, with directions to draft and report a Bill providing that the Members of the Legislative Assembly, at all stated General Elections, shall be nominated on one and the same day throughout *Canada*, and that the Election days in cases of contests shall be the same in every Constituency; as also, that a reasonable time, to be stated in the Bill, shall intervene before an Election, in case of any dissolution of the Legislative Assembly before the expiration of its stated term; and that when any Legislature shall have expired at the close of its term, the then next ensuing Election shall always take place at a time of the year convenient for the electors, and to be named in the Bill to be reported by the said Committee; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	24. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Chauveau.</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Church.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Blanchet.</i>	<i>Crawford.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Boucs,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	36. <i>Taché.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Charles Smallwood*, M.D., Secretary-Treasurer of the *Terrebonne Agricultural Society*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the state of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* be added to the Standing Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Crawford* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*, and the Question being put, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*;

The House divided:

Yeas, 18.

Nays, 33.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

Resolved, That the following humble Address be presented to Her Majesty:—
To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please Your Majesty,

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, beg leave respectfully to address Your Majesty, praying that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to direct a Bill to be introduced at the next Session of the Imperial Parliament, to repeal so much of the Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the fifth year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *George* the Second, intituled, "An Act for the more easy recovery of Debts in His Majesty's Plantations and Colonies in *America*," and also of an Act of the Imperial Parliament passed in the fifth and sixth years of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William* the Fourth, intituled, "An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session of Parliament, intituled, "An Act for the more effectual abolition of Oaths and Affirmations taken and made in various Departments of the State, and to substitute Declarations in lieu thereof, and for the more entire suppression of voluntary and extra-judicial Oaths and Affidavits, and to make other provisions for the abolition of unnecessary Oaths," as enables Your Majesty, Your Heirs or Successors, or any person residing in *Great Britain* or *Ireland*, to make proof of any matter or thing relating to any debt or account claimed to be owing by or due from any person or persons in this Province, or relating to any lands, tenements, hereditaments, or other property, situate, lying or being within this Province, by Oath or Declaration as in the said Statutes mentioned.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return in detail of the sums received and expended by the Commissioners of the *Toronto* Harbour, from the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, to the thirtieth day of September instant.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to afford relief and make compensation to persons who, as Tenants under Emphyteotic Leases, improve the houses and buildings in obedience to certain By-Laws of the City of *Quebec*, passed for the prevention of accidents by fire.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Freeman* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock.

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

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by Mr. *Fortier*, and the Question being put, That this House disapproves of the Warrant of the Honorable the Speaker appointing the Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, Member for the County of *Lincoln*; *Antoine Polotte*, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Three Rivers*; *John Langton*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Peterborough*; *John Sewall Sanborn*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Compton*; *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Esquire, Member for the Town of *Niagara*; and the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Member for the County of *Glenarry*, all Members of this House, to compose the General Committee of Elections for the present Session, and laid on the table of this House on the twenty-sixth instant; but in so far only as the said Warrant relates to and appoints the said *John Sandfield Macdonald* as one of the said Committee; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow:

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Morin.</i>	18. <i>Taché.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Fournier.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bovcs.</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Langton.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon.</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Wright.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Guèvremont.</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	43. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to compel the attendance of Witnesses upon the Superior Courts in any part of *Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Powell* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Freeman*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "recommended to a Committee of the whole House, with a view of amending" the same, by extending the powers therein conferred on Judges of the Superior "Courts with reference to applications in the first instance for Subpœnas to the "County Court Judges in *Upper Canada*" inserted instead thereof:

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pouell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>21. Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>
<i>Chupais,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Chanveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McDonald, Rodk.</i>	<i>34. Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>34. Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chanveau,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>13. Wright.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to 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.*"

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Mouday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ 2^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the Returning Officer for the City of *Kingston*, (*James Durand*, Esquire,) appointed by Commission, for the election of a Member to represent the said City of *Kingston* in the Legislative Assembly, in the present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *John Alexander Macdonald* who, since his election as the Representative of the said City of *Kingston*, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of Attorney General for that part of the Province of *Canada* called *Upper Canada*, by means whereof the seat of the said Honorable *John Alexander Macdonald* as the Representative of the said City of *Kingston* had become vacant, the Honorable *John Alexander Macdonald* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-eighth day of the said month of September last, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,

Québec, 2nd October, 1854,

Félix Fortier,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Frontenac*, *Lenox*, and

Addington, (*Thomas A. Corbett*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex-officio* for the County of *Frontenac*, for the election of a Member to represent the said County of *Frontenac* in the Legislative Assembly, in the present Parliament, in the room and place of *Henry Smith*, the younger, Esquire, who, since his election as the Representative of the said County of *Frontenac*, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of Solicitor General for that part of the Province of *Canada* called *Upper Canada*, by means whereof the seat of the said *Henry Smith*, the younger, Esquire, as the Representative of the said County of *Frontenac*, had become vacant, *Henry Smith*, the younger, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twenty-eighth day of the said month of September last past, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 2nd October, 1854,
Félix Fortier,
Clerk of the Crown of Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Jean Dion*, of the City of *Quebec*, Pilot.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of *Sheffington Connor* and others, late Professors of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto*.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *Samuel Phillips*, of the City of *Montreal*, Teacher; and the Petition of the Medical Faculty of *McGill College*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of the *Fonthill Library Association and Mechanics' Institute* of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *Ferrand Smith* and others, of the Township of *Canborough*, County of *Haldimand*.

By Mr. *Casault*,—The Petition of *Eucher Dion* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas* and Township of *Montminy*, County of *Montmagny*.

By Mr. *Larwill*,—The Petition of *William Boylan* and others, of *Dawn*, *Euphemina*, and the *Gore* of *Camden*.

By Mr. *Charles Daoust*,—The Petition of *F. E. H. Pelletier* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Eustache*, County of *Trois Mountains*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Clerk and other Officers and Servants of this House.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the North Shore Railway Company.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *Michael Mulligan* and others, of the Township of *Ross*, and other places in the County of *Renfrew*; and the Petition of *W. Radford* and others, of the Township of *Clarendon*, County of *Pontiac*.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of *C. Alleyn*, Esquire, and others interested in the Trade, Steam and General Navigation, and Agriculture, in the Districts of *Montreal* and *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, Curé of *Chambly*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *Félix E. Juneau*, Teacher, of *St. Roch's*, *Quebec*.

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

Of *Louis Roussy* and others, Members of the Evangelical Society established at *Grand Ligne*, District of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Evangelical Society of *La Grande Ligne*.

Of the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the City of *Montreal*; praying aid for the construction of a School House in the *Quebec* Suburbs of the said City.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying for certain amendments to the Law regulating the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes.

Of *Jacques Viger*, Esquire, President, and the Reverend *A. F. Truteau*, Secretary, on behalf of the Association of the School of *St. Jacques, Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Natural History Society of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of *Rescue* Division, No. 182; of *Forest* Division, No. 381; of *Ridgetown* Division, No. 190; and of *Otterville* Division, No. 257, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *Alexander Brown* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*; and of the Reverend *David Dunkerly* and others, of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *William Workman* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, Merchants; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company.

Of the *Quebec* Library Association; praying for aid.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate in one Act the Acts and Ordinances incorporating the said City.

Of the Reverend *Edouard J. Crevier*, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, Diocese of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying aid for a College and Convent established by him in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *Edouard J. Crevier*, of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, Diocese of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the *College de Monnoir*.

Of the Reverend *David Dunkerly* and others, of *Durham*, County of *Drummond*; praying for aid in behalf of *Durham* High School.

Of *Louis Richard* and others, of *Stanford*; praying that compensation be granted to Jurors attending the Courts in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Reverend *Narcisse Pelletier* and others, of the Township of *Stanford*, County of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*; praying for certain amendments to the Tavern License Laws for the suppression of Intemperance.

Of the Managers of the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society, *Toronto*; praying for aid.

Of *William Rees*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for an Act of Incorporation for a Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Of the Reverend *Francis Morrison* and others, of the Parish of *St. Cyprien*; praying that the claim of the *Fabrique* of the said Parish for compensation for loss sustained during the Rebellion of 1837-8 may be granted.

Of *Peter Freeland* and others, Members and Friends of the *Upper Canada* Bible Society; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Society.

Of *William Adams* and others, of the Township of *Louth*; praying that the Petition of the Municipality of the said Township for an Act to authorize the Great Western Railway Company to erect a Station on the east side of the Twenty-Mile Creek, in the said Township, and to retain the Bridge across the said Creek in its present state, may not be granted.

Of *C. G. Levesconte* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Moir* Works, for the manufacture of locomotives and other machinery.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Belleville*; praying for the passing of an Act granting to the said Town Council the right of Ferriage across the Bay of

Quinté, from *Belleville* aforesaid to the Township of *Amherstburg*, County of *Prince Edward*.

Of Mrs. *M. L. C. Panet* and other Ladies, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Lying-in Hospital of *St. Joseph*.

Of *George Desbarats* and others, Associates in the *St. Laurence Mining Company*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Reverend *F. Tremblay* and others, of the Township of *Stukely*, County of *Shefford*; praying for the passing of an Act of Betterment, whereby settlers without titles shall receive compensation for improvements made by them on the lands of absentees.

Of the Members of the *Sherbrooke Library Association*; praying for aid.

Of *J. S. Walton*, of *Sherbrooke*; praying payment of a certain amount due him as Clerk of the District Council of the late District of *Sherbrooke*.

Of *James Voller*; praying for a pension in consideration of his long services as a Messenger to the Legislative Assembly.

Of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of *St. Michael's College*, in the Diocese of *Toronto*.

The Honorable *William Hamilton Merritt*, *John Langton*, Esquire, *Joseph Curran Morrison*, Esquire, and the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, being four of the Members appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, severally took the following Oath:

I do swear that I will truly and faithfully perform the duties belonging to a Member of the General Committee of Elections, without fear or favor, to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

Mr. Speaker appointed To-morrow at Ten of the clock in the forenoon, in Committee Room No. 3, for the first meeting of the General Committee of Elections.

On motion of the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

Ordered, That the Corrected Alphabetical List of Members to serve on Election Committees, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Daniel Anderson*, of the Township of *South Dumfries*, in the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, Esquire, and others, Electors in the said East Riding of the said County, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said East Riding of the County of *Brant*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Benjamin Seymour*, of *Bath*, in the Incorporated County of *Lenox* and *Addington*, Esquire, and others, Electors for the said County, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Greaves Clapham*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the *Louth Harbour*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to exempt the tools or implements of any Debtor's 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, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until To-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, *George Honoré Simard*, of the same place, Esquire, Merchant, and *Hypolite Dubord*, of the same place, Esquire, Merchant, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, complaining of an undue Election and Return of *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, one of the Members for the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas Devaney*, of the Township of *Inverness*, in the County of *Megantic*, Farmer, *Adam Bailey* and *John Ross*, both of the Township of *Leeds*, in the same County, Farmers, and *Robert Rickaby*, *William Gunston*, *William F. Rickaby*, and *John Smith*, all of the Township of *Inverness* aforesaid, Farmers, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Members of the *Sherbrooke* Library Association be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, informing His Excellency that this House has voted an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be pleased to cause a Bill to be brought into Parliament at its next Session, for the repeal, so far as regards this Province, of certain enactments in two Acts of the Imperial Parliament mentioned in the said Address, enabling persons residing in the United Kingdom to make proof of debts or claims on parties or property in Her Majesty's Plantations or Colonies in *America*, by Oath or Declaration in the manner mentioned in the said Acts; and praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the said Address to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Assessment Laws of *Upper Canada* in so far as they prejudice the interests of Agriculture.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the Property Qualification of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

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

and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday the eleventh day of October instant.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to abolish the Right of Primogeniture, and to afford relief to parties succeeding to the Real Estate of persons dying intestate in certain cases in *Upper Canada.*

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Laurin*, Notary Public, and heretofore Member of Parliament for the County of *Lotbinière*, residing in the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, in the County of *Quebec*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, Esquire, Advocate, of the City of *Quebec*, a Candidate for the County of *Montmagny* at the last General Election, and as such duly qualified, and *François Tétu*, Esquire, Provincial Surveyor, and *Magloire Tétu*, Cultivator, both of the Parish of *St. Thomas*, District of *Quebec*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmagny*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cryslar* have leave of absence for fifteen days, on account of illness in his family.

Ordered, That Mr. *Flint* have leave of absence for fifteen days.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* have leave of absence for ten days, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Farwell*, of the Township of *Melbourne*, in the County of *Sherbrooke*, in the Province of *Canada*, Yeoman, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Robert Simpson*, of the Village and Parish of *St. Andrews*, alias *Saint Andrews*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, in the Province of *Canada*, Esquire, a qualified recognized Candidate for the representation of the said County in Parliament now sitting, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the said County, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend an Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be printed, in addition to the Documents mentioned in an Address of this House, such of the Documents as have been obtained from the Public Archives in *Paris* and in *London*, and are now in manuscript in the Library of Parliament, and in the Library of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*, or may be procured hereafter, as shall be found of sufficient interest in a legal or historical point of view; and also to cause to be reprinted such of the Works published on the early History of the Country as may be of great value and have become very scarce; the said Works or Documents to be printed in such form and with such notes and maps as may be found proper; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the necessary expense to be incurred for the aforesaid objects.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Standing Orders, to inquire and report as to whether or not the Petitions presented during the last Session of the fourth Parliament, praying for the passing of measures of a private nature, may serve during the present Session for the introduction of such measures; and whether it is necessary that such Petitions be referred by Order of this House to the said Standing Committee, or what other mode of proceeding should be adopted to bring the said Petitions under the consideration of the said Standing Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the "*Quebec Friendly Society*."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts regulating the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, and to provide for the election of Jurors by the Municipal Councils.

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

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday the twenty-fifth instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts to secure the Independence of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the twenty-third day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of Merchants, Traders, and others, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the twenty-third day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinances relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Montreal*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the sixteenth day of October instant.

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

Martis, 3^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

ANTOINE POLETTE, Esquire, one other Member appointed by Mr. Speaker, to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, took the following Oath:

I do swear that I will truly and faithfully perform the duties belonging to a Member of the General Committee of Elections, without fear or favor, to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Thomas Mackie* and others; and the Petitions of *Eluood Hughes* and others, of the Township of *Whitchurch*, County of *York*.

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of *Lobo* Division, No 395, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *Westwood* Division, No. 206, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of *Charles Perry* and others, Mill-owners, and others residing in and near the Town of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of the Officers and Members of the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society.

By Mr. *Wright*,—The Petition of *James Draper* and others, of the Township of *Markham*; and the Petition of *Salem Eckardt* and others, of the Township of *Markham*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *S. J. Gemmill* and others, of *Elizabethtown* and *Young*.

By Mr. *Jackson*,—The Petition of *John Bruce* and others, of the Township of *Brant*, and of the Village of *Walkerstown*, County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of *Sidney Warner* and others, of the Township of *Ernesttown*.

By Mr. *Dostaler*,—The Petition of *Charles Forneret* and *William Morrison*, Trustees of the Dissident School of *Berthier*, District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Masson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *T. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace da Coteau du Lac*, County of *Soulanges*; and the Petition of *John J. Loy*, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Soulanges*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Broch* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *A. M. Arthur* and others, of the Township of *Beckwith*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Turnkeys employed in the *Montreal* Goal and House of Correction.

The Honorable Mr. *Chabot* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, and the Question being put, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Tuesday next; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Boues,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Cusault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McKerlic,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Shaw.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Danust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	59. <i>Young.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	6. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Darclie,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Pouliot* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws for the prevention of damages to and deterioration of property either under seizure or hypothecation, to the prejudice of the seizing or hypothecary creditor.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean Langlois*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, Advocate, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Saguenay*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *William Workman* and others, and find that the Notice has been fully given.

Your Committee have examined the Petition of the Town Council of *Bytown*, for an Act to erect the said Town into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*, and find that sufficient Notice was given so far as the incorporation of the said Town is concerned; but the name of the proposed City is stated therein to be *Queensborough*, while in the Petition the name is given as the City of *Ottawa*.

With respect to the Petition of *P. A. C. Munro* and others, Physicians and Surgeons, Professors of the *Montreal* School of Medicine and Surgery, praying for amendments to the Act incorporating the said School of Medicine, Your Committee find that the Notices have been given for the District of *Montreal* only, while the amendments proposed are of such a nature as to affect the whole of *Lower Canada*;

the majority of Your Committee, however, are of opinion that Your Honorable House should be advised to consider the Notice sufficient.

On the Petition of the *New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company*, praying for an Act to confirm their Charter, &c., Your Committee find that no Notice has been given; but in a matter of this nature, in which private interests cannot be injuriously affected, Your Committee have no hesitation in recommending that the 62nd Rule be suspended.

The Petitions of *Mrs. M. L. C. Panet* and other Ladies of the City of *Quebec*, for incorporation of the Lying-in Hospital of *St. Joseph*; of *Louis Roussy* and others, Members of the Evangelical Society established at *Grande Ligne*, District of *Montreal*, for an Act of Incorporation; of *Peter Freeland* and others, Members and Friends of the *Upper Canada Bible Society*; of *William Rees*, of the City of *Toronto*, for incorporation of a Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals; of the Reverend *Edouard J. Crevier*, of the Parish of *St. Marie de Monnoir*, Diocese of *St. Hyacinthe*, for incorporation of the College of *St. Marie de Monnoir*; of *Joseph D. Ridout* and others, on behalf of the *Canadian Order of Odd Fellows* in connection with the *Manchester Unity*, for an Act of Incorporation; and of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic Bishop of Toronto*, for incorporation of *St. Michael's College*, Your Committee find to be of such a nature as not to require a Notice.

Your Committee have considered the Instruction of Your Honorable House “to inquire and report as to whether or not the Petitions presented during the last Session of the fourth Parliament, praying for the passing of measures of a private nature, may serve during the present Session for the introduction of such measures; and whether it is necessary that such Petitions be referred by Order of Your Honorable House to this Committee, or what other mode of proceeding should be adopted to bring the said Petitions under the consideration of this Committee:” Your Committee are of opinion that Petitions presented to Parliament during one Session cannot form the basis of legislation in a succeeding Session; and this objection will have still more force when a dissolution has taken place in the interval. It is possible that by pursuing such a course injustice might be done, from Petitioners having been induced to change their opinions in the mean time, whilst no inconvenience can result from requiring new Petitions which, if the subject is important enough to require legislation, may easily be obtained.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes in *Montreal*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause suitable means to be adopted by which the natural products and manufactures of *Canada* may be represented in the World's Fair, to be held in *Paris*, in the year 1855.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Poulin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the College of *Monnoir*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* have leave to bring in a Bill to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*.

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

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate the *Canada, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company*.

Ordered. That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada Ocean Steam Navigation Company*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canadian Order of Odd Fellows* in connection with the *Manchester Unity*.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey or demise certain Lands held by him in trust, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Coal Company*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-fourth day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to exempt the tools or implements of any Debtor's 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, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Tuesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

The House adjourned until Tuesday next.

Martis, 10^o die Octobris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the Returning Officer for the City of *Hamilton* (*Hugh C. Baker*, Esquire,) appointed by Commission, for the election of a Member to represent the said City of *Hamilton* in the Legislative Assembly, in the present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, Knight, who, since his election as the Representative of the said City of *Hamilton*, had excepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of President of Committees of the Honorable the Executive Council of the Province of *Canada*, by means whereof the seat of the said Honorable Sir *Allan Napier MacNab*, Knight, as the Representative of the said City of *Hamilton* had become vacant, *Allan Napier MacNab*, Knight, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the second day of October instant, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 9th October, 1854.

Félix Fortier,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire.
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker also acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, (*John McDonald*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex officio* for the said United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce* for the election of a Member to represent the said United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in this present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *William Cayley* who, since his election as the Representative of the said United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, had excepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of Inspector General of the said Province, by means whereof the seat of the said Honorable *William Cayley*, as the Representative of the said United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, had become vacant, the Honorable *William Cayley* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the fourth day of October instant, which is now lodged of record in my Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 10th October, 1854.

Félix Fortier,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

John Sanborn, Esquire, one other Member appointed by Mr. Speaker to serve on the General Committee of Elections, and not objected to by the House, took the following Oath:

I do swear that I will truly and faithfully perform the duties belonging to a Member of the General Committee of Elections, without fear or favor, to the best of my judgment and ability. So help me God.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Returns from the Registrars of the following Counties in *Upper Canada*, viz.: *Brant, Dundas, Elgin, Frontenac, Glengarry, Haldimand, Lambton, Lenox and Addington, Lincoln, Middlesex, Ontario, Peel, Peterborough and Victoria, Russel, Wellington, and York*, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th September last.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (Z.)

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House,—Returns from the following Religious and Philanthropic, Educational and Literary and Scientific Incorporations, viz.:—College of *St. Marie* at *Montreal*, for the Scholastic year 1853-54; *Berthier Academy* for the years 1851-2 and 3; Friends' Seminary at *Hallowell*, on 15th September, 1854; *Canada Baptist Missionary Society*, 18th September, 1854; *Canada Military Asylum* for the year ending 30th June, 1854; *L'Academie Industrielle de St. Laurent*, 1854; *Sœurs de la Charité de Québec*, 19th September, 1854; *Sœurs de Ste. Croix*, 1854; *Canadian Institute* at *Toronto*, for the years 1852 and 1853; *Mechanics' Institute of Toronto*, 18th September, 1854; *Mechanics' Institute of Montreal*, 19th September, 1854; and *Quebec Library Association*, 1853; received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th September last.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (A.A.)

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

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Glengarry Division*, No. 21, and the Petition of *Pecrless Division*, No. 130, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of *William Smith* and others, of the Village of *Martintown*; and the Petition of *Daniel Kennedy* and others, of the North-west of *Glengarry*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *M. Dorval* and others, of the County of *Montcalm*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Neill* and others, of the Township of *Howard* and other places; the Petition of *Thomas F. Park* and others, of the County of *Essex*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Gosfield*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Harwich*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dover*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *West Tilbury*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *East Tilbury*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Romney*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Mersea*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Colchester*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Raleigh*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Malden*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Town of *Amherstburg*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Sandwich*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Maidstone*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Rochester*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Anderdon*; the Petition of *Thomas Merritt* and others, of *St. Catharines*; the Petition of *W. Pierce Howland*, of the Township of *York*, County of *York*, miller; and the Petition of *Nicholas Lake* and others, of the North Riding of the County of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *P. Blanchet* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Pierre Blanchet*, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. T. Fortier* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Nicolet*; the Petition of the Reverend *L. T. Fortier* and others, Trustees for the erection of a Schoolhouse in the Parish of *Nicolet*; and the Petition of *T. Trigge* and others, on behalf of the Inhabitants of *Nicolet*, and other places.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *Richard Coleman* and others, of the Village of *Lyn*, *Canada West*.

By Mr. *Laporte*,—The Petition of the Reverend *François P. Porlier* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe aux Trembles*, District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Powell*,—The Petition of *Richmond* Division, No. 142, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Freeman*,—The Petition of *John Young* and others.

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of *Henry Edwards* and others, of *Lobo*, *Canada West*.

By Mr. *Ferres*,—Two Petitions of the City of *Toronto* Water Company; and the Petition of the *Megantic* Junction Railway and Navigation Company.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *James Wallace* and others, of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of *Joseph Pennoyer*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, Land Surveyor.

By Mr. *Gill*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Josephite Grenier* and Mrs. *Luce Bergeron*, Teachers, of the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Yamaska*; and the Petition of *Leon Rousseau* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Yamaska*.

By Mr. *Casault*,—The Petition of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the *Montreal* Horticultural Society.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Hydraulic* Division, No. 90, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Guéremont*,—The Petition of *James Kelly* and others, of *Ste. Victoire*; and the Petition of *John George Crebassa* and others, of the Borough of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of Mrs. *M. Lunn* and other Ladies, Directresses of the University Lying-in Hospital of *Montreal*; and two Petitions of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Holton*,—Two Petitions of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; and the Petition of *William McClarty* and others of *Pike River*, County of *Missisquoi*.

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of *John Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; the Petition of *G. W. Ball* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; the Petition of *James Haggertie* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon*; the Petition of *Marcus Dimond* and others, of the Township of *Elgiver*; and the Petition of *George Howell* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *Emma Brown* and other Ladies of the Eastern Townships; the Petition of *Levi R. Dean* and others, of *Hereford*, County of *Compton*; and the Petition of *S. A. Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Eaton* and vicinity, County of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petition of *Thomas C. Allis* and others, of *Shipton*, County of *Sherbrooke*; the Petition of *Scwell Scofield* and others, of *Sutton*; the Petition of *Thomas Donegan*, of the Township of *Tingwick*, County of *Drummond*; and the Petition of *William Brown* and others, of *Kingsey*, County of *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of the Literary and Temperance Association of the Village of *Scotland*, County of *Brant*.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Bedard* and others, of the Counties of *Napierville* and *Luprairie*.

By Mr. *Wright*,—The Petition of *Henry Bull* and others, of the Village of *Markham*.

By Mr. *Southwick*—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dunwich*; and the Petition of *Elijah C. Bens* and others, Stockholders in the *Port Bruce Harbour Company*.

By Mr. *Charles Daoust*,—The Petition of the Reverend Messire *Charland*, on behalf of the Nuns of the sacred Names of *Jesus* and *Mary*, of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. Martineau* and others, of *St. Joseph* and other places situated on the *Kennebec* Road; and the Petition of *J. O. C. Arcand* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Joseph* and *St. Frederic de la Beauce*, County of *Beauce*, and of the Township of *Broughton*, County of *Megantic*.

By Mr. *Lenieux*,—The Petition of *Claurent Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*.

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

Of *Jean Dion*, of the City of *Quebec*, Pilot; complaining of his illegal arrest and improper treatment by certain Policemen of the said City, and of the subsequent proceedings of the Inspector and Superintendent of Police with reference thereto, and also of the refusal of the Executive Government to institute inquiry in the premises; and praying that inquiry may be made into the conduct of *John Maguire*, Esquire, the said Inspector and Superintendent, in order to his dismissal from the said office.

Of *Skeffington Connor* and others, late Professors of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto*; praying for the re-establishment of the Faculties of Law and Medicine in the said University, or otherwise that they may receive compensation for their sudden dismissal therefrom.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*; praying that Municipalities holding Stock in the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railway Company, may be authorized to vote thereon the same as private individuals.

Of *Samuel Phillips*, of the City of *Montreal*, Teacher; praying for aid to establish his School, known as the *St. Urbain* Street Academy, upon a permanent basis.

Of the Medical Faculty of *McGill* College; praying for aid.

Of the *Fouthill* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute of the County of *Welland*: praying for aid.

Of *Ferrand Smith* and others, of the Township of *Canborough*, County of *Haldimand*; of *Elwood Hughes* and others, of the Township of *Whitchurch*, County of *York*; of *Lobo* Division, No. 395; of *Westwood* Division, No. 206, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *James Draper* and others, of the Township of *Markham*; of *Salem Echardt* and others, of the Township of *Markham*; of *S. J. Gemmill* and others, of *Elizabethtown* and *Young*; of *John Bruce* and others, of the Township of *Brant*, and of the Village of *Walkerstown*, County of *Bruce*; of *Sidney Warner* and others, of the Township of *Ernesttown*; of the Reverend *James Brock* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; and of *A. M. Arthur* and others, of the Township of *Beckwith*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Eucher Dion* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thomas* and Township of *Montminy*, in the County of *Montmagny*; praying aid for the construction of a Road to the said Township, to promote the settlement thereof.

Of *William Boylan* and others, of *Dawn*, *Euphenia* and the *Gore* of *Camden*; praying that the lands from Lots 19 to 24, on the River *Sydenham*, in the *Gore* of

Camden, may be attached to the Township of *Dawn*, to which they originally belonged.

Of *F. E. H. Pelletier* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Eustache*, County of *Two Mountains*; praying aid to erect the Elementary School in the said Parish into a Model School or Academy.

Of the Clerk and other Officers and Servants of this House; representing that the great changes which have taken place of late in the value of money, and the increased prices of the necessaries of life, have reduced the actual value of their salaries, rendering them inadequate to the necessities of the times; and praying that certain Resolutions, adopted in Committee of the whole House during the Session of 1852-3, may be declared to be in full force, and for such further relief as the House may deem meet.

Of the North Shore Railway Company; representing that their original Stock-Book was destroyed by fire at the burning of the Parliament Buildings at *Quebec*, in January last, and praying for the passing of an Act to authenticate a copy of the said Stock-Book.

Of *Michael Mulligan* and others, of the Township of *Ross*, and other places in the County of *Renfrew*; praying aid for the construction of a Road from the Village of *Cobden*, in the said Township, to the Village of *Eganville*, in the Township of *Grattan*.

Of *W. Radford* and others, of the Township of *Clarendon*, County of *Pontiac*; praying aid for the construction of a Road from *Aylmer* to the *Calumet*.

Of *C. Alley*, Esquire, and others interested in the Trade, Steam and General Navigation, and Agriculture, in the Districts of *Montreal* and *Quebec*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at the old *Bic* Harbour.

Of the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, Curé of *Chambly*; praying for the construction of a Seminary for the education of Females in the said Parish.

Of *Félix E. Juneau*, Teacher, of *St. Roch's*, *Quebec*; praying an annual grant in behalf of his School.

Of *Thomas Mackie* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Canada Copper Company*.

Of *Charles Perry* and others, Millowners, and others residing in and near the Town of *Peterborough*; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Tram or Railroad from the Mills in that neighbourhood to the terminus of the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough* Railway.

Of the Officers and Members of the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Charles Forneret* and *William Morrison*, Trustees of the Dissident School of *Berthier*, District of *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf of the said School.

Of the Reverend *T. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, County of *Soulanges*; praying aid for the establishment of a College, to be called the College of *Coteau du Lac*.

Of *John J. Loy*, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Soulanges*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Medical Board of this Province to admit him to the practice of Medicine and Surgery.

Of the Turnkeys employed in the *Montreal* Goal and House of Correction; praying for increased wages.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Louis Roussy* and others, Members of the Evangelical Society established at *Grande Ligne*, District of *Montreal*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Frazer*, Mr. *Ferres*, Mr. *Holton*, and Mr. *Sumborn*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitney* have leave of absence for fifteen days.

Ordered, That the leave of absence granted to Mr. *Chisholm* be extended until Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, Notary Public, lately a Candidate at the Election for the choice of a Member to represent the said County in the present Provincial Parliament of this Province, and as such duly qualified, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Clerk and other Officers and Servants of this House, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 14th ultimo, for Statements of Sales and Revenue of the Seignior of *Lauzon*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (B. B.)

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jean Dion*, of the City of *Quebec*, Pilot, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the time fixed by the Rules of the House for receiving Petitions for Private or Local Bills be extended to the 24th instant; for receiving Private or Local Bills to the 6th of November next; and for receiving Reports of Standing or Special Committees on such Private or Local Bills to the 20th of November next.

Mr. *Masson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Laporte*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all Reports of the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, from the first of January last, and all documents accompanying the same;

The House divided :

Yeas, 24.

Nays, 34.

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Poulin* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of County Courts in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowes* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *St. Michael's College* in the City of *Toronto*.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council request this 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.

And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That this House will send an answer to the said Message, by Messengers of their own.

And the Master in Chancery was again called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith.

And then he again withdrew.

Ordered, That the Return relative to *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, which was presented on the 25th September last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Crawford* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain the Act 16 Vic. cap. 184.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Valois* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Jobin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts and Ordinance concerning the civil erection of Parishes, and the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Churchyards, with respect to the levying of monies for the purposes mentioned in the said Acts and Ordinance.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act relative to Savings Banks in this Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Casault* have leave to bring in a Bill for the prevention of Intemperance in this Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *McKerlie* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of Crown Prosecutors in the Counties of *Upper Canada*.

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

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

make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*.

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

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.

On motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Pouliot*,

Resolved, That during the remainder of the Session no Member shall have the right to speak longer than three quarters of an hour on the same Question.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke* into a separate Municipality, and to establish a Registry Office therein, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the seventeenth day of October instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 27th ultimo, for copies of all Papers relative to appointments of Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Small Causes in the Parish of *Longueuil*, having reference to the last appointments made.

For the said Return, see Appendix (C.C.)

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau* also presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Inspectors of the Provincial Penitentiary, for 1853.

For the said Report, see Appendix (D.D.)

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws in relation to the crimes of Forgery and False Personation, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enforce the enregis-

tration of Titles to Lands in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, being read ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Interpretation Act in so far as it relates to Holidays, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-fourth day October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law of Patents for Inventions, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the sale of certain lands described as Lots numbers five and six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the reinvestment of the proceeds for the object of the trust, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*," to *Lower Canada*, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to protect the *Employés* of the Government of this Province in certain Departments of the Public Service, from being compelled to labor on the Lord's Day, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to secure the more convenient assembling of the Provincial Parliament, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Masson* College at *Terrebonne*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guclph*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate *St. Francis* College, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee of Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Road from *Amherstburg* on the *Detroit* River, until it intersects the different lines leading to the *Niagara* River, and for other purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to alter and amend certain provisions of the Act of the Imperial Parliament re-uniting the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday the twenty-seventh day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and *Vermont* Junction Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to exempt the tools or implements of any Debtor's 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, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Frazer* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts in *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 11^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House—Returns from the following Incorporated Banks, Loan Companies, Savings Banks, and Insurance Companies, viz.:—*Canadian* Branches of the Bank of *British North America*, 15th September, 1854; Commercial Bank of the Midland District, 31st August, 1854; *La Banque du Peuple*, 1st September, 1854; *Welland Canal Loan Company*, 1st September, 1854; City and District Savings Bank of *Montreal*, on 1st January, 1854; *Montreal* Provident and Savings Bank, 1st June and 1st September, 1854; *Northumberland and Durham Savings Bank*, 1st June, 1854; *Quebec* Provident and Savings Bank, 1st March, 1854; *Erie and Ontario Insurance Company*, 20th July, 1854, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th of September last.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (E.E.)

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House,—Returns from the following Canal, Road, Railway and Navigation Companies, viz.:—*Desjardins Canal Company*, 31st March, 1854; *Niagara and Ten-Mile Creek Road Company*, 12th December, 1853; *Sydenham Mountain Road*, January, 1854; *Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Company*, 1st September, 1854; Great Western Railway Company, 30th September, 1854; *London and Port Stanley Railway Company*, 31st July, 1854; *Megantic Junction Railway and Navigation Company*, 21st September, 1854, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th of September last.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (F.F.)

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

By Mr. *Wright*,—The Petition of *John H. Finley* and others.

By Mr. *Langton*,—The Petition of *John Counter*, Esquire, of the City of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the North Shore Railway Company and the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*.

By Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of *Louis Giard*, Secretary, and *J. Lenoir*, Clerk, of the Board of Education for *Lower Canada*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *R. G. Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, County of *Quebec*, and others.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that sufficient Notice has been given in each case, viz.:—of the Members and Trustees of *Zion Church*, in the City of *Montreal*; of *La Banque du Peuple*; of the President, Directors and Shareholders of the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*; of *Joseph Morrin* and others, Shareholders in the *Quebec Building Society*; of the Municipality of the Village of *Oshawa*; and of *Charles Perry* and others, Millowners, and others residing in and near the Town of *Peterborough*.

The Petition of the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company* prays for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, among which is included the privilege

of extending a Branch from *Bytown* to *Lake Huron*.—Your Committee find that no Notice relative to this Branch was published in any of the Counties through which it is proposed to pass; in other respects the Notices are sufficient, and Your Committee would recommend, that the Company be allowed to proceed upon the other portions of their application.

On the Petition of *George Desbarats* and others, Associates in the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*, praying for an Act of Incorporation, Your Committee find that the Notice was published in the District of *Quebec* only; they therefore beg to recommend that the Company be confined in their operations to that District.

On the Petition of *John J. Loy*, of the Parish of *St. Zotique*, County of *Soulanges*, praying for an Act to authorize the Medical Board to admit him to the practice of Medicine and Surgery, Your Committee find that no Notice whatever has been given.

The Petition of the Officers and Members of the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society, is not, in the opinion of Your Committee, of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

Ordered, That *Mr. Mongenais* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend to *Lower Canada* the provisions of an Act to establish a Standard Weight for the different kinds of Grain, Pulse, and Seeds in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That *Mr. Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Ordered, That *Mr. Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That *Mr. Solicitor General Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable *Sir Allan N. MacNab* be added to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, in lieu of the Honorable *Mr. Morin*,

Resolved, That the Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts in *Upper Canada*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of *Mr. Freeman*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, *Mr. Matheson*, *Mr. Ferrie*, and *Mr. Felton*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Honorable *Mr. Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections,

That they had selected the following eight Members to be the Chairmen's Panel, and to serve as Chairmen of Election Committees for the present Session:—The Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*, *James Smith*, Esquire, *Adam Johnston Ferguson*, Esquire, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire, *T. J. Loranger*, Esquire, *Timothy Lee Terrill*, Esquire, *Charles Joseph Laberge*, Esquire, and *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire.

Ordered, That the Report do lie upon the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, That they had divided into three Panels the List of Members to serve on Election Committees.

Whereupon the Clerk decided by lot, at the Table, the order of the said Panels, and distinguished each of them by a number, denoting the order in which they were respectively drawn, as follows:—Panel A. No. 1; B. No. 2; and C. No. 3.

Ordered, That the said Panels be printed.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Exchange*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the twenty-third day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to Agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the boundary line between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the Township of *Cornwall*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto Athenæum*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Town of *London* to raise Sixty thousand pounds to consolidate the Debt of the Town, and for other purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of erecting an Hotel in the Town of *London*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to change the name of the *Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company*, and to amend the Act incorporating the same, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the time for completing the *Louth Harbour*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Megantic Mining Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis Mining and Exploring Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the College of *Monnoir*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Resolutions:—

Resolved, 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.

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

And then he withdrew.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 12^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Thomas Wood*, of the Township of *Halifax*, County of *Megantic*; the Petition of *James Hunt*, of the Township of *Wolfestown*, County of *Wolfe*; and the Petition of *James Mitchell*, of the Township of *Wolfestown*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *A. B. Lafrenère* and others, of the Parish of *St. Guillaume d'Upton*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of *John Bishop* and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*; the Petition of *W. Ritchie* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; and the Petition of *R. W. Bishop* and others, of the Township of *Weiden*, County of *Wolfe*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of *Washington Division*, No. 334; and the Petition of *Thamesford Division*, No. 346, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of *George Brown* and others, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Argenteuil*; the Petition of *Samuel Dale* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*; and the Petition of *Samuel Hills* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Lachute* and vicinity.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of *George Larue* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna* and other places, County of *Temiscouata*.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—Three Petitions of *P. Blanchet*, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; the Petition of *P. Blanchet* and *P. Hervieux*; the Petition of *Xavier Meloche* and others; and two Petitions of *P. Blanchet* and others.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; and the Petition of the Board of Trustees of the University of *Queen's College*.

By Mr. *Niles*,—The Petition of *William Whillous* and *D. Waters*; the Petition of *Lilac Division*, No. 325; and the Petition of *Dorchester Unity Division*, No. 241, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of *Joshua Futnam* and others, of the Township of *Dorchester*; and the Petition of *William Withers* and others, of the Township of *Kincardine*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *D. H. Tétu* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch des Aulnats*, County of *L'Islet*; and the Petition of *O. E. Casgrain* and others, School Commissioners, and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*, County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *Peter Cannan* and others, of the Township of *Matilda*; and the Petition of *William St. Jule* and others, of the Township of *Longueuil*, County of *Prescott*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,—The Petition of *Henry Taylor*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Howard*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Chatham*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Orford*.

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

Of *Glengarry Division*, No. 21; of *Peerless Division*, No. 130; of *Hydraulic Division*, No. 90; and of *Richmond Division*, No. 142, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of the Reverend *James Neill* and others, of the Township of *Howard* and other places; of *Nicholas Lake* and others, of the North Riding of the County of *Hastings*; of *William Smith* and others, of the Village of *Martintown*; of *Daniel Kennedy* and others, of the North-west of *Glengarry*; of *Henry Edwards* and others, of *Lobo, Canada West*; of *James Kelly* and others, of *Ste. Victoire*; of *John George Crebassa* and others, of the Borough of *William Henry*; of *William McClarty* and others, of *Pike River*, County of *Missisquoi*; of *Emma Brown* and other Ladies of the Eastern Townships; of *S. A. Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Eaton* and vicinity, County of *Sherbrooke*; of *Sevell Scofield* and others, of *Sutton*; of the Literary and Temperance Association of the Village of *Scotland*,

County of *Brant*; and of *Henry Bull* and others, of the Village of *Markham*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *M. Dorval* and others, of the County of *Montcalm*; praying that the said County may be set apart for Judicial, Registration, and Municipal purposes, and that the County Seat thereof may be established in the Parish of *St. Jacques*.

Of *Thomas F. Park* and others, of the County of *Essex*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Gosfield*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Harwich*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Dover*; of the Municipality of the Township of *West Tilbury*; of the Municipality of the Township of *East Tilbury*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Romney*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Mersea*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Colchester*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Raleigh*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Malden*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Amherstburg*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Sandwich*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Maidstone*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Rochester*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Anderdon*; praying that a Charter be granted for the construction of a Railroad from *Amherstburg* to *St. Thomas*, and thence to the *Niagara River*, to introduce into this Province the travel which would otherwise pass on the South Shore.

Of *Thomas Merritt* and others, of *St. Catherines*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Welland Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company*.

Of *W. Pierce Howland*, of the Township of *York*, County of *York*, miller; praying that the *Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company* may not be empowered to erect a Bridge across the River *Humber*, without a Swing Bridge sufficient to allow the navigation of the said River, and full compensation to persons injured thereby.

Of *P. Blanchet* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the entire abolition of the Legislative Council, that the office of Governor may be made elective, and that the Government of the Province may be assimilated as much as possible to that of the *United States*.

Of *Pierre Blanchet*, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; praying that Jurors attending the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada* may be compensated for their services.

Of the Reverend *L. T. Fortier* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Nicolet*; praying aid for the establishment of an Academy for Boys and another for Girls in the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *L. T. Fortier* and others, Trustees for the erection of a Schoolhouse in the Parish of *Nicolet*; praying aid for the establishment of a Female Academy in the said Parish.

Of *T. Trigge* and others, on behalf of the Inhabitants of *Nicolet* and other places; praying for aid to remove the obstructions to the navigation of the River *Nicolet*, caused by the accumulation of sand at the entrance of the said River.

Of *Richard Coleman* and others, of the Village of *Lyn, Canada West*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Lyn Manufacturing Company*.

Of the Reverend *François P. Porlier* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe aux Trembles*, District of *Montreal*; praying aid for the establishment of an Academy in the said Parish.

Of *John Young* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railway between the City of *Hamilton* and the Town of *Amherstburg*, or some other suitable point on the *Detroit River*.

Of the City of *Toronto Water Company*; praying for amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of the City of *Toronto* Water Company; praying that the Corporation of the said City may not be authorized to construct Water Works, and levy an annual rate therefor on the Inhabitants, but that they may assume at a reasonable rate the Works of the said Company.

Of the *Megantic* Junction Railway and Navigation Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *James Wallace* and others, of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Tram Railroad from the Town of *Peterborough* to some point on *Mud Lake*.

Of *Joseph Pennoyer*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, Land Surveyor; praying payment of a certain amount due him for his services as District Surveyor for the late District of *Sherbrooke*.

Of *Mrs. Josephite Grenier* and *Mrs. Luce Bergeron*, Teachers, of the Parish of *St. Michel*, County of *Yamaska*; praying payment of a certain amount due them as School Teachers in the said Village.

Of *Leon Rousseau* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Yamaska*; praying for certain amendments to the Act authorizing the inhabitants of the said Seigniorship to regulate the Common thereof.

Of *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying payment of the amount due him as Clerk of the Council of the former Municipal District of *Quebec*.

Of the President and Directors of the *Montreal* Horticultural Society; praying for aid.

Of *Mrs. M. Lunn* and other Ladies, Directresses of the University Lying-in Hospital of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company; praying that the proposed Bill for removing all doubts as to the interpretation of the Act relative to the said Company; may not pass into law.

Of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company; praying that their Act of Incorporation may be so amended as to confirm the amalgamation of the said Road with that of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company.

Of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the Banking Institutions of the Province to increase their Capital Stock.

Of *John Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; of *James Haggertie* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon*; of *Marcus Dimond* and others, of the Township of *Elgiver*; of *George V. Bull* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; and of *George Howell* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*; praying aid for the construction of Roads and Bridges.

Of *Levi R. Dean* and others, of *Hereford*, County of *Compton*; praying aid for the opening of a Road from *Compton* and *Eaton* to *Hereford*.

Of the Reverend *P. Bedard* and others, of the Counties of *Napierville* and *Laprairie*; praying that the Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company for an Act to confirm the amalgamation of the said Road with that of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, may not be granted.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Dunwich*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Southern Union Railway Company.

Of *Elijah C. Bens* and others, Stockholders in the *Fort Bruce* Harbour Company; praying that their Act of Incorporation may be so amended as to allow a vote for each Shareholder in the said Company.

Of the Reverend *Messire Charland*, on behalf of the Nuns of the sacred Names of *Jesus* and *Mary*, of *Beauharnois*; praying for aid in behalf of the Ladies Academy of *Beauharnois*.

Of the Reverend *D. Martineau* and others, of *St. Joseph* and other places situated on the *Kennebec* Road; praying for aid to open a Road along the front and second ranges of the North-east side of the River *Chaudière*.

Of *J. O. C. Arcand* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Joseph* and *St. Frederic de la Beauce*, County of *Beauce*, and of the Township of *Broughton*, County of *Megantic*; praying for aid to open a Road from the front of the said Township to the *St. Louis* Road.

Of *Claurent Chabot* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*; praying for the abolition of County Municipalities in *Lower Canada*, and the re-establishment of Parish Municipalities.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *St. Francis* College, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Darche* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *P. Blanchet* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for the entire abolition of the Legislative Council, that the office of Governor may be made elective, and that the Government of the Province may be assimilated as much as possible to that of the *United States*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *P. Bedard* and others, of the Counties of *Napierville* and *Laprairie*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 8 Vic. cap. 49, and to extend the provisions of the same.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, to inquire into and report upon the expediency of keeping the Provincial Accounts in Decimal Currency.

On motion of Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Prévost*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of Correspondence which may have taken place between the Imperial and Colonial Governments with respect to the withdrawal of the Troops.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee of seven Members, composed of Mr. *Pouliot*, Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, Mr. *Felton*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Prévost*, Mr. *Alleyn*, and Mr. *Turcotte*, be appointed to inquire concerning the operation of the Registry Ordinances or Laws requiring the registration of Mortgages, and the necessity of consolidating and amending the same, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Felton*, and the Question being proposed, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed for the purpose of investigating all charges preferred or alleged in this House, or elsewhere, respecting the dealing of any Member or Members of the late Administration in the purchase of Public Lands, in the traffic or purchase of Provincial, Municipal, or other Public Securities or Stocks, or of Stocks in Railways, in the construction of Public Works either Foreign or Provincial, and respecting any other charges of official misconduct whatever against them or any of them; the said Committee to consist of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Sidney Smith*, and the mover, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the words "Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Sidney Smith*" be left out, and the words "Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Ferrie*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Fergusson*" be inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It passed unanimously in the Negative.

And the Names of the Members present being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

Messieurs *Aikins*, *Alleyn*, *Bell*, *Bellingham*, *Biggar*, *Bourassa*, *Bowes*, *Bureau*, *Cartier*, *Cauchon*, *Cayley*, *Chapais*, *Chauveau*, *Crawford*, *Daly*, *Charles Daoust*, *Darce*, *Delong*, *Desaulniers*, *DeWitt*, *Dionne*, *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, *Dostaler*, Attorney General *Drummond*, *Dufresne*, *Felton*, *Ferres*, *Ferrie*, *Fortier*, *Fournier*, *Frazier*, *Freeman*, *Galt*, *Gill*, *Gould*, *Guvremont*, *Hartman*, *Holton*, *Jackson*, *Jobin*, *Labelle*, *Laporte*, *Larwill*, *LeBoutillier*, *Lemieux*, *Loranger*, *Macbeth*, *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Attorney General *Macdonald*, *Roderick Mc Donald*, *Mackenzie*, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *McCann*, *McKerlie*, *Marchildon*, *Masson*, *Meagher*, *Mongenais*, *Morin*, *Joseph Curran Morrison*, *Murney*, *Niles*, *Papin*, *Patrick*, *Polette*, *Poulin*, *Pouliot*, *Prévost*, *Roblin*, Solicitor General *Ross*, *Sanborn*, *Scatherd*, *Shaw*, Solicitor General *Smith*, *Sidney Smith*, *Southwick*, *Stevenson*, *Taché*, *Terrill*, *Thibaudeau*, *Valois*, and *Wright*.

And the main Question being again proposed; and Objections being made under the 83rd Rule of this House to the Committee being named by the mover;

Resolved, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed for the purpose of investigating all charges preferred or alleged in this House, or elsewhere, respecting the dealing of any Member or Members of the late Administration in the purchase of Public Lands, in the traffic or purchase of Provincial, Municipal or other Public Securities or Stocks, or of Stocks in Railways, in the construction of Public Works either Foreign or Provincial, and respecting any other charges of official misconduct whatever against them or any of them, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, Mr. *Sidney Smith*, the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Crawford*, and Mr. *Brown*, do compose the said Committee.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 13^o die Octobris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Eli Gorham* and others, of the Township of *Whitchurch*; and the Petition of *Mary Nixon* and other Females, of the Village of *Newmarket*.

By Mr. *Niles*,—The Petition of *John W. Robson* and others, of the western part of the Township of *London*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. C. Dubé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, County of *Laval*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of *Duncan Sinclair* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *J. T. Insley* and others, of the Township of *Athol*, County of *Prince Edward*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—The Petition of *John Hidden* and others, of the Township of *Dunwich*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *A. Henderson* and others, of the Township of *Wallace*, and other places; the Petition of *Alexander Grant* and others, of the Township of *North Easthope*; and the Petition of *John Mitchell* and others, of the Townships of *Elma* and *Wallace*, and other places.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *Olivier Beaudry* and others.

By Mr. *Delong*,—The Petition of *Robert Robinson* and others, of the Township of *North Crosby*; and the Petition of Mrs. *Sinclair* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of the Village of *Westport* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *McCann*—The Petition of *George B. Roe* and others, of the Township of *Clarence*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of *St. Lawrence* Division, No. 16; and the Petition of *Ingersoll* Division, No. 233, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of *A. Gordon* and others, of the Town of *Ingersoll*; and the Petition of *John Foy* and others, of the Township of *East Nissouri*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *Charles Brodie* and others, Members of *Gough* Division, No. 3, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Roderick McDonald*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Jane McIntosh*, of the Township of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of the Council of Bishop's College, in the District of *St. Francis*.

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petition of *Charles Brooks* and others, of the Eastern Townships.

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *John M. Jones* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *J. T. Taschereau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, and vicinity.

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

Of *John H. Finley* and others; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law

Of *John Counter*, Esquire, of the City of *Kingston*; representing that in consequence of having become security to the Commissioners of Public Works on behalf of the Contractors for the construction of the Junction Canal at *Edwardsburgh*, he was compelled to undertake the completion of the said work under very great dis-

advantages, to his serious loss and inconvenience; and praying for an inquiry and relief in the premises.

Of the North Shore Railway Company and the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company; praying for an Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from *Pembroke* to the *Georgian Bay*, and thence to the *Sault Ste. Marie*.

Of *Louis Giard*, Secretary, and *J. Lenoir*, Clerk, of the Board of Education for *Lower Canada*; praying for an increase of Salary.

Of *R. G. Belleau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, County of *Quebec*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to remove doubts as to the intention of the 5th Clause of the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 235, and to declare that the *Bridgewater* Road is that intended thereby to be placed under the control of the *Quebec* Turnpike Trust.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find that the requisite Notices have been given in each case, viz:—Of *Thomas Merritt* and others, of *St. Catharines*; of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company; of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company, (amalgamation with the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Company); of *A. M. Delisle* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; of *William Ford*, the younger, and others, of the City of *Kingston*, and others; of *James Wallace* and others, of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*; of *J. W. Dorwin* and others, of the District of *Montreal*; of *Thomas Mackie* and others; and of the President, Directors and Company of *Port Burwell* Harbour.

On the Petition of *William Boylan* and others, of *Dawn*, *Euphemia*, and the *Gore* of *Camden*, praying that a certain portion of the said *Gore* may be attached to *Dawn*, the Notice proved before Your Committee is for five weeks only, viz: from the 2nd February to the 9th March, but the evidence produced before Your Committee satisfied them that the matter was sufficiently well-known in the locality affected; they would therefore respectfully recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

The Petitions of Mrs. *M. Lunn* and other Ladies, Directresses of the University Lying-in Hospital of *Montreal*; praying for an Act of Incorporation, and of *Leon Rousseau* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Yamaska*, for certain amendments to the Act for regulating the Common of *Yamaska*, are not, Your Committee conceive, of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Masson* College at *Terrebonne*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Masson* College of *Terrebonne*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from *Peterborough* to *Mud Lake*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Gill* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seigniory of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seigniory.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Dufresne* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railroad Company.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Welland* Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Couter*, Esquire, of the City of *Kingston*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Copper Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Hochelaga* Dock Company, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts incorporating the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Francis* College, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Mattice*, Mr. *Stevenson*, Mr.

Cartier, Mr. *Ferrie*, Mr. *Ferres*, and Mr. *James Ross*, be appointed to inquire into the present state of the Commercial Intercourse between *Canada* and *Great Britain*, the *British North American Possessions*, the *West India Colonies*, the *United States*, and other Foreign Countries, to report thereon from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, That they had selected the following days for the appointment of the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the following places:—

County of *Lotbinière*,—On Saturday, the 21st day of October instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 1.

County of *Brant* (East Riding),—On Saturday, the 21st day of October instant, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 1.

City of *Quebec*,—On Saturday, the 21st day of October instant, at 12 o'clock, noon, from Panel No. 1.

County of *Megantic*,—on Saturday, the 28th day of October instant, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 2.

On motion of Mr. *Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *Thibaudeau*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to authorize the immediate payment of the annual appropriations granted to the Educational and Benevolent Institutions for the current year, as borne upon the Estimates of the past year.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Statement shewing the amount of expenses incurred during the last Elections in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Port of *Quebec*.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a branch Telegraph within the precincts of the Parliament House, connecting with the Office of the *British North American Telegraph Association*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, and the Question being proposed, That a Call of the House be made on Friday the twenty-seventh day of October instant;

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "inasmuch as this House has been informed by the Administration of their intention to present to the consideration of this House, the measures relating to the Clergy Reserves, the Seig-

“ niorial Tenure, and the Constitution of the Legislative Council, in the order
 “ named, it is inexpedient to depart from the course of procedure already indicated
 “ with regard to those measures, by giving priority to the discussion of the last
 “ measure, before this House shall have satisfied the Country by an unequivocal
 “ expression of its intentions and policy on the important questions of the Clergy
 “ Reserves and the Seigniorial Tenure ;”

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McDonald, Rodk. 27.</i>	<i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>McKertie,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyr,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>57. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That a Call of the House be made on Friday the twenty-seventh day of October instant:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That such Members as shall not then attend, be sent for in the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause Circular Letters to be written immediately to the absent Members, enclosing to them copies of the present Resolutions, signed by the Clerk of this House.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Cauchon*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 16^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House the following Letters:—

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.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

Aug. T. Hamilton,

Military Secretary.

The Honorable the Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

(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 *Belleisle*, 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, etc.,

(Signed,)

H. W. Bayfield, R. N.
Captain, and Admiralty Surveyor.

His Excellency,

The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, K. T.

&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 of October.

H. W. B.

Notice having been taken that the Resolution of this House of Friday last, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to authorize the immediate payment of the annual appropriations granted to the Educational and Benevolent Institutions for the current year, as borne upon the Estimates of the past year, was irregular and contrary to the Rules of this House;

Ordered, That the said Resolution and Address be rescinded.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of *C. B. Hawley* and others, of the Township of *Pembroke*.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of *John H. Perry* and others, of the Town of *Whitby*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *James Fell* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *Fountain Union* Daughters of Temperance, *Guelph, Canada West*, and others.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of *Joseph Lavoy* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Elizabeth*, County of *Berthier*; the Petition of *Jean B. Mégré*, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise de Kildare*, County of *Joliette*; and the Petition of *Joseph Ducharme* and others, of the County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of *Samuel A. Walford* and others, of the Township of *Albion*; the Petition of *John Frank* and others, of the Township of *Caledon*; and the Petition of *John Richardson* and others, of the Township of *Caledon*.

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *R. S. Tylee* and others, on behalf of the *Montreal Dispensary*; and the Petition of the Reverend *R. McGill*, D.D., and others, on behalf of the *Montreal Dispensary*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*.

By Mr. *Church*,—The Petition of *Henry Morton* and others, of the Village of *Burrill's Rapids* and vicinity; the Petition of *Thomas Maley* and others, of the Village of *Kemptville*; the Petition of *Sarah Coyle* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*; and the Petition of *John H. Holden* and others, of the Township of *Walford*, North Riding of *Leeds* and *Grenville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Eliza M. Massue* and other Ladies, Directresses of the Charitable Association of Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of *P. Dumais* and others, School Commissioners of *St. Louis*, County of *Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *Joseph Adair* and others, of the Gore of *Downie*, County of *Perth*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Port Robinson* Division, No. 86, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of *Shefford*; and the Petition of the President and Directors of the *Shefford Academy*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Samuel Sinclair* and others, of the Township and Gore of *Zonc*, County of *Kent*; four Petitions of the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; the Petition of *Birmingham* Division, No. 211; and the Petition of *Percy* Division, No. 270, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of the Town Council of *Chatham*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of *James M. Hay* and others, of the *London Road*, in the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of the Reverend *R. Robert* and others.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *Pierre Viger* and others, of *Boucherville*, County of *Chambly*; and the Petition of *P. Blanchet*, of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*.

By Mr. *Papin*,—The Petition of *P. R. LaFrenaye* and others.

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

Of *Thomas Wood*, of the Township of *Halifax*, County of *Megantic*; of *James*

Hunt, of the Township of *Wolfestown*, County of *Wolfe*; and of *James Mitchell*, of the Township of *Wolfestown*; praying to be indemnified for their loss of time and expenses while attending, during last Session, to give evidence before a Contested Election Committee.

Of *A. B. Lafrenière* and others, of the Parish of *St. Guillaume d'Upton*; praying that Jurors attending the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada* may receive compensation as do others for their services.

Of the Mechanics' Institute of *Three Rivers*; praying aid.

Of *John Bishop* and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*; praying aid for the construction of Roads in the said Township and vicinity.

Of *W. Ritchie* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; praying for the construction of a Road and Bridges leading from the Townships east to the said Town.

Of *R. W. Bishop* and others, of the Township of *Weiden*, County of *Wolfe*; praying aid for the construction of a Road, and the repair of the Bridges leading to the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

Of *George Brown* and others, on behalf of a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Argenteuil*; praying that the said County may be set apart for Municipal purposes; that aid be granted for the construction of Roads to the rear thereof, and for opening the Channel of the *North River* to the Village of *St. Andrews*; and that a central locality be selected for holding public meetings.

Of *Samuel Dale* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*; praying that Town Meetings for all public purposes may be held at a more central part of the said Township than that now selected.

Of *George Larue* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna* and other places, County of *Temiscouata*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at *Fontaine Claire*, in the said Parish, and that the Seat of the said County may be established at the said Parish.

Of *P. Blanchet*, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; praying for the establishment of a Registry Office in each Parish or Township, and that each Municipality may have the nomination of its own Registrar.

Of *P. Blanchet*, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; praying for the establishment of a Court of Conciliation in this Province.

Of *P. Blanchet*, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; praying for the establishment of a system of Credit on Real Estate in *Lower Canada*.

Of *P. Blanchet* and *P. Hervieux*; praying for indemnity to all those persons who have been unjustly excluded from the benefits of the Act granting indemnity to Sufferers by the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

Of *Xavier Meloche* and others; and of *P. Blanchet* and others; praying the adoption of measures for the speedy settlement of the questions at issue between them and the Honorable *James Ellice*, Seigneur of *Beauharnois*.

Of *P. Blanchet* and others; praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railway from the said City to the Village of *Smith's Falls*.

Of the Board of Trustees of the University of *Queen's College*; praying for aid.

Of the Reverend *D. H. Têtu* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch des Aulnets*, County of *L'Islet*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at the said Parish.

Of *O. E. Casgrain* and others, School Commissioners, and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*, County of *L'Islet*; praying aid for a Model School established in the said Parish, under the care of the Christian Brothers.

Of *Henry Taylor*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for aid to enable him to pub

lish a ninth Edition of his work, entitled, "A System of the Creation of our "Globe, Planets, and Sun of our System."

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Howard*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Chatham*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Orford*; praying that a Charter be granted for the construction of a Railroad from *Amherstburg* to *St. Thomas*, and thence to the *Niagara River*, to introduce into this Province the travel which would otherwise pass on the South Shore.

Of *Washington* Division, No. 334; of *Thamesford* Division, No. 346; of *Lilac* Division, No. 325; of *Dorchester Unity* Division, No. 241; of *St. Lawrence* Division, No. 16; of *Ingersoll* Division, No. 233; of *Charles Brodie* and others, Members of *Gough* Division, No. 3, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *Samuel Hills* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others, of *Lachute* and vicinity; of *William Whillous* and *D. Waters*; of *Joshua Putnam* and others, of the Township of *Dorchester*; of *William Withers* and others, of the Township of *Kincardine*; of *Peter Cannan* and others, of the Township of *Matilda*; of *William St. Jule* and others, of the Township of *Longueuil*, County of *Prescott*; of *Robert Robinson* and others, of the Township of *North Crosby*; of *Mrs. Sinclair* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of the Village of *Westport* and its vicinity; of *George B. Roe* and others, of the Township of *Clarence*; of *A. Gordon* and others, of the Town of *Ingersoll*; of *John Foy* and others, of the Township of *East Nissouri*; of *Eli Gorham* and others, of the Township of *Whitechurch*; of *Mary Nixon* and other Females, of the Village of *Newmarket*; of *John W. Robson* and others, of the western part of the Township of *London*; of *J. T. Insley* and others, of the Township of *Athol*, County of *Prince Edward*; of *John Hidden* and others, of the Township of *Dunwich*; of *A. Henderson* and others, of the Township of *Wallace*, and other places; and of *Alexander Grant* and others, of the Township of *North Easthope*; praying for the passage of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Reverend *P. C. Dubé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, County of *Laval*; praying that the said Parish may be made the Seat of the said County, and a Registry Office established thereat.

Of *Duncan Sinclair* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*; praying for the passing of an Act to remove certain doubts concerning the Survey of certain Side Lines in the said Township.

Of *John Mitchell* and others, of the Townships of *Elma* and *Wallace*, and other places; praying for the incorporation of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company.

Of *Olivier Beaudry* and others; complaining of the bad condition of the Turnpike Road from *St. Athanase* to *Spears' Corners*, and praying that it may be speedily repaired.

Of *Mrs. Jane McIntosh*, of the Township of *Cornwall*; representing that her late husband died by reason of injury received while serving as a Militiaman during the Rebellion of 1838, whereby she and her family have been left destitute, and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Council of Bishop's College in the District of *St. Francis*; praying for aid.

Of *Charles Brooks* and others, of the Eastern Townships; praying that the Clergy Reserves may be appropriated to Educational purposes, and that *St. Francis* College, in the Village of *Richmond*, may be endowed out of the same.

Of *John M. Jones* and others, Trustees of the *Charleston* Academy; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of *J. T. Taschereau* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, and vicinity; praying an

Act of Incorporation to enable them to construct a Railway from *Point Levi*, opposite *Quebec*, to the frontier line of the State of *Maine*.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, That for the reason of affording sufficient time for the Notices required by the Election Petitions Act of 1851, the Committee had extended the period for the appointment of the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the following places:—

County of *Lotbinière*,—To Tuesday, the 24th October, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 1

County of *Brant* (East Riding),—To Tuesday, the 24th October, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 1.

City of *Quebec*,—To Tuesday, the 24th October, at 12 o'clock, noon, from Panel No. 1.

County of *Megantic*,—To Tuesday, the 31st October; at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 2.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* also reported from the General Committee of Elections, That they had selected the following days for the appointment of the Select Committees to try the matter of the Petitions complaining of undue Elections and Returns for the following places:—

County of *Lenox* and *Addington*,—Tuesday, the 31st October, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 2.

County of *Kamouraska*,—Tuesday, the 31st October, at 12 o'clock, noon, from Panel No. 2.

County of *Argenteuil*,—Tuesday, the 7th November next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 3.

County of *Saguenay*,—Tuesday, the 7th November next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, from Panel No. 3.

County of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*,—Tuesday, the 7th November next, at 12 o'clock, noon, from Panel No. 3.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return shewing the receipts from every source, and the expenditure, on the *Rideau* Canal during the two last fiscal years, including the name of every officer, servant or agent, and the salary and other emoluments received by such officers, servants, and agents, or what was severally due to them during that period; and stating what sums have been received or are due for lands sold or leased by Her Majesty's Government on the line of the said Canal, or at its lower terminus.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Tavern Licenses, and for the more effectual repression of Intemperance.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Bureau* have leave to bring in a Bill to avoid all doubts re-

specting the interpretation of an Act relative to the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Members of the *British North American Friendly Society of Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* have leave to bring in a Bill to give Mechanics and others a Lien on buildings for work done by them to or upon the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Mackenzie* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Public Printing and Legal Advertizing.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Standing Committee on Printing, to enquire into the receipts and expenditure connected with the Office of Queen's Printer, the work done and prices charged, including the tariff of charges on Legal Advertizements in the *Canada Gazette*, the number of copies of the Gazette usually circulated, the rates of advertizing wild lands in various localities liable to be sold for arrears of taxes, and the sums charged on the same; the charges of Binding, Stitching, Stationery, &c., for the Government, and to report thereon to this House their opinion as to whether any, and if so, what improvements appear to be required in that branch of the Public Service.

On motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, all Orders in Council, Departmental Orders, papers, advertizements, and documents, relating in any way to the sale by Public Auction or otherwise, of certain Crown property at *Point Levi*, in which certain Members of the present or late Executive Council were concerned, or alleged to be interested.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do procure from the proper Officer or Officers of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, a List of the Names of the several original Shareholders, and all additional Shareholders of the Capital Stock of the said Company, specifying the number of shares subscribed for or held in the name of each Shareholder, with the sum paid by each Shareholder on his said Stock.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do procure from the proper Officer of the Court of Chancery, and lay before this House, copies of all papers, evidence, and proceedings in the said Court of Chancery, in the case of *Paterson* and others against *Bowes*, or the City of *Toronto vs. Bowes*; together with all papers and docu-

ments laid before the Government of this Province relating to the subject matter of that suit.

On motion of Mr. *Crawford*, seconded by Mr. *Delong*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to order the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of two Petitions presented by the Mayor and Inhabitants of *Brockville* and *Cornwall*, respectively, relative to the transmission of Emigrants through the Inland Waters of this Province.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowes* have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the City of *Toronto* in the possession of the Peninsula and Marsh now held by it under License.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Somerville*, Mr. *Gill*, Mr. *Pouliot*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Rhodes*, Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*, Mr. *Terrill*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Laporte*, Mr. *Masson*, Mr. *Prévost*, Mr. *Bourassa*, and Mr. *Poulin*, be appointed to inquire into the defects of the Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to Agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture," to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That a certain Pamphlet on the Seigniorial Tenure published in *French*, by *J. C. Taché*, Esquire, be translated into *English* and published at the expense of this House, for the use of the Members, inasmuch as it contains information and tables necessary for the study of the Seigniorial Question.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to ascertain and determine the powers of the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads, and for other purposes.

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

On motion of Mr. *Larwill*, seconded by Mr. *Macbeth*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, 1st. Copies of the Proceedings of the *Elgin* Association, and Reports thereon for each year since the incorporation of the said Society down to the 10th of August, 1854. 2ndly. The quantity of the Land purchased by the said Corporation, the conditions of purchase, the sum to be given per acre, the time and terms of payment, if they have been complied with, and, if not, why not? And a copy of

all such rules and regulations touching the management and disposition of the Lands, properties, estate, and effects of the said Association. 3rdly. The number of public buildings erected, their location, dimensions, uses, and cost of construction; of the settlement and improvement of the said lands; the quantity of Land sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of; the number of the lot or part of lot, the number of acres contained therein, the number of acres cleared and enclosed, the price paid per acre therefor, or the annual rent thereof, together with all other conditions of said purchase. 4thly. An account of the receipts and expenditure of the said Association.

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

The Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 12th instant, for copies of Correspondence which may have taken place between the Imperial and Colonial Governments with respect to the withdrawal of the Troops:—

(Military—No. 17.)

Downing Street, 11th August, 1854.

My Lord,—The War in which, in conjunction with our Allies, *England* is engaged with *Russia*, has led the people of this Country, as Your Lordship is aware, to make extraordinary exertions in order to supply Her Majesty with the means of prosecuting it with vigour and efficiency. A large *British* Force has been landed in *Turkey*, and is engaged in important military operations in the East. It has been raised partly by the additions readily voted by Parliament to the ordinary strength of the Army, and partly the withdrawal of Troops from their usual stations in different parts of the United Kingdom, their place, where necessary, having been supplied by Regiments of Militia, embodied for that purpose.

Reinforcements, however, continue to be required, and, desirous of meeting these demands, Her Majesty's Government have turned their attention to the practicability of bringing home some of the Regiments which are on service in the *North American* and other Colonial possessions of the Crown.

Fortunately the character of the War renders this resource available without risk to the security of the Colonies against external aggression. Her Majesty's Government fully recognize the duty and responsibility of affording to them protection against any such aggression, and the strength of the Empire would be put forth in defence of any part of it which might be placed in jeopardy from such a cause. But the blockade of the great maritime outlets at the opposite extremities of *Russia* has intercepted her fleets, and disabled her from injuring the foreign possessions of the Crown, while the friendly relations subsisting between Her Majesty and all other Foreign Powers forbid the apprehension of attack from any other quarter.

Her Majesty's Government, therefore, think it expedient that the portion of the Army which is now in the Colonies should contribute its quota to the Forces actively employed in the present War.

I am informed by the Duke of *Newcastle* that he personally consulted with Your Lordship, during your residence in *England*, on the proposed withdrawal of a portion of the Troops from *Canada*, and that he had the benefit of your views respecting it. It is His Grace's intention to send orders to General *Rowan* for the return to *England* of three Regiments of Infantry and three Companies of Artillery. Upon

their withdrawal, the regular Force in *Canada* will consist of the Royal Rifle Regiment, one Regiment of Infantry to be maintained at a strength of 850 men, and two Companies of Artillery, and will be distributed between the fortified positions of most importance, namely, *Kingston* and *Quebec*, the Rifles being stationed at the former place.

This arrangement, as you will remember, is in accordance with the general intention expressed by Lord *Grey* in his Despatch of the 14th March, 1853, and there appears to be nothing in the present condition of affairs to require the continuance of a more extended military occupation.

Her Majesty feels that the internal tranquillity of the Province may be safely confided to Her *Canadian* subjects.

Their Addresses to the Throne, on the occasion of this War, have expressed the most gratifying assurances of loyalty and attachment, and I entertain no doubt that they will cheerfully acquiesce, so far as they are concerned, in those measures which are thought requisite by Her Majesty's Government for the common interests of the Empire, and for the attainment of a safe and honorable peace.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) *G. Grey.*

Governor the Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, K.T.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Military—No. 18.)

Downing Street, 18th August, 1854.

My Lord,—With reference to my Despatch, No, 17, of the 11th instant, I have to acquaint Your Lordship that it is intended that the strength of the Regiment which will remain in *Canada*, after the withdrawal of the other three, should be increased to 850 rank and file.

I have, &c.

(Signed,) *G. Grey.*

The Right Honorable
The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, K.T.,
&c. &c. &c.

Mr. *Bellingham* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ferres*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of the Trustees of the Academy of *St. André d'Argenteuil*, praying for aid, and the Petition of *Edwin Pridham* and others, of the Counties of *Argenteuil* and *Ottawa*, and others, praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the River *Rouge*, in the Township of *Grenville*, be severally printed for the use of the Members of this House; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Taché*, the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable Mr. *Charveau*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Foley*, and Mr. *Laberge*, 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 as Members of the Joint Committee of both Houses.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, communicating to their Honors the Resolution appointing certain Members of this House as Members of the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation of the Library of Parliament.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taché* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

On motion of Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of all Despatches and Correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of this Province, relative to the proposed changes in the Constitution of the Legislative Council with the view of making it elective, and relative to an Act of the Imperial Parliament to authorize the Legislature of *Canada* to modify the Constitution of the Legislative Council of this Province, and for other purposes.

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

On motion of Mr. *Charles Daoust*, seconded by Mr. *Darche*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a copy of all Correspondence which has passed between the Superintendent of Education for *Lower Canada*, and the School Commissioners of the School Municipality of *St. Clément de Beauharnois*, with respect to the difficulties which have arisen between the said Commissioners and certain persons resident in the said Municipality, or elsewhere, relative to the engagement of the Brethren of the Christian Doctrine as Teachers in the Academy of *Beauharnois*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Southwick* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Port Burwell* Harbour Company.

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Committee of the Library of Parliament, to ascertain whether the extensive Library of the late Chief Justice Sir *James Stuart*, Baronet, consisting of the choicest works on Law, History, and Literature, is to be disposed of, and if so, the terms on which, in whole or in part, it may be obtained, with the view of preserving it for the use of the Legislature, and of placing it as hereafter may be determined.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the removal of the Troops, which was presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Galt*, the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Rolph*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, Mr. *Langton*, Mr. *Fergusson*, Mr. *Fortier*, Mr. *Egan*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, and Mr. *Cauchon*, be appointed to examine and report upon the present system of management of the Public Lands, and the various dues arising therefrom, together with the present mode of selling, leasing, and otherwise disposing of the same, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enforce the enregistration of Titles to Lands in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to promote the settlement of all Civil Actions by Arbitration in *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	Ross, Sol. Gen.
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Matlice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	49. <i>Terrill.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	30. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to protect the *Employés* of the Government of this Province in certain Departments of the Public Service, from being compelled to labor on the Lord's Day, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to secure the more convenient assembling of the Provincial Parliament, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the boundary line between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the Township of *Cornwall*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Road from *Amherstburg* on the *Detroit* River, until it intersects the different lines leading to the *Niagara* River, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest in *Edward Shortis*, Esquire, the Road or Concession allowance between Lots numbers fifteen and sixteen, in the Sixth Concession of the Township of *Thorah*, being read;

Ordered. That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the twenty-fifth day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* Athenæum, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the twenty-fifth day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned relating to Agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*," being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the holding of the several County Courts in *Upper Canada* in case of the illness or unavoidable absence of the County Judge, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the thirtieth day of October instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Prévost*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, Mr. *Dufresne*, Mr. *Laberge*, and Mr. *Jobin*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Credi-

tors of Public Officers to attach by *Saisie Arrêt* after Judgment, the salaries and emoluments of the said Officers, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Marchildon*, Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Jobin*, and Mr. *Lemieux*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the "*Quebec Friendly Society*," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Ocean Steam Navigation Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Masson College of Terrebonne*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Papin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Prévost* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cârtier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "Wednesday next" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>24. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>22. Valois.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Report be received on Wednesday next.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 17° die Octobris ;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate :—

Province of Canada.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twenty-second day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the Registrar of the County of *Oxford*, (*James Ingersoll*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex officio* for the South Riding of the said County of *Oxford*, for the election of a Member to represent the said South Riding of the said County of *Oxford* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in this present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *Francis Hincks* who, since his election as the Representative of the County of *Renfrew*, and the said South Riding of the said County of *Oxford*, had made his election to serve for the said County of *Renfrew*, by means whereof the seat of the said Honorable *Francis Hincks* as the Representative of the said South Riding of the said County of *Oxford* had become vacant, *Ephraim Cook*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the ninth day of October instant, which is now lodged of record in my Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 17th October, 1854.

Félix Fortier,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

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

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of *H. Bull*, Junior, and others, of the Township of *Madoc*; the Petition of *O. E. Wood* and others, of the Township of *Madoc*; the Petition of *Robert Harvey* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon*; the Petition of *Elias McConnell* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; the Petition of *George Sherry* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*; and the Petition of *John Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of *John McLean* and others, of the Village of *Oakville*, County of *Halton*.

By Mr. *Larwill*,—The Petition of *George Duck*, Junior, and others, the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham*.

By Mr. *Munro*,—The Petition of *Alanson Maybee* and others, of the Township of *Hope*; the Petition of *L. L. Hawn* and others, of the Township of *Hope*; and the Petition of *J. S. Smith* and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *James Cummings* and others, of the Township of *Charlottenburgh*.

By Mr. *Delong*,—The Petition of *Abigail H. Knowlton* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of the Town of *Crosby*; and the Petition of *Martha Toffy* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of *Bastard*, and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*

Ordered, That the Petition of *Grimsby* Division, No. 153; the Petition of *Smithville* Division, No. 148; the Petition of *Beacon Light* Division, No. 361; the

Petition of *Ravine* Division, No. 73; and the Petition of *Monument* Division, No. 411, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; the Petition of the Reverend *James Neill* and others, of the Township of *Howard*, and other places; and the Petition of *Nicholas Lake* and others, of the North Riding of the County of *Hastings*, be referred to the Select Committee on Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Adams* and others, of the Township of *Louth*; the Petition of *Thomas F. Park* and others, of the County of *Essex*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Gosfield*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Harwich*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dover*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *West Tilbury*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *East Tilbury*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Romney*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Mersea*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Colchester*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Raleigh*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Malden*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Town of *Amhersiburg*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Sandwich*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Maidstone*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Rochester*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Anderdon*; and the Petition of *W. Pierce Howland*, of the Township of *York*, County of *York*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the several Petitions relating to the subject of Intemperance, received up to this day, be referred to the Select Committee on Temperance.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. Speaker reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, Esquire, and others, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmagny*, is unobjectionable.

Mr. Speaker also reported to the House, That the Recognizance to the Petition of *André Benjamin Papineau*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Laval*, is unobjectionable.

Ordered, That the Petition of *André Benjamin Papineau*, Notary, residing in the Parish of *St. Martin*, in the County of *Laval*, in the District of *Montreal*, complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Laval*, be referred to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Mardonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes.

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

Ordered, That fifteen hundred copies of the said Bill in the *English* Language,

and five hundred copies in the *French Language*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

Resolved, Nemine contradicente, That in consideration of the news arrived this day from the theatre of war in the *Crimea*, of a series of brilliant Victories gained by the Combined Fleets and Armies of *France* and *England*, it is the duty of this House to testify its high gratification at the event, and its admiration of the glorious achievements of the gallant defenders of our father lands; and that this House do now adjourn.

And the House adjourned accordingly.

Mercurii, 18° die Octobris ;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker laid before the House,—Detailed Statement of Property sold and acquired by the *Sœurs de la Congrégation de Notre Dame de Montréal*, received pursuant to the directions of Act 8 *Vic.* cap. 99.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (A. A.)

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

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of *Samuel Snell*, of the City of *London, England*, seaman.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Governors of the University of *McGill College*.

By Mr. *Rankin*—The Petition of *John Bell* and others residing along the proposed line of Railway from *Amherstburg* to *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of *W. H. Allworth* and others, of *Port Stanley*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of *Asa Durkee* and others, of the Township of *Norwich, County of Oxford*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the President, Officers, and Members of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Returns of Commutations of Tenure effected within the Crown Domain in the *Censive* of *Quebec*, from the 1st August, 1852, to the 31st May, 1854; within the *Censive* of the late Order of Jesuits in the Districts of *Quebec* and *Montreal*, from the 1st August, 1852, to the 31st August, 1854; within the Crown Domain in the *Censive* of *Three Rivers*, from the passing of the Act 10 & 11 *Vic.* cap. 111, to the 31st August, 1854; within the *Censive* of the late Order of Jesuits in the District of *Three Rivers*, from the 1st August, 1852, to the 31st August, 1854; and within the *Censive* of the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, from the 1st August, 1852, to the 31st August, 1854, received pursuant to the directions of the Act 10 & 11 *Vic.* cap. 111.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (V.)

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

Of *Port Robinson* Division, No. 86; of *Birmingham* Division, No. 221; of *Percy* Division, No. 270, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; of *C. B. Hawley* and others, of the Township of *Pembroke*; of *James Fell* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*; of *Fountain Union* Daughters of Temperance, *Guelph, Canada West*, and others; of *Samuel A. Walford* and others, of the Township of *Albion*; of *John Frank* and others, of the Township of *Caledon*; of *John Richardson* and others, of the Township of *Caledon*; of *Henry Morton* and others, of the Village of *Burritt's Rapids* and vicinity; of *Thomas Maley* and others, of the Village of *Kemptville*; of *Sarah Coyle* and others, of the Township of *Oxford*; of *John H. Holden* and others, of the Township of *Walford*, North Riding of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; of *Joseph Adair* and others, of the Gore of *Downie*, County of *Perth*; and of the Municipality of *Shefford*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *John H. Perry* and others, of the Town of *Whitby*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Town.

Of *Joseph Lavoy* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Elizabeth*, County of *Berthier*; praying that the said Parish may be detached from the Municipality of *Berthier*, No. 1, and annexed to the Municipality of *Berthier* No. 2.

Of *Jean B. Mégré*, of the Parish of *St. Ambroise de Kildare*, County of *Joliette*; praying compensation for his services during the late War with the *United States*, as also during the Rebellion of 1837–38.

Of *Joseph Ducharme* and others, of the County of *Joliette*; praying that the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois* may be detached from the County of *Berthier* and annexed to the County of *Joliette*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the *London and Port Stanley* Railway Company.

Of *R. S. Tylee* and others, on behalf of the *Montreal* Dispensary; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Reverend *R. McGill*, D.D., and others, on behalf of the *Montreal* Dispensary; praying for aid.

Of the Corporation of Bishop's College at *Lennoxville*; praying for aid.

Of Mrs. *Eliza M. Massue* and other Ladies, Directresses of the Charitable Association of Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*; praying aid in behalf of that Institution.

Of *P. Dumais* and others, School Commissioners of *St. Louis*, County of *Kamouraska*; praying aid for certain Education Establishments.

Of the Municipality of *Shefford*; praying for the passing of an Act to extend to *Lower Canada* the provisions of the Municipal Loan Fund Act of *Upper Canada*.

Of the President and Directors of the *Shefford* Academy; praying for aid.

Of *Samuel Sinclare* and others, of the Township and Gore of *Zone*, County of *Kent*; praying for the passing of an Act to separate the Townships of *Camden* and *Zone*.

Of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the speedy and complete secularization of the Clergy Reserves.

Of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the repeal of so much of the Act of 10 & 11 *Vic. cap. 14*, as makes it a misdemeanor for persons authorized by law to baptize, marry, or perform the funeral service; to neglect making a Return thereof.

Of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying the adoption of measures for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Postal and other Departments of the Public Service.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Chatham*; praying for the passing of an

Act to authorize the sale of certain Lots or Blocks of Lands in the said Town granted to various Religious Corporations and for School purposes, and that the proceeds may be invested for their respective benefits.

Of *James M. Hay* and others, of the *London Road*, in the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying for certain amendments to the Common School Act.

Of the Reverend *R. Robert* and others; praying for indemnity to all those persons who have been unjustly excluded from the benefits of the Act granting indemnity to Sufferers by the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

Of *Pierre Viger* and others, of *Boucherville*, County of *Chambly*; praying for the repeal of the Ordinance 3 & 4 *Vic. cap. 25*, relating to winter vehicles.

Of *P. Blanchet*, of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal system of *Lower Canada*.

Of *P. R. LaFrenaye* and others; praying for certain amendments to the Judicature Act of *Lower Canada*.

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

Your Committee have under their consideration the several subjects referred to them by Your Honorable House, and have also made progress in the examination of the Account Current of the Clerk.

Your Committee, upon the representation of the Clerk that the funds in his hands for the necessary disbursements of Contingent Expenses are exhausted, beg leave to recommend that the sum of Eight thousand pounds, on account of such disbursements, be advanced to the Clerk, and that an humble Address to His Excellency the Governor General, for the purpose, be presented accordingly.

Resolved That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Eight thousand pounds currency, towards defraying the Contingent Expenses of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

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

Mr. Polette, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the College of *Monnoir*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

They have also examined the Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers five and six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the reinvestment of the proceeds for the objects of the trust; and the Bill further to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Friendly Society*," and have agreed to report the said Bills without amendment.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the Notices thereon correctly given, viz:—Of the North Shore Railway Company, for autho-

riety to construct Docks in the River *St. Charles*; of the same, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation; of the North Shore Railway Company and the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, for authority to construct a Railway from *Pembroke* to *Georgian Bay*; and of *J. T. Taschereau* and others.

On the Petition of *Justus W. Williams* and others, praying for an Act of incorporation for the construction of a Railway from *Oakville* to *Milton* and thence to *Arthur*, the Notice proved before Your Committee is confined to the County of *Halton*; and, as the last mentioned place is in another County, Your Committee recommend that the operations of the Company be confined within the limits of the County of *Halton*.

On the Petition of *Duncan Sinclair* and others, of the Township of *Chatham*, County of *Argenteuil*, for an Act to remove doubts concerning the Survey of certain side lines in that Township, Your Committee find that no Notice has been given.

The Petition of the North Shore Railway Company representing that their original Stock Book has been destroyed by fire, and praying for the passing of an Act to authenticate a copy of the same, does not, Your Committee conceive, require the publication of Notice.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers five and six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the reinvestment of the proceeds for the objects of the trust, be read the third time To-morrow.

The Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Instruction of Your Honorable House, to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Branch Telegraph within the precincts of the Parliament House, connecting with the Office of the *British North American* Telegraph Association; and in pursuance thereto, appointed certain of their Members a Sub-Committee to confer with the different Telegraph Companies for the purpose of ascertaining whether either of them were willing to establish a Battery and place an Operator in the Parliament Building, or, in the event of their declining, to ascertain the cost which the House would have to incur in establishing a communication with the main Line.

The Sub-Committee so appointed have reported that they addressed Letters to the different Telegraph Companies, enclosing a Copy of a Resolution adopted by Your Committee, and had received a reply but from one Company, viz. The *Montreal* Telegraph Company, wherein it is stated by the Superintendent, Mr. *O. S. Wood*, that he is instructed by the Board of Directors to say, that if the Government will give a Room, with light and heat, free of charge, the Company will establish an Office, and place it in direct communication with their Line, which now extends to *Windsor* in *Canada West*.

The Sub-Committee further reported, that they have ascertained from the Honorable Mr. Speaker, that a Room adjoining the Messengers' Room on the first floor, is at the service of the Telegraph Company, and that consequently Your Honorable House can command the services of a Telegraph Operator located in their Building, without involving any outlay on the part of the Government.

Your Committee have therefore the honor to submit the matter for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the said Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the College of *Monnoir*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Statutes of this Province respecting Mortgages of personal property in *Upper Canada*, and to consolidate the same.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Bourassa* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Mutual Assurance Companies of the Parishes of *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Foley* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the representation in the Directory of Railroad Companies of Municipalities taking Stock in or loaning Monies to such Companies under the provisions of the Municipal Loan Fund Act of *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Poulin*, Mr. *Casault*, Mr. *Jackson*, and Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* be added to the Select Committee on Temperance.

Ordered, That Five be the Quorum of the said Committee.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Resolved, That a Call of the House be made, on Thursday the seventh day of November next.

Resolved, That such Members as shall not then attend, be sent for in custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do cause circular Letters to be written immediately to the absent Members, enclosing to them copies of the present Resolutions, signed by the Clerk of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fortier* have leave to bring in a Bill for the more expeditious transaction of public business in certain cases.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*; the Report of the Directors of the Great Western Railway Company; and the Return relative to the Lease to *John Prince*, Esquire, at the *Rondeau*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Prerogative Writs Act, and to make new provision respecting Writs of *Seire Facias*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Foley* have leave to bring in a Bill to increase the jurisdiction of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Quebec, Chaudière, Maine and Portland Railway Company.*

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

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, a Return of the amount of unpaid instalments on the Lands known as Clergy Reserves in *Upper and Lower Canada*, which have been sold, but not patented, including arrears of interest.

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

Ordered, That the Bill further to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Friendly Society*," be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 29th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a Return in detail, of the sums received and expended by the Commissioners of the *Toronto Harbour*, from the first day of January, 1853, to the thirtieth day of September instant.

For the said Return, see Appendix (G.G.)

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau* also presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Division Court Rules, under the Act 16 *Vic. cap. 177*, sec. 10.

For the said Rules, see Appendix (H.H.)

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to incorporate the *Masson College of Terrebonne*, being read;

And the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Prévost*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left

out, in order to add the following words instead thereof: "the Bill be recom-
 "ted to a Committee of the whole House, with a view to amend the same, by de-
 "claring in the Bill that "the rents, issues, and profits of all property, real or perso-
 "nal, held by the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and applied solely to the
 "construction and repair of the buildings requisite for the purposes of the said Cor-
 "poration, and to the advancement of Education by the instruction of youth, and
 "the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with
 "or depending on the purposes aforesaid," and by inserting the word "annual" be-
 "tween the word "the" and the word "sum" in the first Clause of the said Bill;

Mr. *Hartman* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded
 by Mr. *Ferrie*, That the following words be added at the end thereof: "and also
 "by leaving out the words "that the revenue arising from any lands and tenements
 "situate in this Province, other than the lands on which the buildings of the said
 "College are erected, and its dependencies, shall not exceed the sum of one thou-
 "sand pounds currency" in the said first Clause, and inserting the words "that the
 "said Corporation shall not have power to acquire or hold any real estate, except
 "such as may be necessary for the actual use and occupancy of the said College"
 instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amend-
 ment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down,
 as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>32. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bianchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>68. Valois.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the Original Question;—It
 was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put:

Ordered, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with a view to amend the same, by declaring in the Bill that “the rents, issues, and profits of all property, real or personal, held by the said Corporation, shall be appropriated and applied solely to the construction and repair of the buildings requisite for the purposes of the said Corporation, and to the advancement of Education by the instruction of youth, and the payment of the expenses to be incurred for objects legitimately connected with or depending on the purposes aforesaid,” and by inserting the word “annual” between the word “the” and the word “sum” in the first Clause of the said Bill.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee. The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Papin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Papin* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time Tomorrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 19^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate:—

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the fourteenth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the High Sheriff of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*, (*Edward Cartwright Thomas*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex officio* for the North Riding of the County of *Wentworth*, for the election of a Member to represent the said North Riding of the said County of *Wentworth* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in this present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *Robert Spence* who, since his election as the Representative of the said North Riding of the said County of *Wentworth*, had accepted an Office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the Office of Post Master General of the said Province of *Canada*, by means whereof the seat of the said Honorable *Robert Spence*, as the Representative of the said North Riding of the said County of *Wentworth*, had become vacant, the Honorable *Robert Spence* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the thirteenth day of October instant, which is now lodged of record in my office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 19th October, 1854.

Félix Fortier,

Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Accounts and Statements of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, as required by the 5th Sub-section of the 22nd Section of the Act 14 and 15 *Vic. cap. 51*; and Statement of the Affairs of the *Hamilton* and *Toronto* Railway Company to 30th September, 1854, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th September last.

For the said Accounts and Statements, see Appendix (F.F.)

Also, Statements of the Affairs of the Bank of *Montreal*, and of the City Bank, to 31st August; and of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, to 3rd October, 1854, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th of September last.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (E.E.)

And also, Returns from the Registrars of the Counties of *Prescott* and *Waterloo*, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th September last.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (Z.)

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

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of *Thomas C. Keefer*, of the City of *Montreal*,

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *William V. Southard* and others, builders.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *William B. Imrie* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*.

By Mr. *Shaw*,—The Petition of the Catholic Institute of *Pert*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *Hilaire Peltier*, Esquire, of the City of *St. John's*, Province of *New Brunswick*, merchant; and the Petition of the Reverend *G. S. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*.

By Mr. *Ferrie*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *William Mountain*, of the Town of *William Henry* or *Sorel*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of *Marindia T. Adams* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of *Lyn* and its vicinity; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; the Petition of *Philinia Smart* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of the Town of *Brockville*; and the Petition of *P. E. Adams* and others, Stockholders of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, Clergymen of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* of the Diocese of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the *Upper Canada Mining Company*.

By Mr. *Guévremont*,—The Petition of *Louis Mandeville* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, County of *Richelieu*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *East Zorra*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Regular Baptist Convention of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of *Cephas H. Miller* and others, of the Villages of *Newburgh*, *Clark's Mills*, and vicinity.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*,—The Petition of *L. Guérin* and others.

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

Of *H. Bull*, Junior, and others, of the Township of *Madoc*; and of *O. E. Wood* and others, of the Township of *Madoc*; of *Robert Harvey* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon*; of *Elias McConnell* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; of *George Sherry* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*; and of

John Wilson and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*; praying aid for the improvement of Roads and Bridges.

Of *George Duck, Junior*, and others, the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the sale of a certain block or parcel of Land in the said Town granted for the benefit of Common Schools, and now nearly unproductive for that purpose.

Of *John McLean* and others, of the Village of *Oakville*, County of *Halton*; of *Alanson Maybee* and others, of the Township of *Hope*; of *L. L. Hawn* and others, of the Township of *Hope*; of *J. S. Smith* and others, of the Town of *Port Hope*; of *James Cummings* and others, of the Township of *Charlottenburgh*; of *Abigail H. Knowlton* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters, and Sisters, of the Town of *South Crosby*; and of *Martha Toffy* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters, and Sisters, of *Bastard*, and its vicinity; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*, County of *Arthabaska*; praying for the establishment of a Registry Office at the said Parish.

Mr. Polette, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That *Mr. Papin* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Pamphlet published by the anti-*Seigniorial Convention* of the District of *Montreal*, on the subject of the abolition of the *Seigniorial Tenure*, be printed in the *English* and *French* Languages for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. Galt moved, seconded by *Mr. Holton*, and the Question being put, That all Motions for printing Petitions or other Documents, for which a special Motion is requisite, shall be submitted to the Committee on Printing before action be taken on the same; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of seven Members, composed of *Mr. Pouliot*, the Honorable *Mr. Hincks*, *Mr. Stevenson*, the Honorable *Mr. Morin*, *Mr. Brown*, *Mr. Papin*, and *Mr. Langton*, be appointed to inquire into and report upon the means of publishing and obtaining a correct and impartial Report of the Debates of this House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council request this House to give leave to *William Rhodes*,

Esquire, one of their Members, to attend and give evidence before the Select Committee of the Legislative Council appointed to enquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That this House will send an Answer to the said Message, by Messengers of their own.

And the Master in Chancery was called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith.

And then he again withdrew.

Resolved, That a Select Committee of seven Members, composed of Mr. *Dufresne*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Mr. *Charles Daoust*, Mr. *Sidney Smith*, and Mr. *Foley*, be appointed to inquire whether it would not be proper to pass a Law for the establishment of Courts of Conciliation in this Province, for the whole Province, or for either of the Sections thereof, or for each one separately.

Ordered, That Mr. *Larwill* have leave to bring in a Bill to attach certain Lands in the Gore of *Camden*, to the Township of *Dawn*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Church* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the registration of Births, Marriages, and Burials in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Labelle* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of last Session to extend the provisions of an Act empowering certain Municipal Councils to take Shares in certain Railroad Companies.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Chisholm* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Oakville* and *Arthur* Railway Company.

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

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, and the Question being put, That the present mode of carrying into effect the Laws, Rules or Usages under which Justices of the Peace are selected and appointed in *Upper Canada* by the Executive Government, affords in some Counties just grounds for dissatisfaction and complaint; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>22. Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guerremont,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	51. <i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty Gen.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	43. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	14. <i>Taché,</i>
<i>Derche,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House adjourned accordingly.

Veneris 20^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. Speaker acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate:—

Province of Canada.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twenty-fifth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and

addressed to the Registrar of the County of *Bellechasse*, (*Pantaleon Forgues*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex officio* for the said County of *Bellechasse*, for the election of a Member to represent the said County of *Bellechasse* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in this present Parliament, in the room of the Honorable *Jean Chabot* who, since his election as the Representative of the City of *Quebec* and the said County of *Bellechasse*, had made his election to serve for the said City of *Quebec*, by means whereof the seat of the said Honorable *Jean Chabot* as the Representative of the said County of *Bellechasse* had become vacant, *Octave C. Fortier*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the seventeenth day of October instant, which is now lodged of record in my Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 20th October, 1854.

Félix Fortier,
Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

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

By Mr. *Guevremont*,—The Petition of *Michel Parent* and others, of *St. Robert*, County of *Richelieu*.

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of *Robert Simpson* and others, of *St. Andrews* and neighbourhood, County of *Argenteuil*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *John McDonald* and others, of the Village of *Gananoque*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of *Samuel Hills* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*,—The Petition of the President and Directors of the Great Western Railway Company.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Fabien Blais* and others, of the Township of *Montminy*.

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

Of *Samuel Snell*, of the City of *London, England*, seaman; complaining that he is now suffering an unjust imprisonment, by reason of a partial Judgment rendered against him by *John Maguire*, Esquire, Inspector and Superintendent of Police for *Quebec*; and praying an enquiry in the premises, and the dismissal of *John Maguire*, Esquire, from office.

Of the Governors of the University of *McGill College*; praying for aid.

Of *John Bell* and others residing along the proposed line of Railway from *Amherstbury* to *St. Thomas*; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of the said line of Railway.

Of *W. H. Allworth* and others, of the Village of *Port Stanley*; and of *Asa Durkee* and others, of the Township of *Norwich*, County of *Oxford*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the President, Officers, and Members of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*; representing the loss they sustained by the burning of their apartments situated in the Parliament Buildings, *Quebec*; and praying for additional aid in consideration thereof.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to extend the time for completing the *Louth Harbour*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg leave to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That Mr. *De Witt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Educational and Evangelical Society established at *La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal*.

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

The Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General—Documents from the Bureau of Agriculture, submitted in pursuance of the Acts 16 *Vic.* caps. 11 and 18.

For the said Documents, see Appendix (I.I.)

Ordered, That the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* have leave of absence for one week, from Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to extend the time for completing the *Louth Harbour*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Ordered, That the Opinion of the Attorney General of the *United States* (now handed in) in reference to the Reciprocity Treaty, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Statement of the Affairs of the *Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company*, to the 30th September, 1854, laid before this House yesterday, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Octave C. Fortier, Esquire, Member for the County of *Bellechasse*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Galt*, and the Question being proposed, That it is inexpedient to continue the present system of depositing all Public Money as received in one Bank;

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Galt*, Mr. *Holton*, and the mover, be appointed to inquire into the effect which has been produced on the Commercial interests of this Province by the system of keeping the Public Deposits in one of the Chartered Banks, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records" inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment;—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Galt* and Mr. *Holton*, be appointed to inquire into the effect which has been produced on the Commercial interests of this

Province by the system of keeping the Public Deposits in one of the Chartered Banks, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventés* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held *en roture* in Lower Canada.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Provincial Statute 25 *Geo.* 3 cap. 2.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill for the removal of doubts and to explain the Provincial Statute 12 *Vic.* cap. 42.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Laberge* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the bringing of Actions by or against Inspectors and Overseers of Roads.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Laberge* have leave to bring in a Bill to indemnify Inspectors and Overseers of Roads in certain cases.

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

Resolved, That during the remainder of the Session, this House will, on Mondays and Thursdays, take up the Orders of the day at Seven o'clock in the afternoon, unless the Notices of Motions are previously disposed of.

Ordered, That Mr. *McKerlie* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 74, intituled, "An Act for the protection of the Indians in *Upper Canada* from imposition, and the property occupied and engaged by them from trespass and injury."

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

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

Your Committee have examined the following Petitions, and find the Notices in each case sufficient, viz:—Of the *Megantic Junction Railway and Navigation Company*; of the *Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company*, and others; and of *George Duck*, junior, and others, the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham*.

The Petition of *R. S. Tylec* and others, on behalf of the *Montreal Dispensary*,

praying for an Act of Incorporation, is not, in the opinion of Your Committee, of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

A Bill to authorize the sale of certain Lands described as Lots numbers five and six in Division A, of the Township of *Guelph*, and the reinvestment of the proceeds for the object of the trust, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Masson* College of *Terrebonne*, being read;

Mr. *Prévost* moved, seconded by Mr. *Papin*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided; and the Names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Valois.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Darust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	66. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	15. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to incorporate the “College *Masson* at *Terrebonne*.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Prévost* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinances relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Montreal*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the second day of November next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the second day of November next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the boundary line between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the Township of *Cornwall*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the second day of November next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law of *Upper Canada* with respect to the solemnization and registration of Marriages, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the second day of November next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal* denominated the *German Evangelical Church*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide in a more certain manner for order in enregistration and searches in the Registry Offices of *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Committee appointed to enquire concerning the operation of the Registry Ordinances or Laws.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *St. Michael's* College in the City of *Toronto*, being read ;

Mr. *Bowes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time :

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*, The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ 23^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER informed the House, That the Serjeant-at-Arms had (with his approbation) appointed *William C. Burrage*, Esquire, to act as his Deputy, during the period of his leave of absence.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Returns from the Registrars of the Counties of *Norfolk* and *Kent*, and of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th September last.

For the said Returns, see Appendix (Z.)

And also, Statements of the Affairs of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company, to the 30th April, 1854.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (E.E.)

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

By Mr. *Wright*,—The Petition of *John C. Ball* and others, of the Township of *Niagara*.

By Mr. *Dostaler*,—The Petition of *J. B. Drinville* and others, of the Northeast part of the Township of *Brandon*, and other places in the County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *St. Thomas*.

By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of *Godfrois Milot* and others, of the Township of *St. Maurice*, County of *St. Maurice*.

By Mr. *Blanchet*,—The Petition of *Charles Hébert*, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Alexis Pinet*, of the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *Thomas Cary*, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *Flavien Vallerand*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *Bernard Smith* and others, of the Township of *Durham*; the Petition of *F. Irwin* and others, of *Durham*; the Petition of *Joseph Smith* and others, of *Durham*; the Petition of *Lorance Jurdinne* and others, of *Durham*; the Petition of *Ira Cross* and others, of *Durham*; and the Petition of *W. R. Dunkerly* and others.

By Mr. *Sidney Smith*,—The Petition of *Cobourg* Division, No. 9, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of *David Brodie* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *P. Blanchet*, of *St. Mathias*; the Petition of *Damas Bourbonnière* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bruno*; and the Petition of *J. P. Dubois*, of the Parish of *Ste. Julie*, County of *Verchères*.

By Mr. *Larwill*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of *John Keairns* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Coyley*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Huron*, County of *Bruce*.

By the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Mowat* and others.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Laval*, County of *Montmorency*, and of the City of *Québec*.

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

Of *Thomas C. Keefer*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying that a Clause may be introduced into the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* to make that Company liable for claims against the late *Montreal* and *Kingston*, and *Kingston* and *Toronto* Railway Companies.

Of *William V. Southard* and others, builders; praying for the passing of an Act securing to parties contracting or building houses, a Lien upon the same until paid for according to contract.

Of *William B. Imrie* and others, of the Township of *Edwardsburgh*; of *Maria T. Adams* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of *Lyn* and its vicinity; of *Philinia Smart* and others, Wives, Mothers, Daughters and Sisters, of the Town of *Brockville*; of *Cephas H. Miller* and others, of the Villages of *Newburgh*, *Clark's Mills*, and vicinity; of *John McDonald* and others, of the Village of *Gananoque*, and others; and of *Samuel Hills* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Catholic Institute of *Perth*; praying that the Common School Act may be so amended as to provide for the maintenance of Separate Schools, and that they may have a share of the funds arising from the disposal of the Clergy Reserves.

Of the Reverend *G. S. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Simon*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at the said Parish.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Waterloo*; praying that a residence of three years may be enacted as the time necessary for the naturalization of Foreigners coming to this Province.

Of *William Mountain*, of the Town of *William Henry* or *Sorel*; praying indemnification for loss sustained by the burning of his Grist Mill by incendiaries while he was on duty during the Rebellion of 1837.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying for the repeal of the Common School Act of *Upper Canada*, or otherwise that the said Counties may be relieved from its operations, and that the said Council may have the control of Common Schools therein.

Of *P. E. Adams* and others, Stockholders of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*; praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the said Company.

Of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, Clergymen of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* of the Diocese of *Toronto*; representing that they took charge of their respective Missions on the assurance that they should receive a certain amount of salaries; that the faith of Government was given for the payment thereof, but that owing to circumstances a certain amount thereof yet remains unpaid; and praying for justice in the premises.

Of the President and Directors of the *Upper Canada Mining Comprny*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *Louis Mandeville* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, County of *Richelieu*; praying for certain amendments to the Ordinances for the improvement of Winter Roads, and relating to the use of certain vehicles thereon.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *East Zorra*; praying that the North side line of the said Township may be placed at the disposal of the Township Council in order to the sale thereof, and that the proceeds may be devoted to the improvement of Roads in that Township.

Of the Regular Baptist Convention of *Canada*; praying for the speedy passing of an Act to secularize the Clergy Reserves.

Of *L. Guérin* and others; praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Michel Parent* and others, of *St. Robert*, County of *Richelieu*; praying for the passing of the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinances relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada* in as far as regards the District of *Montreal*.

Of *Robert Simpson* and others, of *St. Andrews* and neighbourhood, County of *Argenteuil*; praying for aid to improve the navigation of the North River at the place known as *Long John's Rapids*.

Of the President and Directors of the Great Western Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and for the increase of their Capital Stock.

Of *Fabien Blais* and others, of the Township of *Montminy*; praying aid for a Road to open communication with the said Township.

Of *Hilaire Peltier*, Esquire, of the City of *St. John's*, Province of *New Brunswick*, merchant; praying that he may have the exclusive privilege of building one or more Steamers and constructing one or more Wharves on Lake *Temiscouata*, to promote the navigation of the said Lake.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal* denominated the *German Evangelical Church*, and have agreed to a certain amendment, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

They have also examined the Bill to incorporate the *St. Michael's College* in the City of *Toronto*, and have agreed to several amendments, which they also submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *Francis Evans* and others, Clergymen of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, of the Diocese of *Toronto*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

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 which 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. *Sidney Smith* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Michael's* College in the City of *Toronto*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Samuel Snell*, of the City of *London, England*, seaman, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of any Correspondence which may have passed between certain *Roman Catholic* Bishops and the Provincial Government in regard to the Clergy Reserves.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

On motion of Mr. *Alleyn*, seconded by Mr. *Blanchet*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for the publication of the Report of the General Board of Health, for the information of the House.

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

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be further extended to the seventh of November; for receiving Private Bills to the twentieth of November; and for receiving Reports on Private Bills to the fourth of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to improve the Law relating to Betterment, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, Mr. *Ferres*, Mr. *Thomas Fortier*, Mr. *Masson*, Mr. *Lemieux*, and Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law of Patents for Inventions, being read;

Mr. *Sanborn* moved, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Cartier* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Thibaudeau*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the the Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put ;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enforce the enregistration of Titles to Lands in the Townships of *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to improve the Law relating to Betterment.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 24^o die Octobris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER acquainted the House, That the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following Certificate:—
 Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify, that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the twentieth day of September last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the Registrar of the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, (*Horace St. Germain*, Esquire,) Returning Officer *ex officio* for the County of *Bagot*, for the election of a Member to represent the said County of *Bagot* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in this present Parliament, in the room of *Timotheé Brodeur*, Esquire, whose Election as the Representative of the said County of *Bagot* had been declared void, *Timotheé Brodeur*, Esquire, has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return to the said Writ of Election, dated the twentieth day of October instant, which is now lodged of record in my Office.

Office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery,
Quebec, 24th October, 1854.

Félix Fortier,
 Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.

To *William B. Lindsay*, Esquire,
 Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Copy of a Proclamation relative to the Public Health, pursuant to the provisions of the Act 12 *Vic.* cap. 8, sec. 8 ; and the same is as followeth :—

Province of Canada.

By His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these presents shall come—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

(Signed,) *L. T. Drummond*,
Atty. Gen. } WHEREAS in and by an Act of the Legislature of this Province made and passed in the twelfth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to make provision for the preservation of the Public Health in certain emergencies," it is amongst other things enacted, that whenever this Province, or any part thereof or place therein, shall appear to be threatened with any formidable Epidemic, Endemic or Contagious Disease, the Governor of this Province may, by Proclamation to be by him, from time to time, issued by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of this Province, declare the said Act to be in force in this Province, or in such part thereof or place therein as may be mentioned in such Proclamation, and the same shall thereupon become and be in force accordingly; and that His Excellency may in such a manner from time to time as to all or any parts or places to which any such Proclamation may extend, revoke or renew any such Proclamation, and subject to such revocation or renewal as aforesaid, every such Proclamation shall have effect for six calendar months, or for such shorter period as in such Proclamation shall be expressed: And whereas I, the Governor of this Province, did on the first day of July last past, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the said Province, exercising the power in me vested by the said Act, issue my Proclamation declaring the said Act to be in force in the said Province from and after the date thereof, and that the same shall continue in force for and during the period of six calendar months, unless the said Proclamation should be sooner revoked and recalled according to the said Act: And whereas it appears that in the judgment of the Central Board of Health, the Cholera, which lately prevailed in this Province, no longer bears an epidemic character, and that under Divine Providence the time has arrived for withdrawing the operation of the said Act: Now, know ye, that by virtue of the power in me vested by the said Act, I, the said Governor of this Province, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council thereof, do hereby revoke and recall the said Proclamation of the first day of July last declaring the said Act in force as aforesaid in the said Province.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at *Quebec*, this eleventh day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

(Signed,) *Elgin & Kincardine*.

By Command.

(Signed,) *P. J. O. Chauveau*,
Secretary.

Mr. Speaker also laid before the House,—List of the present Directors, President, Vice-President, and other Officers of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, with a Statement shewing the number of Shares subscribed, and the amount already paid on account of such Shares, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 28th September last.

For the said List and Statement, see Appendix (F.F.)

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

By Mr. *Polette*—The Petition of Mrs. *Brigette Gosselin*, of the City of *Quebec*, widow of the late *Augustin Laperrière*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of *Robert Defries*, Post Master to the Legislative Assembly.

By Mr. *Prévost*,—The Petition of *Amable Jetté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, and others, of the County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Robert Spencer* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Clarke*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *Moïse Grisi* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bruno*, County of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Angus Morrison*,—The Petition of *Charles N. Tripp*, of the City of *Hamilton*, on behalf of himself and others.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of the Loyal Orange Lodge of *Lanark*, No. 448.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *William Griffin* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*.

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petition of *E. Short*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke* and vicinity; the Petition of *William Brown* and others, of *Kingsey*, County of *Drummond*; the Petition of *Thomas C. Allis* and others, of *Shipton*, County of *Sherbrooke*; and the Petition of *Thomas Donegan* and others, of the Township of *Tingwick*, County of *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Freeman*,—The Petition of *Jacob Rynal* and others, of the Township of *Barton*.

By Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. B. Mowat* and others.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of *P. Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Reach*.

By Mr. *Gamble*,—The Petition of *W. Gamble*, Esquire, and others, Millowners, and others; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*.

By the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *William P. McLaren* and others.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *James Mason* and others residing on the proposed line of the *Montreal and Kingston* Railway.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the *Sydenham Harbour* Company, and of *W. H. Smith* and others, of the Province of *Canada*, Shareholders in the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company, and find that the requisite Notices have been given.

The Petition of the President and Directors of the *Upper Canada Mining* Company prays for a certain amendment to their Act of Incorporation, which is of such a nature as not to come (in the opinion of Your Committee) within the terms of the 62nd Rule.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chisholm* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the original Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining* Company.

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

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 enquire 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.

Ordered, That the Bill for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal* denominated the *German Evangelical Church*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of Crown Prosecutors in each District, and of Associate Coroners in each County in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *McKerlie* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the election of Mayors of Cities and Towns, and Wardens of Counties in *Upper Canada*, directly by the Electors.

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

Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Charles Charpentier*, Senior, and others, of the Village of *L' Avenir*; the Petition of *N. A. Beaudet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; the Petition of *Noël Hébert* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; the Petition of *Charles Héon* and others, of the Township of *Blandford*; the Petition of *Stanislas Picher* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; the Petition of *T. Paradis* and others of the Parish of *St. Guillaume d' Upton*; the Petition of *Pierre Croteau* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*, County of *Arthabaska*; and the Petition of *Louis Richard* and others, of *Stanford*, complaining of the division of the Counties, and praying for justice by the division of the Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, so as to permit each County to elect a Representative, be referred to a Committee of eleven Members, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Mr. *Desaulniers*, Mr. *Thibaudeau*, Mr. *Foley*, Mr. *Valois*, Mr. *Gould*, Mr. *Papin*, Mr. *Sanborn*, Mr. *Aikins*, Mr. *Frazier*, and the mover, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>De Witt.</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>32. Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crauford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>64. Yeilding.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. *Gamble* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*, That all the words after "now" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "rejected for the following reasons:—Because a permanent appropriation was made by the Imperial Act 31 *Geo.* 3, of the Lands known as the Clergy Reserves, in *Upper and Lower Canada*, for the support of a Protestant Clergy in all time to come: Because by the 3 & 4 *Vic.* a final disposition of the said Lands, and the yearly income arising and to arise therefrom, was made by the Imperial Parliament in the Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* for the maintenance of Religion, the advancement of Christian knowledge, public worship, and religious instruction: And because any application of the Funds arising from the said Lands, other than for the purposes above mentioned, will involve a breach of public faith, a violation of the vested interest acquired by the Churches of *England, Scotland*, and other Denominations, and the appropriation to secular objects of property solemnly set apart for sacred uses in perpetuity by the first Constitution of the Province" inserted instead thereof;

Mr. *Rhodes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Murney*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>6. Rhodes.</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bourassa.</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bureau.</i>	<i>Felton.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson.</i>
<i>Burton.</i>	<i>Fergusson.</i>	<i>Loranger.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Charveau.</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Freeman.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crysler.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton.</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin.</i>	<i>97. Young.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bowes*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That all the words after “now” to the end of the Original Question be left out, and the words “rejected for the following reasons:—
“ Because a permanent appropriation was made by the Imperial Act 31 *Geo.* 3, of
“ the Lands known as the Clergy Reserves, in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, for the
“ support of a Protestant Clergy in all time to come: Because by the 3 & 4 *Vic.*
“ a final disposition of the said Lands, and the yearly income arising and to arise
“ therefrom, was made by the Imperial Parliament in the Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* for the
“ maintenance of Religion, the advancement of Christian knowledge, public wor-
“ ship, and religious instruction: And because any application of the Funds arising
“ from the said Lands, other than for the purposes above mentioned, will involve a
“ breach of public faith, a violation of the vested interest acquired by the Churches
“ of *England*, *Scotland*, and other Denominations, and the appropriation to secular
“ objects of property solemnly set apart for sacred uses in perpetuity by the first
“ Constitution of the Province” inserted instead thereof; the House divided: and
the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Gamble.</i>	<i>O'Farrell.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>12. Yeilding.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Delong.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>

<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>92. Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>93. Young.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>15. Yeilding.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 16th instant, for copies of papers relative to proposed changes in the Constitution of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 24th October, 1854.

By Command,
Pierre J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

No. 42.—(Copy.)

Government House,
Quebec, 1st July, 1853.

My Lord Duke,—I have the honor to transmit herewith the humble Address to Her Majesty, of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Legislative Council of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, on the subject of the Constitution of that House, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,) *Elgin & Kincardine*.

His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 43.—(Copy.)

Government House,
Quebec, 1st July, 1853.

My Lord Duke,—I have the honor to enclose herewith the humble Address to Her Majesty, of Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council, and to request that Your Grace will be pleased to cause it to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

2. A proposition which goes to effect a fundamental change in the composition of one of the Branches of the Provincial Legislature affords most unquestionably matter for very serious consideration, and it is moreover no doubt true that independently of the important question of principle involved in the measure which is submitted by the Assembly for Her Majesty's approval, difficulties of execution and detail of a very formidable character present themselves when the attempt is made to combine two elective Chambers with a system of Government conducted on the rules of *British* Constitutional practice. Difficulties, it may be observed, for which no solution is afforded by precedents drawn from the *United States*, inasmuch as Parliamentary Government and Ministerial Responsibility, in the *British* sense of the term, are unknown to the Constitutions of that Country. Nevertheless, I feel it my duty in transmitting this Address, to state that I know of no expedient which is so likely to impart to the Legislative Council the influence which it is most desirable that it should possess as the substitution of the principle of election for that of nomination by the Crown in the appointment of its Members.

3. According to the plan which is sketched in the enclosed Address, the Members of either House of the Legislature will be returned by the same Constituency. Exception may doubtless be taken to this arrangement. But in the absence of any unobjectionable scheme for the election of Members of the Legislative Council at two degrees, I am disposed to think that on the whole it is better that they should be elected by the Constituency which elects the Members of the Legislative Assembly, than that a pretence should be afforded for raising a prejudice against the former Body, and weakening its moral influence by the allegation that it represents only a privileged class.

4. The larger Constituencies for which, as compared with Members of the Assembly, individual Members of the Legislative Council will be returned; the more

lengthened periods for which they will be elected; their restricted liability to dissolution by the Crown, and the qualifications in respect to age and fortune or previous service which they will be required to possess, will, it may be hoped, give to that Body considerable weight in the political scale, and render a seat in it an object of ambition to the leading statesmen in the Province. On the other hand, it is not proposed that the contemplated change in the Council should have the effect of abridging in any respect the privileges, whether as regards money votes or other matters, which the practice of the Constitution has conferred on the Legislative Assembly.

5. Your Grace will not fail to perceive, from the terms of the Address, that in connection with the contemplated change it is suggested that no pecuniary qualification should henceforth be required of Candidates for the Legislative Assembly, and that the existing Members of the Legislative Council should not retire at once, in order to make way for Members chosen by popular election, but in two bodies selected by ballot, and after the lapse of two and four years. This latter provision may probably tend to facilitate the transition from the present to the new order of things.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) *Elgin & Kincardine.*

His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*,
&c., &c., &c.

No. 87.—(Copy.)

Downing Street, 26th May, 1854.

My Lord,—I have the honor to acknowledge Your Despatch, No. 42, of the 1st of July last, enclosing an Address from the Legislative Council on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council; and No. 43, of the same date, enclosing an Address from the Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, on the same subject.

I have also to acknowledge a private Despatch, of the 31st December last, from the Officer administering the Government, enclosing the draft of a Bill intended to carry into execution the objects of the latter Address.

I have in reply to inform you, that Her Majesty's Government are about to introduce immediately a Bill into Parliament, giving the Legislature of *Canada* such powers to alter the provisions of the *Canada* Union Act respecting the Legislative Council, as will suffice to effect the objects of the Address, should the Legislature on consideration deem the change expedient.

It is proposed to take the same opportunity to repeal that Clause of the Union Act by which Acts of a specified description are required to be laid before Parliament for a certain period, before they can receive the assent of the Crown; a restriction which has been found inconvenient and unnecessary.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) *Newcastle.*

The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,
&c., &c., &c.,

No. 9.—(Copy.)

Downing Street, 11th August, 1854.

My Lord,—I have to inform Your Lordship that in pursuance of the intention expressed in the Duke of *Newcastle's* Despatch, No. 87, of the 26th May last, a Bill was introduced by Her Majesty's Government into the House of Lords, for the purposes mentioned in that Despatch. The Bill having passed through both Houses of Parliament, has received Her Majesty's assent.

I enclose you a copy of the Act, (17 & 18 Vic. cap. 118.)

Her Majesty's *Canadian* Subjects will recognize in this Act the confidence which is placed in them by the Government and the Parliament of this Country.

Her Majesty's Government are not insensible to the force of the observations contained in your Despatch, No. 43, of the 1st July, 1853, as to the importance of a proposition for effecting a fundamental change in the Constitution of one of the Branches of the Provincial Legislature, and as to the difficulties of execution and detail connected with it, and they have not failed to give due consideration to the Address from the Legislative Council of *Canada*, upon this subject. I think it right moreover to observe that in the course which has been taken by Her Majesty's Government, they have not expressed any concurrence in the details of the Draft of a Bill, prepared by the Executive Council of *Canada*, and transmitted to my predecessor, in General *Rowan's* Despatch, No. 3, of the 31st December last.

The Draft never having been submitted to the *Canadian* Legislature, (as indeed it never was intended to be,) could not have undergone the consideration and revision which a Bill on such a subject would undoubtedly require and receive in passing through its several stages in the two Branches of the Legislature.

Her Majesty's Government did not feel it to be consistent with their duty, or with the respect due to the Constitutional rights of the Colony, to propose a measure to Parliament for altering the Constitution of the Council. But they have felt that considering the progress which has been made by *Canada* in wealth and population, and the proof it has given of fitness for self-government, there was no sufficient reason for withholding from its Legislature the power now possessed in many other Colonies, of making, with the consent of the Crown, such changes in its Constitution, as time and experience may show to be necessary or expedient.

I will only express the hope and expectation of Her Majesty's Government, that if the Legislature of *Canada* should think fit to exercise the power conferred on it by the Act now transmitted to you, that power will be exercised with the care and deliberation which the great importance of the subject demands, and that the result will be to give increased weight and influence to the Legislative Council as a distinct Branch of the Legislature, and by promoting the welfare and good government of the Province, to strengthen its loyalty and attachment to the Imperial Crown of *Great Britain*, of which it forms so valuable a possession.

I feel also assured on a review of the course of conduct pursued by the Legislative Council since the Union of the Provinces, that in the consideration of any measure which may be proposed for an alteration of its Constitution, its Members will be influenced by the same spirit which has been evinced by them on other occasions, and that they will be ready to forego any personal claims, if they are satisfied that such a sacrifice on their part will be conducive to the public interests.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,)

G. Grey.

Governor General, The Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, K. T.

&c., &c., &c.

Cap. CXVIII.

An Act to empower the Legislature of *Canada* to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council for that Province, and for other purposes.

[11th August, 1854.]

WHEREAS an Act of the Session of Parliament holden in the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-five, "to reunite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," provides

amongst other things for the establishment of a Legislative Council in the Province of *Canada*, consisting of Members summoned thereto by the Governor, under the authority of Her Majesty as therein specified: And whereas it is expedient that the Legislature of the said Province should be empowered to alter the Constitution of the said Legislative Council: And whereas the said Act requires amendment in other respect: Be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

I. It shall be lawful for the Legislature of *Canada* by any Act or Acts to be hereafter for that purpose passed, to alter the manner of composing the Legislative Council of the said Province, and to make it consist of such number of Members appointed or to be appointed or elected by such persons and in such manner as to the said Legislature may seem fit, and to fix the qualifications of the persons capable of being so appointed or elected, and by such Act or Acts to make provision, if they shall think fit, for the separate dissolution by the Governor of the said Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly respectively, and for the purposes aforesaid to vary and repeal in such manner as to them may seem fit all or any of the sections and provisions of the said recited Act, and of any other Act of Parliament now in force which relate to the Constitution of the Legislative Council of *Canada*: Provided always, that any Bill or Bills which shall be passed by the present Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada* for all or any of the purposes aforesaid shall be reserved by the said Governor, unless he think fit to withhold Her Majesty's assent thereto, for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, and shall be subject to the enactments of the said recited Act of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-five, section thirty-nine, which relate to Bills so reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure.

II. As soon as the Constitution of the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada* shall have been altered under such Act or Acts so assented to by Her Majesty as aforesaid, all provisions of the said recited Act of Parliament of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty, chapter thirty-five, and of any other Act of Parliament now in force relating to the Legislative Council of *Canada*, shall be held to apply to the Legislative Council so altered, except so far as such provisions may have been varied or repealed by such Act or Acts of the Legislature of *Canada* so assented to as aforesaid.

III. It shall be lawful for the Legislature of *Canada* from time to time to vary and repeal all or any of the provisions of the Act or Acts altering the Constitution of the said Legislative Council: Provided always, that any Bill for any such purpose which shall vary the qualification of Councillors, or the duration of office of such Councillors, or the power of the Governor to dissolve the Council or Assembly, shall be reserved by the Governor for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure in manner aforesaid.

IV. It shall be lawful for the Legislature of *Canada* by an Act or Acts reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure, and whereto Her Majesty shall have assented as hereinbefore provided, to vary or repeal any of the provisions of the recited Act of Parliament of the third and fourth years of Her Majesty which relate to the property qualification of Members of the Legislative Assembly.

V. So much of the twenty-sixth section of the said recited Act of Parliament as provides that it shall not be lawful to present to the Governor of the Province of *Canada* for Her Majesty's assent, any Bill of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the said Province by which the number of Representatives in the Legislative Assembly may be altered, unless the second and third reading of such Bill in the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly shall have been passed with

the concurrence of two-thirds of the Members for the time being of the said Legislative Council, and of two-thirds of the Members for the time being of the said Legislative Assembly respectively, and that the assent of Her Majesty shall not be given to any such Bill unless Addresses shall have been presented by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly, respectively, to the Governor, stating that such Bill has been so passed, is hereby repealed.

VI. The forty-second section of the said recited Act of Parliament, providing that in certain cases Bills of the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada* shall be laid before both Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom, is hereby repealed; and, notwithstanding anything in the said Act of Parliament or in any other Act of Parliament contained, it shall be lawful for the Governor to declare that he assents in Her Majesty's name to any Bill of the Legislature of *Canada*, or for Her Majesty to assent to any such Bill if reserved for the signification of Her pleasure thereon, although such Bill shall not have been laid before the said Houses of Parliament; and no Act heretofore passed or to be passed by the Legislature of *Canada* shall be held invalid or ineffectual by reason of the same not having been laid before the said Houses, or by reason of the Legislative Council and Assembly not having presented to the Governor such Address as by the said Act of Parliament is required.

VII. That in this Act the word "Governor" is to be understood as comprehending the Governor, and in his absence the Lieutenant Governor, or Person authorized to execute the office or the functions of the Governor of *Canada*.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 25^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

EPHRAIM COOK, Esquire, Member for the South Riding of the County of *Oxford*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *A. F. Holmes, M.D.*, and others, Physicians, practising in the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Flint*,—The Petition of *G. V. L. Relyea* and others, of the County of *Hastings*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *F. Nye* and others.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Zoé Bigué*, widow of *Joseph R. Richard*.

By Mr. *Papin*,—The Petition of the Mutual Assurance Association of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*.

By the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of *Alexander Davidson*, painter and proprietor of the Panorama of the *Canadas*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Spence*,—The Petition of *Charles Burrows* and others, of the Village of *Millbank* and its vicinity.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the County of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Reverend *P. Sax* and others, of *Lake Beauport* Settlement, and *Charlesbourg*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. Faucher* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*.

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

Of *John C. Ball* and others, of the Township of *Niagara*; praying that no Bill may be passed interfering with the Road Allowances in the said Township.

Of *J. B. Drinville* and others, of the Northeast part of the Township of *Brandon*, and other places in the County of *Berthier*; praying aid for the construction of a Road to the *St. Catherine* Concession of the Parish of *St. Culibert*.

Of the Municipality of the Village of *St. Thomas*; praying an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railroad between the *Niagara* and *Detroit* Rivers, passing through the said Village.

Of *Godfrois Milot* and others, of the Township of *St. Maurice*, County of *St. Maurice*; praying aid for the opening and improvement of certain Roads in the said Township.

Of *Charles Hébert*, of the City of *Quebec*; and of *Thomas Cary*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the adoption of measures to secure to them the payment of a certain amount due to each of them by the late Council of the Municipal District of *Quebec*.

Of *Alexis Pinet*, of the City of *Montreal*; and of *Flavien Vallerand*; praying for the adoption of measures to secure to them the payment of a certain amount due to each of them by the late Council of the Municipal District of *Richelieu*.

Of *Bernard Smith* and others, of the Township of *Durham*; praying for the passing of an Act to establish Parish and Township Municipalities in lieu of those of Counties, and for a more practicable Road Law.

Of *F. Irwin* and others, of *Durham*; praying that Jurors attending the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada* may be indemnified for their services.

Of *Joseph Smith* and others, of *Durham*; praying that the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabasha* may be separated, and each entitled to send a Representative to Parliament.

Of *Lorance Jurdinne* and others, of *Durham*; praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of squatters, may be protected by Law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of *Ira Cross* and others, of *Durham*; praying for aid in behalf of the *Durham* Academy.

Of *W. R. Dunkerly* and others, praying that the annual grant for Common Schools may be augmented to One hundred thousand pounds.

Of *Cobourg* Division, No. 9, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *David Brodie* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*; and of the Reverend *J. B. Mowat* and others; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *P. Blanchet*, of *St. Mathias*; praying for the adoption of measures for the restitution of the Jesuits' College in *Quebec*, now occupied as a Barracks, to its original design.

Of *Damas Bourbonnière* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bruno*; and of *J. P. Du-bois*, of the Parish of *Ste. Julie*, County of *Verchères*; praying for the passing of the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinances relating to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Montreal*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying for the passing of an

Act to confirm and make valid copies of certain By-Laws of the said Council destroyed by fire in the year 1853.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; praying that the appointment of County Officers may be placed under the control of the several County Councils.

Of *John Keairns* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*; praying that the Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company for an Act to confirm the amalgamation of the said Road with that of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, may not be granted.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Huron*, County of *Bruce*; praying for the construction of a Wharf on *Pine River*, in the said Township.

Of *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Laval*, County of *Montmorency*, and of the City of *Quebec*; praying for aid to improve the Road through the said Parish.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Thomas C. Keefer*, of the City of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. Taché moved, seconded by *Mr. Fournier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Report of *Mr. Rhéaume* on the state of Agriculture in the District of *Quebec*, forming part of the Documents from the Bureau of Agriculture which were presented on Friday last, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the state of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*; and that it be printed for the use of the Members of this House;

The Honorable *Mr. Young* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by *Mr. Hartman*, That all the words after "*Canada*" be left out;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bellingham.</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Broun,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>61. Young.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>

Darche,
Desaulniers,

Fournier,
Gill,

McKerlie,

30. *Valois.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put, That the Report of Mr. *Rhéaume* on the state of Agriculture in the District of *Quebec*, forming part of the Documents from the Bureau of Agriculture which were presented on Friday last, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the state of Agriculture in *Lower Canada*; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John C. Ball* and others, of the Township of *Niagara*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Henry Taylor*, of the City of *Québec*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Parliament Library.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the First Report of the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be rescinded.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, in the First Report of the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Sydenham Harbour Company*.

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

Mr. *Mackenzie*, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (J.J.)

Timotheé Brodeur, Esquire, Member for the County of *Bagot*, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his Seat in the House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Hilaire Allard* and others, of the Village of *L'Avénir*; the Petition of *Stanislas Picher* and others, of the Township of *Bulstrode*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. O. Prince* and others, of *St. Norbert d'Arthabaska*; the Petition of the Reverend *P. H. Suzor* and others, of the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*; the Petition of *Joseph Belanger* and others, of the Township of *Blanford*; the Petition of *Pierre Marcotte* and others, of the Township of *Warwick*; the Petition of *Lorance Jurdinne* and others, of *Durham*; and the Petition of *Louis Richard* and others, of the Township of *Stanfold*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to improve the Law relating to Betterment.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Ignace Gill*, Esquire, *Joseph Charles Taché*, Esquire, *William Mattice*, Esquire, *John Meagher*, Esquire; Chairman, *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*George Crawford*, Esquire, *Billa Flint*, Esquire, *John William Gamble*, Esquire, *John LeBoutillier*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Joseph Napoleon Poulin*, Esquire, the Honorable *William Benjamin Robinson*, *Jacques Olivier Bureau*, Esquire, *Jean Baptiste Daoust*, Esquire; Chairman, *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, Esquire.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company*.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Bureau*, the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Desaulniers*, Mr. *Jobin*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Laberge*, and Mr. *Huot*, be appointed to examine as to the expediency of promoting the Agricultural interests of *Canada*, by establishing Institutions founded on landed and farming stock security, to report thereon from time to time; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council do give leave to the the Honorable *John Ross*, the Speaker of their House, and the Honorable *James Morris* and *Samuel Mills*, two of their Members, to attend the Select Committee of this House to which 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.

And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That Mr. *Casault* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent the taking of Trout with Nets in the Lakes of the County of *Saguenoy*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Jackson* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend an Act to establish Mutual Insurance Companies in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Frazer* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Fort Erie Canal Company*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Laberge* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts relating to Building Societies.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferrie* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the 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.

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

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Wright*, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Mr. *Papin*, Mr. *Scatcherd*, and the mover, be appointed to inquire and report as to the facts connected with the removal of the Post Master at *Brooke*, and the appointment of Post Masters at *Triumph* and other places in the County of *Lambton*, while the recent Parliamentary Election was proceeding, or immediately thereafter; also, to inquire and report upon the circumstances connected with the issuing of a Commission of the Peace for the County of *Kent* in June last, after a Vote of this House had been passed adverse to the Administration, and a General Election had been ordered; also, to inquire and report as to the circumstances connected with a certain grant of Five hundred pounds from the Public Chest in the said month of June last, in aid of a Road through the said County of *Lambton*; with power to send for persons, papers, and records;

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, That all the words after "thereafter" to the word "*Lambton*" inclusive, be left out;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyr,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cascault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mongenaix,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>

<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	51. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévoist,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	41. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put, That a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Brown*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, Mr. *Papin*, and Mr. *Scatcherd*, be appointed to inquire and report as to the facts connected with the removal of the Post Master at *Brooke*, and the appointment of Post Masters at *Triumph* and other places in the County of *Lambton*, while the recent Parliamentary Election was proceeding, or immediately thereafter; with power to send for persons, papers, and records; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévoist,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morrin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	81. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	11. <i>Turcotte:</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Mattice* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House adjourned accordingly.

Jovis, 26° die Octobris;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Return to an Order of this House of the 16th instant, for Papers, Evidence, and Proceedings in the Court of Chancery in the suit of *Paterson* and others, against *Bowes*, or the City of *Toronto vs. Bowes*.

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

By Mr. *O'Farrell*,—The Petition of Mrs. *F. X. Roy* and other Directresses of the Asylum of the Good Shepherd at *Quebec*; and the Petition of *James Reed*, of the Township of *Inverness*, County of *Megantic*, Surgeon and Physician.

By Mr. *Flint*,—The Petition of *Thomas Empey* and others, of the Township of *Thurlow*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—Two Petitions of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*.

By Mr. *Whitney*,—The Petition of the Trustees of the Diocesan School at *St. Johns, Lower Canada*; the Petition of *A. L. Taylor*, of the West Riding of the County of *Missisquoi*; the Petition of *N. M. Blinn* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*; the Petition of the Reverend *J. St. Aubin* and others, of *Clarenceville*; and the Petition of *A. R. Harris* and others, of the West Riding of the County of *Missisquoi*.

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of *Henry McCarthy* and others, of *Sutton* and other Townships.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *Cornwall Division, No. 91*, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—Two Petitions of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of *G. W. Ross* and others, of the County of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Yeilding*,—The Petition of *Henry Williams* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*; and the Petition of *A. Scott* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *John Gowans*, Esquire, and others, of *Jarvis*; and the Petition of *Joseph Lemon* and others, of the Village of *Jarvis*, and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of *Mary Ann Holehouse* and others, of the Township of *Blenheim*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *John Kane* and others, of the County of *Chicoutimi*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of *Hugh Allan* and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*,—The Petition of *Timothy Malowmy* and others, of the Township of *McGillivray*.

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

Of Mrs. *Brigitte Gosselin*, of the City of *Quebec*, widow of the late *Augustin Laperrière*; representing that her said late husband died in the year 1851, while serving as a Messenger to the Legislative Assembly, having been in that service for twenty years; and praying for a pension.

Of *Robert Defries*, Post Master to the Legislative Assembly; praying to be put on the same footing as the Clerks of the Legislative Assembly, to participate in the benefits extended to them, and to be remunerated according to his services.

Of *Amable Jetté* and others, of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, and others, of the County of *Berthier*; praying for certain amendments to the Ordinance 2 *Vic. cap. 29*, and the Act 16 *Vic. cap. 125*, relating to the erection of Parishes, and the building and repairing of Churches, Presbyteries, and Church Yards in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Robert Spencer* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*, County of *Welland*; of the Loyal *Orange Lodge* of *Lanark*, No. 448; of *Jacob Rymal* and others, of the Township of *Barton*; of the Reverend *J. B. Mowatt* and others; and of *P. Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Reach*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*; praying for the incorporation of a Company for the construction of a Railroad from the *Toronto* and *Guelph* Railroad to *Owen Sound Harbour*, or for an extension of the Charter of the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railroad Company for that purpose.

Of *Moise Grisi* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bruno*, County of *Chambly*; praying for the passing of the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinances relating to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*; in so far as regards the District of *Montreal*.

Of *Charles N. Tripp*, of the City of *Hamilton*, on behalf of himself and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the International Exploring, Mining and Smelting Company.

Of *William Griffin* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*; praying for aid in consideration of the losses sustained by them in consequence of the fires which raged in the said Township during the last Summer.

Of *E. Short*, Esquire, and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke* and vicinity; praying aid for the construction of a Convent in the said Town, where the Ladies of the Presentation may keep a Girls' School.

Of *William Brown* and others, of *Kingsey*, County of *Drummond*; praying that the Municipality of *Drummond*, No. 2, may be discontinued, and the said Township added to the Municipality of *Richmond*.

Of *Thomas C. Allis* and others, of *Shipton*, County of *Sherbrooke*; praying for certain amendments in the Municipal divisions of that and the adjoining Townships.

Of *Thomas Donegan* and others, of the Township of *Tingwick*, County of *Drummond*; praying that the said Township may, for Municipal purposes, be detached from the Municipality of *Drummond* No. 2, and attached to the Municipality of *Richmond*.

Of *W. Gamble*, Esquire, and others, Millowners, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Millers, Merchants and Farmers' Bank of *Canada West*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*; praying that all appointments to County Offices may be placed at the disposal of the Municipal Councils of the several Counties.

Of *William P. McLaren* and others; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railway from the Village of *Galt* to the waters of *Lake Huron*, at or near *Saugeen*.

Of *James Mason* and others residing on the proposed line of the *Montreal* and

Kingston Railway; praying that the General Railway Clauses Consolidation Act may be so amended as to provide a summary remedy against Railway Companies for damages occasioned by their neglect or trespass on the lands adjoining any such Line of Railway.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Galt* and *Guelph* Railway Company; the Petition of the Municipality of the Town of *Guelph*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Guelph*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Preston*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof; and the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company, and have prepared certain amendments to each of the said Bills, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of the *Shipton* Slate Company, and of the *Kingsey* Slate Works Company, and find that the Notices have been fully given.

The Petition of the President and Directors of the Great Western Railway Company prays for authority to construct a Branch to *Brantford*, and also for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation; one of these amendments proposes to confer certain powers on the Company to provide against the inconvenience and casualties arising through the unavoidable insecurity of level crossings, a provision of this nature would be one having a local interest along the whole line of Road, and would require a Notice to be published in every County crossed by the Railroad, which has not been given. As respects the other matters applied for in the Petition, Your Committee find that sufficient Notice has been given.

On the Petition of *Hilaire Peltier*, Esquire, of the City of *St. John's*, Province of *New Brunswick*, for the exclusive privilege of building Steamers and Wharves on Lake *Temiscouata* for a certain number of years, Your Committee find that no Notice has been given.

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

Your Committee, pursuant to the Standing Order of Your Honorable House, No. 15, have carefully examined and considered the Reports and Documents laid upon the Table, from the Bureau of Agriculture, and have agreed to recommend, That the following Documents only shall be printed for the Appendix to the Journals, viz:—

No. 1. The Honorable *Malcolm Cameron's* Report.

No. 2. Mr. *Kirkwood's* Report on Flax.

No. 5. Report from the *Upper Canada* Board of Agriculture—without the County and Township Reports.

No. 6. Report from the *Lower Canada* Board of Agriculture—without the minutes of Proceedings.

No. 7. Report from Mr. *Holwell* on the *New York* Industrial Exhibition—without the accompanying Letters.

No. 9. Abstract of Letters Patent of Inventions from 1824 to 1854—without the descriptions.

And that the following be not printed :—

No. 3. Mr. *McDougall's* Report on *American* Agricultural Implements, Seeds, &c. Estimated cost for printing the same £8.

The County and Township Reports appended to No. 5. Estimated cost for printing the same £55.

The minutes of Proceedings accompanying No. 6. Estimated cost for printing the same £7 10s.

The Letters accompanying No. 7. Estimated cost for printing the same £60.

No. 4. Mr. *Rh aume's* Report on the Agricultural state of the District of *Quebec*. Estimated cost for printing the same £70.

No. 8. Mr. *Wm. Hutton's* Report on Agriculture. Estimated cost for printing the same £6 10s.

And descriptions of Letters Patent of Inventions from 1824 to 1854. Estimated cost for printing the same £90.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Great Western Railway Company to construct a Branch Railway to the Town of *Brantford*, and to increase its Capital Stock, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That the First Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated the 23rd instant, for copies of Correspondence between certain *Roman* Catholic Bishops and the Provincial Government, in regard to the Clergy Reserves.

By Command,

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 26th October, 1854.

Pierre J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

(*Translation.*)

To His Excellency the Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General, &c. &c.

We, the Archbishop and Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of *Quebec*, assembled in this City to consult together for the interests of our respective Dioceses, hail with a feeling of happiness the return of Your Excellency amongst us. The skill and impartial justice which you have displayed, in eight years' administration of the affairs of *Canada*, are a certain guarantee that the destiny of our country could not be confided to hands better fitted to secure to it peace and prosperity. While thus addressing you, we believe that we give utterance to the opinion of the whole

Catholic population of the Country, who share with us the feelings of respect and confidence we entertain towards Your Excellency.

In the conviction, therefore, that what Your Excellency has most at heart is the welfare of all classes of society, we think it incumbent on us to avail ourselves of so favorable an opportunity, to invite your attention to two objects which, in our opinion, are in the highest degree important to the welfare of the Western part of this Province. We speak of Separate Schools and the Clergy Reserves. Your Excellency will feel no surprise that Bishops, witnessing with the deepest sorrow the evils which commonly result from mixed Schools, should entreat your aid and protection to enable them to obtain a just and equitable law in favor of Separate Schools. They claim no exclusive privileges, their sole prayer being that the law which governs the Separate Schools in favor of the Protestants of *Lower Canada*, may be put in force in favor of the Catholics in *Upper Canada*. This is a right which we feel assured they will not invoke in vain from Your Excellency.

The question of the Clergy Reserves, although of less importance in their eyes, has, nevertheless, aroused their solicitude. They think it therefore a duty to submit to Your Excellency their convictions on this subject.

We cannot conceal from ourselves the truth, that the secularization of the Clergy Reserves, if carried into effect, must produce grievous dissatisfaction among a great body of honorable men. It will be the germ from whence will spring troubles and divisions between the different classes of society, while it will awaken a covetous spirit in some in whose eyes the most sacred rights are not inviolable. As friends of peace, and by the very nature of our office bound to its maintenance among the people, it is our first and dearest duty to prevent, as much as in us lies, the dangerous commotions by which it would be jeopardized. Now we greatly fear that the secularization of the Reserves is a measure fraught with danger to that peace which is so necessary to the progress and the prosperity of the people. We venture then to express a hope that the destination of the Reserves may not be altered, or that, at the least, to remove all cause of reasonable apprehension, the proceeds thereof may be divided among the different religious bodies, in proportion to the numbers belonging to each communion.

Permit us, in conclusion, to assure Your Excellency that in this loyal expression of our sentiments relative to the matters herein mentioned, we are far from desiring to embarrass the present administration, who are worthy of the respect and confidence of the Province. Our only aim is the fulfilment of a sacred duty to the faithful entrusted to our care, and to the Government itself.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's very humble
and very obedient Servants,

(Signed,)

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† *P. F.*, Archb. of *Quebec*.

† *Ig.*, Bish. of *Montreal*.

† *Patritius*, Bish. *Carrhensis*.

Adm. † Apostolicus.

† *Jos. Eugenius*, Bish. *Bypolis*.

† *Armandus*, Fr. Ma. Bish. *Toronto*.

† *J. C.*, Bish. of *St. Hyacinthe*.

† *C. J.*, Bish. of *Tloa*.

† *Jos.* Bish. of *Cydonia*.

Archiepiscopal Palace,
Quebec, 4th June, 1854.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 16th June, 1854.

My Lord,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of the Address in which Your Grace and the other Catholic Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of *Quebec*, hail, with a feeling of happiness, His Excellency's return amongst us, and in which you at the same time state the views entertained by you on matters of high political importance.

I am also commanded by His Excellency to express to you his sincere thanks for the flattering assurances to him personally which are contained in your Address.

I have the honor to be, My Lord,

Your Grace's most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) P. J. O. Chauveau,
Provincial Secretary.

His Grace the Archbishop of *Quebec*.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 22nd ultimo, for information respecting School property at *Longueuil*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (K.K.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Clergy Reserves, presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Shipton Slate Works*.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferres* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Kingsey Slate Works*.

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

Ordered, That the Papers, Evidences and Proceedings in the Court of Chancery in the suit of *Paterson* and others, against *Bowes*, or the City of *Toronto vs. Bowes*, be referred to the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating all charges preferred against the Members of the late Administration.

Ordered, That the Return relative to School property at *Longueuil*, presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Annual Report of the Normal, Model, Grammar, and Common Schools, of *Upper Canada*, for the year 1853.

For the said Report, see Appendix (B.)

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the Muni-

cipality of the Village of *Oshawa* to construct a Harbour on Lake *Ontario*, and to make a Tram Road therefrom to the Village, with power to extend the same to *Scüogog* Lake.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Seigniorship of *Lauzon*, which was presented on the tenth instant, be referred to the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating all charges preferred against the Members of the late Administration.

Ignace Gill, Esquire, *Joseph Charles Taché*, Esquire, *William Mattice*, Esquire, *John Meagher*, Esquire; Chairman, *Joseph Cauchon*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon.

George Crawford, Esquire, *Billa Flint*, Esquire, *John William Gamble*, Esquire, *John LeBoutillier*, Esquire; Chairman, the Honorable *John Hillyard Cameron*, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

Joseph Napoléon Poulin, Esquire, the Honorable *William Benjamin Robinson*, *Jacques Olivier Bureau*, Esquire, *Jean Baptiste Daoust*, Esquire; Chairman, *Adam Johnston Fergusson*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petitions relative to the Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for that City.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Charles Daoust* have leave to bring in a Bill to abolish the right of Appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council, in certain cases.

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

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

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the effect which has been produced on the Commercial interests of this Province by the system of keeping the Public Deposits in one of the Chartered Banks, to enquire also into the circumstances under which the Government account was removed from the Banks of *Montreal* and *British North America*.

On motion of Mr. *Jobin*, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to lay before this House, a Statement of all Licences granted for working Mines and Minerals in *Lower Canada*, from 1847 to the 24th October.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the College *Masson* at *Terrebonne*,” with an Amendment to the *English* version only, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, and the Question being put, That a Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report to this House, a Bill for the introduction of the principle of voting by Ballot in all City, Town, and County Elections of the Legislative Assembly in *Upper Canada* and in *Lower Canada*, and the principle of the Ballot be also applicable to the Elections of Legislative Councillors whenever the Legislative Council, or any part thereof, shall be chosen by the popular vote; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>29. Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Canley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stecenson,</i>

<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Cryslcr,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	59. <i>Yeilding.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Loranger* have leave to bring in a Bill to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act for the better regulating the Common of the Seigniorie of "*Laprairie de la Madelaine.*"

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Yeilding* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant in *Upper Canada.*

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Foley* have leave to bring in a Bill to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Duties of Excise so far as "regards *Upper Canada,* and to vest certain powers in the Municipal Authorities "of that part of the Province."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to make legal the Assessments made in *Upper Canada* during the year 1854, and extend the time for making Assessments.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to declare that all Township and other Municipal Councillors shall be *ex officio* Justices of the Peace.

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

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the *English* version only of the Bill, intituled, "An Act "to incorporate the College *Masson* at *Terrebonne*;" and the same was read, as followeth:—

Page 1, Line 45. Leave out from "erected" to "shall."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prévost* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Amendment to the *English* version only, without any Amendment.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Lower Canada,* being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, for the purpose of altering the punishment now affixed by Law to

the Burning of Stacks of Hay and Grain, and amending the Clauses relating to Associates of Assize.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for relief of Merchants, Traders, and others, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts to secure the Independence of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke* into a separate Municipality, and to establish a Registry Office therein, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the sixteenth day of November next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, being read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors, being read ;

Mr. *Felton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sanborn*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostuler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Matlice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merin,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>97. Yeilding.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>5. Powell.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Committee on Temperance.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 27^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Dostaler*,—The Petition of *J. E. Chalut* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gabriel de Brandon*, County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *James Ross*,—The Petition of *J. M. Grover* and others, of the Village of *Colborne* and vicinity; and the Petition of *Gilbert Weller* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of *Robert Cameron* and others, of the Township of *East Nissouri*, County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *John Hackett* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Whitney*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Richard Mills* and others, of *Cowansville* and vicinity, County of *Missisquoi*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of *Ferdinand Perrin*, of the City of *Montreal*, merchant.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; and the Petition of the Honorable *E. P. Taché*, Chairman of the Committee appointed for collecting subscriptions for the purpose of erecting Monuments in the *Canadas* on different Battle grounds of the last War with the *United States*.

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

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of *William Wright* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

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

Of *A. F. Holmes, M.D.*, and others, Physicians, practising in the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* School of Medicine and Surgery may not pass into Law.

Of *G. V. N. Relyea* and others, of the County of *Hastings*; and of *Charles Burrows* and others, of the Village of *Millbank* and its vicinity; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *F. Nye* and others; praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Of Mrs. *Zoë Bigué*, widow of *Joseph R. Richard*; praying for a pension, in consideration of the services of her late husband in the cause of Education.

Of the Mutual Assurance Association of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize Justices of the Peace in their respective Jurisdictions to administer the necessary oaths to wit-

nesses, *experts*, arbitrators, and parties interested or required in the affairs of the said Association.

Of *Alexander Davidson*, painter and proprietor of the Panorama of the *Canadas*; praying for aid to enable him to exhibit the said Panorama more generally throughout *Europe*.

Of the Municipality of the County of *Quebec*; complaining of the negligence and inefficiency of the *Quebec Turnpike Trust* now holding commission, and their permanent *employés*; and praying for the dismissal from office of the Commissioners of the said Trust and their said *employés*, and for the establishment of a more practicable system.

Of the Reverend *P. Sax* and others, of Lake *Beauport* Settlement and *Charlebourg*; praying aid for the opening of a Road running along the said Lake to the main Road of the Parish of *Laval*.

Of the Reverend *E. Faucher* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de Lotbinière*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at the said Parish.

Mr. *Fergusson*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, informed the House, That the Committee had extended the time for delivering the Lists of objected votes on the part of all parties concerned to Monday, the sixth day of November next, at six o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petitions of *Charles N. Tripp*, of the City of *Hamilton*, on behalf of himself and others, and of *W. Gamble*, Esquire, and others, Millowners and others, and find that the Notices have been fully given.

With respect to the Petition of the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of *Cornwall* for the confirmation of a certain Survey of a part of the said Town, it appears that formal Notice has only been published for four weeks; the matter, however, has been for some time past before the inhabitants of *Cornwall*, in a less formal way, and Your Committee have no doubt that all parties likely to be affected by it, have been sufficiently apprized of the application to make opposition to the measure if they are so disposed. Under these circumstances, Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the Notice be considered sufficient.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roderick McDonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, on the 16th of October instant, for all Orders in Council, Departmental Orders, papers, advertizements and documents, relating in any way to the sale by Public Auction or otherwise, of certain Crown property at *Point Levi*, in which certain Members of the present or late Executive Council were concerned or alleged to be interested.

For the said Return, see Appendix (B.B.)

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Special Committee appointed for the purpose of investigating all charges preferred against the Members of the late Administration.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bell* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to extend the Elective Franchise.

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

Mr. *Prévost* moved, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*; and the Question being put, That Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Dufresne*, Mr. *Laberge*, and Mr. *Papin* be added to the Select Committee appointed to enquire concerning the operation of the Registry Ordinances or Laws; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>36. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley, n,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>47. Whitney.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidney Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to enforce Arbitration upon Litigants in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferres* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal in part an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "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."

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

Mr. *Charles Daoust* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of last Session relative to the enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill to reform the Municipal system of *Lower Canada*, and to establish County, Parish and Township Municipalities therein.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law relating to Savings Banks.

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

The Order of the day for the call of the House, being read;

Ordered, That the House be now called over.

Ordered, That the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do go with the Mace, to the places adjacent, and summon the Members there to attend the service of the House:—And he went accordingly; and being returned;

The House was called over, and several of the Members appeared; and the names of such Members as made default to appear, were taken down, as follow;—

Lewis Thomas Drummond.

John Rolph.

John Sandfield Macdonald.

James Smith.

Joseph Curran Morrison.

John Wilson.

Edmund Murney.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Ordered, That the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House, this day, be taken into consideration on Tuesday the fourteenth day of November next.

The Order of the day, for the second reading of the Bill 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*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Argenteuil* into a separate Municipality, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday the seventeenth day of November next.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to 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*,” without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Interpretation Act, in so far as it relates to Holidays, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be discharged.
Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to improve the mode of obtaining Evidence in cases of Controverted Elections, being read;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Masson*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferris,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>56. Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Muckenzie,</i>	<i>23. Wright.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 30^o die Octobris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Return from the Registrar of the County of *Grenville*, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th September last.

For the said Return see Appendix (Z.)

Also, Statement of the Affairs of the *Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute*, from 22nd February to 30th September, 1854, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th September last.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (A.A.)

And also, Statement of the Real and Personal Estate held and enjoyed by the Temperance Reformation Society of the City of *Toronto*, on the 23rd October, 1854, which is as followeth:—

Temperance Hall Building,.....	£1500
Lot on which the Hall stands,.....	500
Furniture,.....	53

Two thousand and fifty-three pounds..... £2053

John M. Ross,

Secretary.

John Roaf, President.

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

By Mr. *Terrill*,—The Petition of *Levi Bigelow* and others, on behalf of the *Georgeville High School*, and the *Georgeville District School*.

By Mr. *Polette*,—The Petition of *A. Polette*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Committee of the *Three Rivers Academy*.

By Mr. *Flint*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; and the Petition of *M. B. Roblin* and others, of the Township of *Sidney*.

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. N. Guertin* and others, of the Parish of *Grondines*, County of *Portneuf*.

By Mr. *Masson*,—The Petition of *P. J. David* and others, of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac* and other Parishes.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *Thomas Watson* and others, Proprietors and holders of Stock in the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of Major General *George A. Wetherall*, and *Charles Martin*, Esquire, a Lieutenant of Her Majesty's 95th Regiment of Infantry.

By Mr. *Wright*,—The Petition of *Daniel McDougall* and others, of the Township of *Vaughan*, County of *York*.

By Mr. *Bourassa*,—The Petition of *James O' Connor* and others.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Louis C. Lefrançois*, Registrar of the County of *Montmorency*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—Two Petitions of *P. Pelletier* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska*; and the Petition of *P. Dumais* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis* and other places in the County of *Kamouraska*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*,—The Petition of *Charles Berczy* and others, Owners and Lesees in the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society.

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of *James Jamieson* and others; the Petition of *George Wheeler* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*; and the Petition of *James Ketcheson* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of *Frederick C. Capreol*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *William Kyte* and others, of the Township of *North East Hope*; the Petition of *John McRae* and others, workers on the Gravel

Road west of *Stratford*, County of *Perth*; and the Petition of the Reverend *Daniel Allan* and others, of the Township of *Stratford*, County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Wellesley*.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of *François Lapointe* and others, practising Pilots for the Port of *Quebec*.

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

Of Mrs. *F. X. Roy* and other Directresses of the Asylum of the Good Shepherd at *Quebec*; praying for aid in behalf of that Institution.

Of *James Reed*, of the Township of *Inverness*, County of *Megantic*, Surgeon and Physician; praying to be indemnified for his loss of time and expenses incurred in attending last Session to give evidence before a Contested Election Committee of the House.

Of *Thomas Empey* and others, of the Township of *Thurlow*; of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; of the Reverend *J. St. Aubin* and others, of *Clarenceville*; of *A. R. Harris* and others, of the West Riding of the County of *Missisquoi*; of *Cornwall* Division, No. 91, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *Henry Williams* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*; of *A. Scott* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*; of *John Gowans* and others, of *Jarvis*, and its vicinity; of *Joseph Lemon* and others, of the Village of *Jarvis*, and its vicinity; of *Mary Ann Holehouse* and others, of the Township of *Blenheim*, and others; of *Timothy Malowny* and others, of the Township of *McGillivray*; of *J. M. Grover* and others, of the Village of *Colborne* and vicinity; and of *Gilbert Weller* and others, of the Township of *Cramahe*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Pelham*; praying for the secularization of the Clergy Reserves.

Of the Trustees of the Diocesan School at *St. Johns, Lower Canada*; praying for aid.

Of *A. L. Taylor*, of the West Riding of the County of *Missisquoi*; praying that the two electoral Ridings of the said County may be erected into separate Counties for all County purposes.

Of *N. M. Blinn* and others, of the Township of *Stanbridge*; praying for aid in behalf of the *Stanbridge Academy Association*.

Of *Henry McCarthy* and others, of *Sutton* and other Townships; praying to be set apart as a separate County, under the name of the County of *Brome*.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 16 *Viz.* to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the Qualification of Voters in certain Electoral divisions, by providing a system for the registration of Voters.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*; praying that the Act incorporating the Great Western Railway Company may be so amended as to secure the right of voting in the management thereof to Municipalities holding Stock therein.

Of *G. W. Ross* and others, of the County of *Renfrew*; praying for the passing of an Act making all losses sustained by the burning of any building belonging to any Church, Sect or Society, by the act of an Incendiary, or through the violence of a Mob, chargeable on the County or Municipality where such outrage may be committed.

Of *John Kane* and others, of the County of *Chicoutimi*; praying aid for the improvement of the *Sydenham Road*, for the building of Bridges over the Rivers à *Marse* and *Valin*, and for the construction of a wharf in *Ha Ha Bay*, and another in the River *Saguenay*, within the limits of the Village of *Chicoutimi*.

Of *Hugh Allan* and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Montreal Ocean Steamship Company*.

Of *J. E. Chalut* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gabriel de Brandon*, County of *Berthier*; praying aid for the construction of a Road from the said Parish to the Village of *Berthier*.

Of *Robert Cameron* and others, of the Township of *East Nissouri*, County of *Oxford*; praying for certain amendments to the *Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Act*.

Of *John Hackett* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Chambly*; praying for aid to enable them to meet their engagements as such School Commissioners.

Of the Reverend *Richard Mills* and others, of *Cowansville* and vicinity, County of *Missisquoi*; praying aid for a School for young females at that place.

Of *Ferdinand Perrin*, of the City of *Montreal*, merchant; complaining that the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company* have taken his lands for the purposes of the said Railroad, and that the Contractors on the part of said Company have refused to decide upon his claim, whereby he is deprived of compensation for his said land; and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Council of the *Quebec Board of Trade*; praying that the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*, may not pass into Law.

Of the Honorable *E. P. Taché*, Chairman of the Committee appointed for collecting subscriptions for the purpose of erecting Monuments in the *Canadas* on different Battle grounds of the last War with the *United States*; praying for aid in behalf of said Committee.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York, Ontario* and *Peel*; praying for certain amendments to the *Municipal Corporations Act*, to the *Common School Act*, and to the system of granting *Tavern Licenses*.

Of *William Wright* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; complaining of the conduct and incompetency of *John Maguire*, Esquire, Inspector and Superintendent of Police for the said City; and praying for an enquiry in the premises, in order to his dismissal from the said office.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of *Hamilton*, relating to the *Great Western Railway Company*; and the Petition of *John Keairns* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Petition of Mrs. *Brigitte Gosselin*, of the City of *Quebec*, widow of the late *Augustin Laperrière*; and the Petition of *James Reed*, of the Township of *Inverness*, County of *Megantic*, Surgeon and Physician, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. F. Holmes*, M.D., and others, Physicians practising in the City of *Montreal*; the Petition of *James Mason* and others residing on the proposed line of the *Montreal and Kingston Railway*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York, Ontario* and *Peel*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Grey*; and the Petition of the Council of the *Quebec Board of Trade*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Your Committee have taken the Petition of the Clerks and Servants of Your Honorable House, which was referred to them, into their consideration, and beg to report, that under the increasing and varied duties to be performed by the Officers and Servants of the House, in consequence of the enlarged Representation, it is

expedient that the several Departments and permanent Officers be re-organized, and the Salaries attached to each of the said Officers and Servants be permanently fixed.

That the following do constitute the several Departments of the House, viz:—
Chief Department; Law Department; General Department; General Committee Department; Private Bill Department; Translators' Department; Journal Department; Library Department; Sergeant-at-Arms Department.

The CHIEF DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The Clerk.....	<i>William Burns Lindsay.</i>
Assistant Clerk.....	<i>George B. Faribault.</i>
Deputy Assistant Clerk.....	<i>William Ross.</i>
Accountant.....	<i>Thomas Vaux.</i>

The LAW DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The Law Clerk.....	<i>Gustavus W. Wicksteed.</i>
The Assistant Law Clerk.....	<i>William B. Lindsay, Junior,</i> performing also the duty of English Translator.

The GENERAL DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The Chief Office Clerk.....	<i>William Poyntz Patrick.</i>
Assistant Office Clerk.....	<i>Henry Hartney.</i>
Routine and Record Clerk.....	<i>William Spink.</i>
English Writing Clerk.....	<i>Henry B. Stuart.</i>
French Writing Clerk.....	<i>Edouard Dénéchaud.</i>
Assistant French Writing Clerk.....	<i>F. X. Blar bet</i>
Junior Clerk.....	<i>William B. Ross.</i>
Assistant English Writing Clerk.....	<i>Charles Langevin.</i>
Junior Clerk.....	<i>Herrman Poetter.</i>

The GENERAL COMMITTEE DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The Chief Clerk of Committees, and of Controverted Elections.....	} <i>Alfred Patrick.</i>
First Assistant Clerk of Committees...	
Second Assistant Clerk of Committees...	

The PRIVATE BILL DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The Clerk of the Private Bill Office.....	<i>Alfred Todd.</i>
Assistant Clerk of the Private Bill Office, and Clerk of the Railway Committee.....	} <i>Thaddeus Patrick.</i>

The TRANSLATORS' DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The English Translator—duty attached to Assistant Law Clerk.	
The French Translator.....	<i>G. Levesque.</i>
Assistant French Translator.....	<i>D. P. Myrand.</i>
do do do	<i>William Fanning.</i>
do do do	<i>A. G. Lajoie.</i>
Assistant English Translator.....	<i>Frank Badgley.</i>
Extra do do	<i>W. Wilson.</i>

The JOURNAL DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The English Journal Clerk.....	<i>George M. Muir.</i>
French Journal Clerk.....	<i>Pierre E. Gagnon.</i>
Assistant English do	<i>King Barton.</i>
Assistant French do	<i>Wm. H. Lemoine.</i>

The LIBRARY DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The Librarian.....	<i>Wm. Winder.</i>
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Assistant Librarian..... *Alpheus Todd.*
 Library Keeper..... *James Curran.*

The SERJEANT-AT-ARMS DEPARTMENT shall consist of:—

The Serjeant-at-Arms..... *Donald W. McDonell.*
 Chief Messenger and Housekeeper..... *A. Leroux dit Cardinal.*
 Assistant Messenger..... *Michael McCarthy.*
 do do *Olivier Vincent.*
 Door Keeper..... *John O' Connor.*
 Assistant Door Keeper..... *John Cameron.*
 and the Messengers.

POST OFFICE.

Post Master..... *Robert Defries.*
 Assistant Post Master..... *Joseph Blais.*

And that the Salaries of the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Deputy Assistant Clerk, and the Chief Office Clerk, shall be and remain the same as established by the Resolution of the House in 1846.

That the Salary of the Law Clerk shall be Five hundred pounds, per annum.

That the Salaries of the Accountant; the Assistant Law Clerk and English Translator; the Assistant Office Clerk; the Chief Clerk of Committees and Controverted Elections; the Clerk of the Private Bill Office; the French Translator; the English Journal Clerk; the French Journal Clerk; and the Assistant Librarian, shall be Three hundred pounds, per annum.

That the Salaries of the Clerk of Routine and Records; the First Assistant Clerk of Committees; the Assistant Clerk of the Private Bill Office, and Clerk of the Railway Committee; each Assistant French Translator; each Assistant Journal Clerk; the Librarian; and the Serjeant-at-Arms, shall be Two hundred and fifty pounds, per annum.

That the Salaries of the English and French Writing Clerks; the Second Assistant Clerk of Committees; the Assistant English Translator, and the Chief Messenger and House Keeper, shall be Two hundred pounds, per annum.

That the Salaries of the Assistant English and the Assistant French Writing Clerks; the Junior Clerks; and the Extra Assistant English Translator, shall be One hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

That the Salary of the Library Keeper; and each of the two Assistant Messengers shall be One hundred and fifty pounds, per annum.

That the Salary of the Postmaster, shall be One hundred and twenty-five pounds, per annum.

That the Salaries of the Door-keeper, and of the Assistant Door-keeper, shall be One hundred and fifty pounds, per annum.

That the Salary, or Allowance, of the Assistant Postmaster, shall be Ten shillings, per diem, during the Sessions of the Legislature, and Six shillings and three pence, per diem, during the Recess.

That the Allowance to the Messengers of the House, and the various Departments, shall be Ten shillings, per diem, during the Sessions.

That such portions of the above Salaries not otherwise provided for, shall be payable out of the Contingencies of this House, and be a charge thereon, and shall commence and take effect, as to the Salaried Officers and Messengers, from the commencement of the current year, and all others from the date of the adoption of this Report by the House.

That, in future, no Officer, Clerk or Messenger, whose Salary or Allowance is established as above, shall, under any pretence whatsoever, receive any allowance or remuneration for service rendered this House, other than the salary pertaining to the office of the Department to which he is attached.

That each and every Officer of the House shall, nevertheless, perform any duty required of him by the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Deputy Assistant Clerk, or Chiefs of any of their several Departments.

That the Serjeant-at-Arms shall fill any vacancy in his Department, with the approval of the Speaker.

That in order to secure a strict supervision over the expenditure of Your Honorable House, Your Committee are of opinion that the Serjeant-at-Arms should have charge and supervision over his Department, and over the incidental expenses connected therewith; the fuel, furnishing, and lighting the House and the Offices; and adopting means for the purchase of supplies in his Department at the lowest possible price. And that the Accountant pay the orders of the Serjeant-at-Arms for expenses incurred by him, and render a separate account of Contingent Expenses of that Department.

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

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

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey or demise certain Lands held by him in trust, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

They have also examined the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock, and have agreed to an amendment, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also had under their consideration the Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company, and the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company, but have deferred reporting upon these Bills for the present, preferring to recommend to Your Honorable House such an amendment of the Acts which provide for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining and other purposes, as would enable these two Companies to become incorporated under the provisions of the same. Your Committee have accordingly instructed their Chairman to prepare a Bill amending these Acts in certain particulars, and to obtain leave from Your Honorable House to introduce the same in the usual way.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey or demise certain Lands held by him in trust, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada Bible Society*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *McCann* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 16 Vic. cap. 183, intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the rates and taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-Laws of the late District Councils in *Upper Canada.*"

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Loranger* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the proceedings on forced Licitations and to give them the effect of Sheriff's Sales (*Décrets.*)

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 4 & 5 Vic. cap. 27, consolidating the Laws relative to Offences against the person.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Egan* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Laberge*, and Mr. *Loranger*, be added to the Select Committee appointed to inquire concerning the operation of the Registry Ordinances or Laws.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 Vic. cap. 96, to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace.

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

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Rhodes*, and Mr. *Laberge*, be appointed to inquire into and report on the best means of promoting the cultivation of the Fine Arts in this Province; with power to send for persons papers, and records.

On motion of Mr. *Ferres*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that the proper Officer be directed to communicate to this House, whether the Contract of *McKean*, *McClarty* and Company has been fulfilled as to the following particulars, viz:—Whether the Line consists of five Screw Steamers of the first class, being each not less than 1200 tons burthen, and 300 horse power, 230 feet keel, breadth, 34 feet? Whether their draft of water, after consumption of fuel and landing of freight at *Quebec*, as specified in the Contract, was 11 feet? Whether the price of freight demanded for fine goods has exceeded 60s.? Whether the time outwards of any or all of the said Steamers has exceeded 14 days yearly average, and the time homewards 13 days? Whether the said Steamers or any

of them have proceeded to *Montreal*, and do now proceed to *Montreal*, as stipulated in the said Contract?

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Papin* have leave to bring in a Bill 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*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Somerville*, seconded by Mr. *Macbeth*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, Copies of the two last Reports of Mr. *Bruce*, Inspector of Schools for the City and District of *Montreal*.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to 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*, being read;

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

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

The House adjourned.

Martis, 31 ° *die Octobris* ;

ANNO 18 ° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Charles R. Black* and others, of the County of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. X. Delâge* and others, of the Seigniorship of *St. Cyrille de Lessard*, County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—Three Petitions of *Simon Bertrand* and others; the Petition of *Nicolas Brouillet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; and the Petition of *Pierre Reneau* and others, of *Boucherville* and *St. Bruno*, County of *Chambly*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *James Durand* and others, Registrars of Counties in *Upper Canada*.

By Mr. *Munroe*,—The Petition of *Bowmanville* Division, No. 39, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *Wellington H. Richmond*, of the City of *Toronto*.

Mr. *Prévost* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to allow Notaries to receive the advice of relations and friends without being thereto authorized by a Judge in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *Richard Coleman* and others, of the Village of *Lyn, Canada West*, and find that Notice has been fully given.

The Petition of *Hugh Allan* and others, for incorporation of the *Montreal Ocean Steamship Company*, is of such a nature as to require a Notice under the terms of the 62nd Rule, which Your Committee find has not been given; it does not appear to Your Committee however, that the granting of the powers applied for by the Petitioners can have any injurious effect upon private interests, and they therefore beg leave to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule.

The Petition of the Mutual Assurance Association of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*, for power to Justices to administer oaths to witnesses and others in matters connected with their affairs, does not appear to Your Committee of such a nature as to require Notice.

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Ocean Steamship Company*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Ocean Steamship Company*.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Mason* and others residing on the proposed line of the *Montreal and Kingston Railway*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

On motion of Mr. *Rankin*, seconded by Mr. *Powell*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying for information as to the nature of the Title granted to the parties who now enjoy the exclusive right to the Fisheries at the following places: *Peach Island* and *Fighting Island* in the River *Detroit*; and *Pointe Pelée* on Lake *Erie*.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed 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 ob-

“jects of the trust,” with an Amendment to the *English* Version only, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council request this 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.

And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That this House will send an answer to the said Message, by Messengers of their own.

And the Master in Chancery was called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith.

And then he again withdrew.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, being read;

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Freeman*, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that for the better securing the final and immediate secularization of the Clergy Reserves, it has power to provide in the Bill:—1. That an estimate be forthwith made of the Capital sums which, upon the established principles for ascertaining the value of terminable annuities, would be equivalents for the assumption of the annual stipends or allowances of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* respectively, guaranteed under the late Imperial Clergy Reserve Act. 2. That all lands, arrears, proceeds, investments, interest dividends, rents and profits belonging to the Clergy Reserve Funds, be transferred forthwith to the Crown, at a valuation to be now made—separation of the Funds of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* being maintained; that so much of the same as may have been ascertained as aforesaid, to be the Capital value of the stipends or allowances of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, respectively guaranteed under the Imperial Act, be placed in the Consolidated Fund of the Province, to provide for the payment of such stipends or allowances, and that the said stipends or allowances shall thereupon become secured on the same and be an annual charge thereon. 3. That the whole remainder of the Clergy Reserve Funds of *Upper* and *Lower Canada* respectively, be forthwith distributed in each Province, among the several County and City Municipalities, according to population, in cash or debentures, or a portion of each, as the public convenience may render expedient. 4. That there be no commutation of the stipends or allowances secured under the late Imperial Act, but the individuals interested be secured in the annual allowances guaranteed to them under the said Act, subject to all the existing conditions of their incumbencies. 5. That all amounts, sums and valuations herein previously referred to, and the names and descriptions of all parties to be entitled to any stipend or allowance under the same, and the sums to which they shall be so entitled, be forthwith ascertained and specified in the Bill or in Schedules to be attached thereto;

Mr. *Foley* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, That the words “according to population” be left out, and the words “due regard being had to the territorial extent and local necessities, as well as to the population of each of the said Municipalities” inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	12. <i>Somerville.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langne,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bluncket,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lorwill,</i>	<i>Paulin,</i>
<i>Boves,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodleur,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Porcell,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Feirie,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>McDonald, Rodrick</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fourner,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chubot,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Marchaldon,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	96. <i>Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that for the better securing the final and immediate secularization of the Clergy Reserves, it has power to provide in the Bill:—1. That an estimate be forthwith made of the capital sums which, upon the established principles for ascertaining the value of terminable annuities, would be equivalents for the assumption of the annual stipends or allowances of *Upper and Lower Canada* respectively, guaranteed under the late Imperial Clergy Reserve Act. 2. That all lands, arrears, proceeds, investments, interest dividends, rents, and profits belonging to the Clergy Reserve Funds be transferred forthwith to the Crown, at a valuation to be now made—separation of the Funds of *Upper and Lower Canada* being maintained;—that so much of the same as may have been ascertained as aforesaid, to be the Capital value of the stipends or allowances of *Upper and Lower Canada* respectively guaranteed under the Imperial Act, be placed in the Consolidated Fund of the Province, to provide for the payment of such stipends or allowances, and that the said stipends or allowances shall thereupon become secured on the same and be an annual charge thereon. 3. That the whole remainder of the Clergy Reserve Funds of *Upper and Lower Canada* respectively, be forthwith distributed in each Province, among the several County and City Municipalities, according to population, in cash or debentures, or a portion of each, as the public convenience may render expedient. 4. That there be no commutation of the stipends or allowances secured under the late Imperial Act, but the individuals interested be secured in the annual allowances guaranteed to them under the said Act, subject to all the existing conditions of their incumbencies. 5. That all amounts, sums, and valuations

herein previously referred to, and the names and descriptions of all parties to be entitled to any stipend or allowance under the same, and the sums to which they shall be so entitled, be forthwith ascertained and specified in the Bill or in Schedules to be attached thereto;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That the words "separation of the Funds of *Upper and Lower Canada* "being maintained" and the figure and words "3. That the whole remainder of " the Clergy Reserve Funds of *Upper and Lower Canada* respectively, be forthwith " distributed in each Province, among the several County and City Municipalities, " according to population, in cash or debentures, or a portion of each, as the public " convenience may render expedient" be left out;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Sidney Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pouliot*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until Thursday next; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Sonnerville,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	22. <i>Young.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desautniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mardonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Norrison, Angus</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	90. <i>Yeilding.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that for the better securing the final and immediate secularization of the Clergy Reserves, it has power to provide in the Bill:—1. That an estimate be forthwith

made of the Capital sums which, upon the established principles for ascertaining the value of terminable annuities, would be equivalents for the assumption of the annual stipends or allowances of *Upper and Lower Canada* respectively, guaranteed under the late Imperial Clergy Reserve Act. 2. That all lands, arrears, proceeds, investments, interest dividends, rents and profits, belonging to the Clergy Reserve Funds, be transferred forthwith to the Crown, at a valuation to be now made—separation of the Funds of *Upper and Lower Canada* being maintained; that so much of the same as may have been ascertained as aforesaid, to be the Capital value of the stipends or allowances of *Upper and Lower Canada* respectively guaranteed under the Imperial Act, be placed in the Consolidated Fund of the Province, to provide for the payment of such stipends or allowances, and that the said stipends or allowances shall thereon become secured on the same, and be an annual charge thereon. 3. That the whole remainder of the Clergy Reserve Funds of *Upper and Lower Canada* respectively, be forthwith distributed in each Province, among the several County and City Municipalities, according to population, in cash or debentures, or a portion of each, as the public convenience may render expedient: the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Askins,</i>	<i>Flint.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd.</i>
<i>Fergusson.</i>	<i>Freeman.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	19. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Ferrie.</i>	<i>Gould.</i>	<i>McKerlie.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn.</i>	<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Langton.</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Blanchet.</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bourassa.</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Desautlers,</i>	<i>LcBoutillier.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodeur.</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson.</i>
<i>Bureau.</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chisholm.</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gill.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Guèvremont.</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Holton.</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	92. <i>Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being also put, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that for the better securing the final and immediate secularization of the Clergy Reserves, it has power to provide in the Bill:—4. That there be no commutation of the stipends or allowances secured under the late Imperial Act, but the individuals

interested be secured in the annual allowances guaranteed to them under the said Act, subject to all the existing conditions of their incumbencies; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	26. <i>Young.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Freeman.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pocell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Davust, Charles</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Davust, Jean B.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Monin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gamble.</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Clisholm,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gaëvreumont,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laberge.</i>	<i>Pouliot.</i>	77. <i>Yeilding.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being also put, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, that for the better securing the final and immediate secularization of the Clergy Reserves, it has power to provide in the Bill:—5. That all amounts, sums and valuations herein previously referred to, and the names and descriptions of all parties to be entitled to any stipend or allowance under the same, and the sums to which they shall be so entitled, be forthwith ascertained and specified in the Bill or in Schedules to be attached thereto; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	29. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Fergusson.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley, n,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McCunn,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cawthon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mitheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chubot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>72. Yeilding.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, be postponed until Thursday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned until Thursday next.

Jovis, 2° die Novembris ;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, the following Return, Report, and Statements received in pursuance of the Order of this House, of the 14th of September last.

Return from the Registrar of the County of *Welland*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Z.)

Report of the Directors of the *Montreal* Horticultural Society for 1853-4.

For the said Report, see Appendix (I.I.)

Statements of the Affairs of the *Gore* Bank, and of the *Quebec* Bank, on the 30th September, 1854.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (E.E.)

Statement of the Affairs of the *Toronto* General Hospital, to the 1st September, 1854.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (A.A.)

Statement of the Affairs of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, during the year 1853.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (F.F.)

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *William F. Coffin*, Attorney and Agent in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Clinton, Essex and Franklin*, in the State of *Yew York*.

By Mr. *Church*,—The Petition of *Stephen Carledge* and others, of *Wolford*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of *Walter C. Crofton*, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Ferguson*,—The Petition of *Ann H. Booth* and others, females of the Village of *Fergus*; and the Petition of *George Pirie* and others, of the Counties of *Wellington and Grey*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *James Bogg* and others, of the Township of *Roxborough*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *Simon Bertrand* and others, of the County of *Rouville*; the Petition of *Louis Bélanger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, County of *Laval*; two Petitions of *P. Blunchet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*; and the Petition of *J. B. Obertin* and others, of the Parish of *Varenes*, County of *Verchères*.

By Mr. *Fournier*,—The Petition of *L. Desjardins* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jean Port Joli*, and *St. Roch*, County of *L'Islet*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *Wellington Square* Division, No. 103; the the Petition of *Oakville* Division, No. 61; the Petition of *Acton* Division, No. 242; and the Petition of *Troy* Division, No. 24; all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the *Curé* and Churchwardens of the *Fabrique* of the Parish of the *Saint Nom de Marie*, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Joseph Anderson* and others, of the County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *S. A. Hurd* and others, of the Townships of *Eaton, Newport, and Clifton*, in the District of *St. Francis*; and the Petition of *William Smith* and others, of the Township of *Brompton*.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated 25th September, 1854; praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement in detail of the objects to which the sum of Sixty thousand pounds, (or any part thereof) appropriated in the Session of 1852-53, for opening up the waste lands of the Province has been applied.

For the said Return, see Appendix (M.M.)

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

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

Of *Levi Bigelow* and others, on behalf of the *Georgeville* High School, and the *Georgeville* District School; praying for aid.

Of *A. Polette*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Committee of the *Three Rivers* Academy; praying for aid on behalf of that Institution.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*; praying the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Tram Road from *Belleville* to the *Marmora* Iron Works.

Of *M. B. Roblin* and others, of the Township of *Sidney*; of *Daniel McDougall*

and others, of the Township of *Vaughan*, County of *York*; of *William Kyte* and others, of the Township of *North Easthope*; of *John McRae* and others, workers on the Gravel Road west of *Stratford*, County of *Perth*; of the Reverend *Daniel Allan* and others, of the Township of *Stratford*, County of *Kent*; of *Charles R. Black* and others, of the County of *Renfrew*; and of *Bowmanville* Division, No. 39, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Reverend *J. N. Guertin* and others, of the Parish of *Grondines*, County of *Portneuf*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the River *Ste. Anne*, in the Parish of *St. Casimir*.

Of *P. J. David* and others, of *St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac*, and other Parishes; praying that the Seat of the County of *Soulanges* may be established at the Village of *Ruisseau Saint Hyacinthe*.

Of *Thomas Watson* and others, Proprietors and holders of Stock in the *Montreal and New York* Railroad Company; praying that the Petition of the *Montreal and New York* Railroad Company, for the amending of their Act of Incorporation so as to confirm the amalgamation of the said Road with that of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, may not be granted.

Of Major General *George A. Wetherall*, and *Charles Martin*, Esquire, a Lieutenant of Her Majesty's 95th Regiment of Infantry; representing that they have advanced a large sum of money as a Loan to the *Montreal and New York* Railroad Company, and praying that the Petition of the said Company for the amending of their Act of Incorporation so as to confirm the amalgamation of the said Road with that of the *Champlain and St. Lawrence* Railroad Company may not be granted, unless they are repaid the amount so loaned to the first mentioned Company aforesaid.

Of *James O' Connor* and others; and of *Simon Bertrand* and others; praying for indemnity to all those persons who have been unjustly excluded from the benefits of the Act granting indemnity to sufferers by the Rebellion of 1837 and 1838.

Of *Louis C. Lefrançois*, Registrar of the County of *Montmorency*; praying compensation for expenses incurred and damage sustained by him in consequence of certain charges preferred against him as Returning Officer in the year 1851, during the Election of a Member to represent the said County in Parliament, and on which charges, after certain proceedings of the House, he has never been permitted to make his defence.

Of *P. Pelletier* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska*; praying aid for a Survey from Lake *St. François* to *Dégelé*, and for the opening of a Road from *Ste. Helène* to Lake *St. François* aforesaid.

Of *P. Pelletier* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska*; praying for aid to repair or rebuild the Court House and Gaol of the said County.

Of *P. Dumais* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis* and other places, in the County of *Kamouraska*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf or Pier at *L'Isle Brulée*.

Of *Charles Berczy* and others, Owners and Lessees of Water Lots in the City of *Toronto*; praying that in the Bill to amend the *Toronto* Esplanade Act, certain provisions may be enacted for the protection of their rights and interests in the said Water Lots.

Of the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society; praying for aid.

Of *James Jamieson* and others; praying for certain amendments to the Act 11 Vic. c. 10, relating to the construction of Aprons to Dams upon the River *Moira*.

Of *George Wheeler* and others, of the Township of *Hungerford*; and of *James Ketcheson* and others, of the Township of *Huntingdon*: praying aid for the improvement of Roads and Bridges.

Of *Frederick C. Capreol*, of the City of *Toronto*; representing that he was the originator of the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron* Railroad, and incurred great personal expense and liability in initiating the proceedings of the Company and obtaining a Charter, to meet which he received a certain amount of the Company's Bonds as preferential; but that the Company now disregard the said obligation, whereby he is in danger of suffering great loss; and praying relief in the premises.

Of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*; representing that *F. C. Capreol* was the originator of the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron* Railroad, and has been mainly instrumental in carrying the same into operation—that he incurred heavy expenses and personal labors therein, without having received compensation therefor; and praying that the Company of the said Railroad may be compelled to make good, without delay, certain preferential Bonds given him to cover such preliminary expenses aforesaid.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Wellesley*; praying that the Laws relating to Aliens may be amended, by diminishing the time required for the naturalization of Foreigners to the term of four years.

Of *Francois Lapointe* and others, practising Pilots for the Port of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Port of *Quebec* may not pass into Law.

Of the Reverend *F. X. Delâge* and others, of the Seigniority of *St. Cyrille de Lessard*, County of *L'Islet*; praying for aid to open a Road to the Parish of *L'Islet*.

Of *Simon Bertrand* and others; praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Simon Bertrand* and others; praying that the proprietors of the *Chambly and Granby* Turnpike Road may be compelled to keep the said Road in better condition than it is now kept.

Of *Nicolas Brouillet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*, County of *Rouville*; and of *Pierre Reneau* and others, of *Boucherville* and *St. Bruno*, County of *Chambly*; praying for the passing of the Bill to repeal part of the Ordinance 3 & 4 *Vic. c. 25*, relating to Winter Roads.

Of *James Durand* and others, Registrars of Counties in *Upper Canada*; praying for the restoration of the scale of Fees of last year, or that each Registrar may be allowed a salary for a Clerk, and rent for an office where he now provides it himself.

Of *Wellington H. Richmond*, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that a number of his Work entitled "*Richmond's Book of Legal Forms and Law Manual for the legal transaction of business,*" may be purchased for the use of the House, in order to encourage the said publication.

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

After advertizing in the City Newspapers of *Quebec* and *Montreal* for the usual time, Your Committee received Tenders from the following persons, for the Printing, Binding, and Printing Paper, required by Your Honorable House for the present Session:—

For the Sessional Printing, from Messieurs *Lovell* and *Lamoureux*.

For the Journals and Appendices, from Messieurs *Lovell* and *Lamoureux*; Messieurs *Campbell* and *Perrault*; and *Mr. E. R. Fréchette*.

For Binding, from Messieurs *T. & L. Lemieux*; Messieurs *R. & A. Miller*; and *Mr. A. Dredge*.

For Printing Paper, from Messieurs *Bainbridge* and Company; Messieurs *Lovell* and Company; and Messieurs *Campbell* and *Perrault*.

Of the above Tenders, Your Committee have accepted those of Messieurs *Lovell* and *Lamoureux* for the Sessional Printing, it being the only Tender for this work.

Of Messieurs *Campbell* and *Perrault*, for the Journals and Appendices, their Tender being the lowest.

Of Mr. *Dredge* for the Binding, it being also the lowest Tender; and

Of Messieurs *Lovell* and Company for the Printing Paper, their sample being the cheapest of its weight and quality.

The attention of Your Committee was given to the price charged, and heretofore allowed, for folding and stitching by the Contractors for the Sessional Printing. Upon enquiring of Binding Establishments in this City, they ascertain that this charge is an exorbitant one, and before accepting their present Tender, insisted upon a reduction of fifty per cent, upon this charge, which Your Committee have pleasure in saying has been submitted to.

Your Committee have given directions that security shall be given by the several parties whose Tenders are accepted, for the faithful performance of the work, and for the supply of the material required.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, informed the House, That the Committee had been engaged for several days in the consideration of the said Petition, and heard and examined several witnesses thereon; and, according to the direction of the Committee, evidence having been given by the Petitioners against a certain number of votes polled for the Sitting Member, the Committee have called upon the Sitting Member to strike off an equal number of votes polled for the opposing Candidate; but as the Committee had already given the Sitting Member a fortnight's time to put in his list of objected votes, and that time will not expire until Friday, the tenth day of November instant, the Committee, by the consent of both parties, desire to adjourn until Ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, as they can only meet *pro forma* in the meantime.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until Friday the tenth instant, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the *English* version only of 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;" and the same was read, as followeth:—

Page 1, line 6, After "*Adam*" insert "*Johnston*."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendment to the *English* version only, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Frederick C. Capreol*, of the City of *Toronto*; the Petition of the Board of Trade of the City of *Toronto*; and the Petition of Major General *George A. Wetherall*, and *Charles Martin*, Esquire, a Lieutenant of Her Majesty's 95th Regiment of Infantry, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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 enquire 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.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Sidney Smith*, Esquire, the Honorable *John Young*, *Basil Rorison Church*, Esquire, *Robert Bell*, Esquire; Chairman, *Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger*, Esquire.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Louis Léon Lesieur Desaulniers*, Esquire, *Joseph Dufresne*, Esquire, *Thomas Fortier*, Esquire, *David Barker Stevenson*, Esquire; Chairman, *Timothy Lee Terrill*, Esquire.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Mégantic*, to which they had annexed the Petitions referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Jean Baptiste Mongenais*, Esquire, *Edmund Murney*, Esquire, *Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire; Chairman, *James Smith*, Esquire.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, being read;

Mr. *Rhodes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bellingham*, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to amend the Bill by limiting the 5th Clause to *Upper Canada* only, and by inserting the following Clause: “The amount of the Municipality Fund in and for *Lower Canada* remaining unexpended and unappropriated, under the foregoing provisions of this Act on the thirty-first day of December in each year, shall, by the Receiver General, be appropriated equally among the several Protestant Sects or Denominations for General Education or Religious Instruction, in proportion to the number of their Members, respectively, according to the then last Census, made either under the Act to provide more effectually for taking a periodical Census, or any other Act under which a Census may be legally taken in *Lower Canada*, or the Municipalities thereof” after the said 5th Clause: the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Bellingham,
Bowes,
Cameron,
Casault,

Gamble,
Larwill,
Masson,

Murney,
Poulin,
Powell,

Rhodes,
Robinson,
13. *Shaw*.

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Précost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Guèremont,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	79. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. Cameron moved, seconded by Mr. Gamble, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to leave out the words "all semblance of connection between Church and State" in the 3rd Clause of the Bill, and to provide for the continued appropriation, for the benefit of the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, of the monies arising from the sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands, sold under the authority of the Statute 7 & 8 *Geo.* 4, c. 62, in the same proportions as they have been heretofore enjoyed by, and appropriated to, those Churches, viz:—two-thirds to the Church of *England*, and one-third to the Church of *Scotland*:—To provide also, in accordance with the proportions secured by the Act 3 & 4 *Vic.* c. 78, for the continued enjoyment of the said Churches, and all other denominations of Christians desirous of receiving the same, for the purposes of public worship and religious instruction, of the monies that have arisen and been appropriated to those Churches and for religious purposes, from the sale of the Clergy Reserve Lands, under the authority of the last mentioned Statutes:—And to provide also, for the absolute payment to those Churches and religious bodies, of the principal monies so appropriated from the sales under the said Acts, so that the Executive Government shall cease to have any control over those funds, which shall be vested absolutely in those Churches and bodies, charged with the support of their Clergy, in the same manner as is now provided by law; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Murncy,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cameron,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Porvell,</i>	16. <i>Stevenson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Alleyrn,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen. LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Sanborn.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderrick</i> <i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Clisholm,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Thilandeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Hurtman,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>S9. Young.</i>
<i>Delong,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Bowes* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shaw*, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to amend the Bill, by leaving out after "*Canada*" in the third line of the 1st Clause of the Bill to the end of the said Clause, and inserting the words "Clergy Reserve Fund, and the monies arising from the Clergy Reserves in *Lower Canada*, shall continue to form a separate Fund, which shall be called the *Lower Canada* Clergy Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund for each section of the Province, respectively, shall consist of all monies arising from the sale of Clergy Reserves in that section, whether now funded or invested either in the United Kingdom or in this Province, or remaining uninvested, or hereafter to arise from such sales, the interest and dividend from monies forming part of such Fund, the interest upon sales of Reserves in that section of the Province; on credits and rents, issues and profits, arising from Clergy Reserves therein demised, or to be demised for any term of years, and other casual and periodical incomings arising from Clergy Reserves therein, after deducting therefrom the actual expenses attending the sale and management of the same; and the Funds aforesaid, and the monies forming the said Fund, shall be paid to the Receiver General, and shall be by him applied to the purposes hereinafter mentioned, under the authority of this Act, or any General or Special Order or Orders to be made by the Governor in Council" instead thereof :

Mr. *Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to amend the Bill, by leaving out after "*Canada*" in the third line of the 1st Clause to the end of the said Clause, and inserting the words "Clergy Reserve Fund, and the monies arising from the Clergy Reserves in *Lower Canada* shall continue to form a separate Fund, which shall be called the *Lower Canada* Clergy Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund for each section of the Province, respectively, shall consist of all monies arising from the sale of Clergy Reserves in that section, whether now funded or invested either in the United Kingdom or in this Province, or remaining uninvested, or hereafter to arise from such sales, the interest and dividend from monies forming part of such Fund, the interest upon sales of Reserves in that section of the Province; on credits and rents, issues and profits, arising from Clergy Reserves therein demised, or to be demised for any term of years, and other casual and periodical incomings arising from Clergy Reserves therein, after deducting therefrom the actual expenses attending the sale and management of

“the same; and the Funds aforesaid, and the monies forming the said Fund, shall be paid to the Receiver General, and shall be by him applied to the purposes hereinafter mentioned, under the authority of this Act or any General or Special Order or Orders to be made by the Governor in Council” instead thereof; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Boces,
Crawford,

Murney,

Powell.

5. Rhodes.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Aikins,
Alleyne,
Bell,
Biggar,
Blanchet,
Bourassa,
Brodeur,
Brown,
Burton,
Cauchon,
Caspley,
Chubot,
Chaurou,
Christholm,
Church,
Clarke,
Cooke,
Cook,

Darche,
Delong.
Desaulniers,
De Witt,
Durion, Antoine A.
Dufresne,
Ferres,
Flint,
Fortier, Thomas
Fortier, Octave C.
Fournier,
Frazer,
Galt,
Gould,
Hartman,
Hinks,
Holton,
Jackson,

Langton.
LeBoutillier,
Loranger,
Lumsden,
Macbeth,
Macdonald, A. J. Gen.
Mackenzie,
MacNab, Sir A. N.
McCann,
McKerlie,
Matheson,
Mattice,
Meagher,
Morrin,
Morrison, Joseph C.
Morrison, Angus
Munro,
Niles,

Patrick,
Poulin,
Pouliot,
Roblin,
Ross, Sol. Gen.
Santora,
Scatcherd,
Smith, Sol. Gen.
Smith, Sidney
Smith, James
Somerville,
Southwick,
Spence,
Taché,
Terrill,
Thibaudeau,
Wright,
72. Young.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Boces* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shaw*, and the Question being put, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to make the following amendments to the Bill:—

Clause 2. Leave out after “pledged” to the end of the Clause, and insert “shall form part of the appropriation to such Churches under the general appropriation of the Reserve Fund in each section of the Province as hereafter named, whether such payment has been heretofore made to Churches or individual Clergymen of such Churches.”

Clause 3. Leave out after “desirable” to the end of the Clause, and insert “to effect a final settlement of all matters, claims, and interests, arising out of the Clergy Reserves, by as speedy an appropriation of the interest of the proceeds as may be:—Be it therefore enacted, that the Lands called Clergy Reserves be valued by competent parties, to be appointed by the Governor in Council for that purpose, and the said Lands assumed by the Crown at such valuation, and the proceeds placed at the credit of the Clergy Reserve Fund, and the interest therefrom, with the interest and profits arising from all other sources of Clergy Reserve property, in each section of the Province, be divided annually among the different Denominations of Christians, in proportion to their numbers, in each section of the Province, respectively.”

Leave out Clause 4, and insert “That all the monies arising from every source, to the credit of the Reserve Fund, and paid to the Receiver General of this Province, shall be by him invested in Provincial or Municipal Securities, which, under the Act to establish freedom of Banking, or any Act amending the same, may be accepted by the Receiver General in exchange for registered Bank Notes,

“as the Governor in Council shall from time to time direct, and the Receiver General being thereunto authorized by Order of the Governor in Council, shall have full power to dispose of any securities in which monies are or shall be invested, and to invest the proceeds in any other such securities as aforesaid.”

Leave out Clause 5, and insert “That the amount of interest arising from the Clergy Reserve Fund, in each section of the Province, be divided annually among the different denominations in each section of the Province, respectively, according to numbers, for the purposes of Religion or Education, as a majority of the members of such denominations shall decide, the proportion of members to be ascertained by a census to be immediately taken under the authority of any Act of this Province under which the census can be legally taken. When the census is so taken, and the numbers accordingly determined, it shall be the duty of the Receiver General to cause to be paid to each Church that will accept the same, a share of the interest and profits of the Fund so invested, after having deducted the cost of management; and the denomination receiving such proportion of the said Reserves shall render an account in detail to the Provincial Parliament, of the manner in which the proportion so received has been appropriated by such Church;”

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Bowcs,
Crawford,

Murney,

O'Farrell,

5. Rhodes.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Aikins,

Alleyn,

Bell,

Biggar,

Blanchet,

Brodeur,

Brown,

Cauchon,

Cayley,

Chubot,

Chanveau,

Christolm,

Clarke,

Cooke,

Cook,

Daoust, Charles

Delong,

Desaulniers,

DeWitt,

Dorion, Antoine A.

Drummond, Atty. Gen.

Dufresne,

Felton,

Ferres,

Ferrie,

Flint,

Foley,

Forrier, Octave C.

Fournier,

Frazer,

Galt,

Gould,

Hartman,

Hincks,

Holton,

Jackson,

LeBoutillier,

Lumsden,

Macbeth,

Macdonald, Atty. Gen.

Mackenzie,

MacNab, Sir A. N.

McCann,

McKerlie,

Marchildon,

Matheson,

Mattice,

Meagher,

Morin,

Morrison, Joseph C.

Morrison, Angus

Munro,

Niles,

Patrick,

Powell,

Rankin,

Roblin,

Ross, Sol. Gen.

Sanborn,

Scatcherd,

Smith, Sol. Gen.

Smith, Sidney

Smith, James

Somerville,

Southwick,

Spence,

Taché,

Terrill,

Thibaudeau,

Wright,

71. Young.

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Murney* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rhodes*, and the Question being put, That the Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Langton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to amend the Bill, so that no Religious Body or Denomination shall be recognized as having any right to participate in the Clergy Reserve Fund, otherwise than as a medium of distributing the annual payments, or the commutation in lieu thereof, to the persons whose individual rights are acknowledged;

Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Powell*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee to amend the Bill, so that no Religious Body or Denomination shall be recognized as having any right to participate in the Clergy Reserve Fund otherwise than as a medium of distributing the annual payments, or the commutation in lieu thereof, to the persons whose individual rights are acknowledged;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Foley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Taché*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Foley.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sanborn.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Taché.</i>
<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poutiot,</i>	36. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Alley,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Charrveau,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	38. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macheth.</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris 3^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*,—The Petition of *Robert G. Haliburton*, Master

of Arts, Attorney and Barrister-at-Law of the Supreme Courts of Judicature for the Province of *Nova Scotia*; and the Petition of *William A. Johnston, A.B.*, and Attorney and Barrister-at-Law, of *Halifax, Nova Scotia*.

By Mr. *Lumsden*,—The Petition of *George Tait* and others, of the Township of *Pickering* and *Scarborough*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *John Cameron, Esquire*, and others; the Petition of *James Tweedell* and others; the Petition of *Joseph Parkin* and others; the Petition of *J. R. Ardagh* and others; and the Petition of *James Hill* and others, of the Village of *Mitchell, County of Perth*.

By Mr. *Daly*,—The Petition of *Peter Sinclair* and others of the Township of *Bruce, County of Bruce*; and the Petition of *Samuel Whaley* and others, of the Township of *Mornington* and other places, in the County of *Perth*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,—The Petition of *Spiques Corners' Division, No. 331*, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *West Oxford*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Leonard M. Mathews* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*; the Petition of *Thomas Sowersly* and others, of the Village of *Port Robinson*; and the Petition of *A. Page* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *J. W. Berney* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*; the Petition of *Warren Lyman* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*; the Petition of *Isaac Foster* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*; and the Petition of *William Landon* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *David Shaw Ramsay*, of the Parish of *St. Hugues, District of Montreal, Esquire*.

By Mr. *Taché*,—The Petition of *J. B. Duguay* and others, of *St. Luce* and other Parishes, in the County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *Michel Massé* and others, of *St. Athanase, County of Iberville*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of *E. Richard* and others; the Petition of *F. Pothier* and others; the Petition of *Etienne Faucher* and others; the Petition of *J. P. C. Larose* and others; and the Petition of *E. Brown* and others.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, of the City of *Quebec, Esquire*, a Candidate at the last Election of a Member to represent the County of *Bellechasse*, in this present Parliament.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Lotbinière* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Thursday next, at half past Ten o'clock in the forenoon, in order to allow the Petitioner the delay to enable him to procure evidence.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was yesterday proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, to amend the Bill, so that no Religious Body or Denomination shall be recognized as having any right to participate in the Clergy Reserve Fund otherwise than as a medium of distributing the annual payments, or the commutation in lieu thereof, to the persons whose individual rights are acknowledged;

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

And the Question being put:—It passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Sidney Smith, Esquire, the Honorable *John Young*, *Basil Rovison Church*, Esquire, *Robert Bell*, Esquire; Chairman, *Thomas Jean Jacques Loranger*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*, their Names were called over; and they being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the United Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon.

Louis Léon Lesieur Desaulniers, Esquire, *Joseph Dufresne*, Esquire, *Thomas Fortier*, Esquire, *David Barker Stevenson*, Esquire; Chairman, *Timothy Lee Terrill*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, their Names were called over; and they being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

Jean Baptiste Mongenais, Esquire, *Edmund Murney*, Esquire, *Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire; Chairman, *James Smith*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, their Names were called over; and they being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petitions relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Twelve, at noon.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 18th ultimo, for a certain Statement with reference to the Clergy Reserves in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (L.L.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the

Governor General, dated the 14th September, 1854; praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House a Return, under the usual heads of the Revenue and Expenditure of the gross Revenue of *Canada*, and amount of payments therefrom during the six months of the fiscal year ending the 31st July last, including the Post Office Department; also, the amount of Cash at the credit of the Government in the Banks and other monied institutions of *Canada*, or elsewhere, or lent to individuals, or on deposit with them, at as recent a date as may be in the power of the Inspector and Receiver General's Departments to supply; and also, a Statement of the whole Public Debt at this time, including all sums for which the Province is security, showing the interest now due by Railway or other incorporated Companies, if any, and unpaid; showing also, the condition of the Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund of *Upper Canada*, and the gross income of the Clergy Reserves in *Upper* and in *Lower Canada*, for the six months since the period to which the Public Accounts for 1853 are made up.

For the said Return, see Appendix (N.N.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 19th September, 1854, for information relative to sale of Emigrant Sheds at *Point St. Charles, Montreal.*

By Command,

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 2nd November, 1854.

Pierre J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

Public Works, *Quebec*, 31st October, 1854.

Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 20th ultimo, asking to be furnished, for the information of the Legislative Assembly, “with the authority by which the Emigrant Sheds at *Point St. Charles*, in *Montreal*, were sold, the name of the purchaser or purchasers, the amount of the proceeds, the time when and to whom paid.” I have the honor to inform you, that three of the Sheds were sold by authority of the Department of Public Works to the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for \$100, on the 27th October, 1853, which amount was paid over to the Receiver General on the 29th of the same month.

I have, &c.,
(Signed,)

Thomas A. Begly,
Secretary.

E. Parent, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary.

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 16th ultimo, for copies of two Petitions from the Mayor and Inhabitants of *Brockville* and *Cornwall*, respectively, relative to the transmission of Emigrants through the Inland Waters of the Province.

For the said Return, see Appendix (O.O.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 26th ultimo, for a Statement of Licenses granted for working Mines and Minerals in *Lower Canada*, from 1847 to 24th ultimo.

For the said Return, see Appendix (P.P.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Clergy Reserves, presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That in addition to the number of copies of the Report of the Superintendent of Schools for *Upper Canada*, for 1853, required by this House, a suffi-

cient number be printed to furnish a copy to each County Board of Public Instruction, and each Municipal and School Corporation and Local Superintendent of Schools in *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Revenue, Cash at credit of Government, Public Debt, Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund, and Clergy Reserves, presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in the City of *Quebec*,” was read for the first time.

On motion of Mr. *Aileyn*, seconded by Mr. *Terrill*,

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

Mr. Speaker laid before the House the following Returns and Statements, received in pursuance of the Order of this House, of the 14th September last :—Return from the Registrar of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, to 31st December, 1853.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Z.)

Statements of the Affairs of the *Canada* Life Assurance Company, to 30th April, 1854; of the *Gore* Bank, to the 30th September, 1854; of the *Northumberland* and *Durham* Savings Bank, to the 1st June, 1854; of the *London* Savings Bank, to the 1st September, 1854; of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, to the 31st August, 1854; and of the *Welland* Canal Loan Company, to the 1st September, 1854.

For the said Statements, see Appendix (E.E.)

Statement of the Affairs of the *Streetsville* Plank Road Company, to 31st December, 1853.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (F.F.)

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventés* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held *en roture* in *Lower Canada*, being read :

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being proposed, That it be an Instruction to the said Committee, to amend the Bill, by providing that the basis of the measure shall be the immediate extinction of the Seigniorial Tenure, and the substitution of a Freehold Tenure in lieu thereof, regard being had to the rights of all parties;

And a Debate arising thereupon :

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ 6^o die Novembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *De Witt*,—The Petition of *Patrick Rooney* and others ; and the Petition of *Christina Rlackie*, widow of the late *Robert W. S. Mackay*, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *William Gamble*, on behalf of the President, Directors and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*,—The Petition of the Reverend *G. L. E. Duhaunt* and others, of the Township of *Wotton* and *South Ham* ; the Petition of *Antoine Clair* and others, of the Township of *Durham* ; and the Petition of *Louis Boivin* and others, School Commissioners for the Town or Borough of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. N. St. Aubin* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, County of *Joliette*.

By Mr. *Marchildon*,—The Petition of *Pierre Jean Mathon*, late School Teacher ; and the Petition of *David Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, County of *Champlain*.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Cooke*,—The Petition of *James Young* and others, proprietors and possessors of certain lots in the Township of *Grenville*, County of *Argenteuil* ; the Petition of *John Dewar* and others ; the Petition of the Grand Division of *Canada East* of the Order of the Sons of Temperance ; the Petition of *Dominick Docherty* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others ; and the Petition of *John Clauson* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of *Lochiel Division*, No. 115, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance ; and the Petition of *James McIntosh* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*.

By Mr. *James Smith*,—The Petition of *Donald Cameron*, of *Thurah*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. C. Dubé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, County of *Laval*.

By Mr. *Sanborn*,—The Petition of *A. W. Kendrick* and others, of the Township of *Compton* ; and the Petition of *Joshua Foss* and others, Trustees of the High School of the Township of *Eatm*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*,—The Petition of the Clergy and Laity of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, of the Diocese of *Toronto*, assembled in Synod.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. H. Prévost* and others, Commissioners of the Catholic Schools of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Cook*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dereham*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

By Mr. *Freeman*,—The Petition of *Hamilton* Division, No. 25, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of *James Cahill* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *Félix Proulx dit Clément* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raphaël*, County of *Laval*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *Edward Chalmers* and others, of the Village of *Smithville*.

By Mr. *Bureau*,—The Petition of *Medard Brisson* and others, of the Parish of *St. Remi*, County of *Napierville*; and the Petition of *Joseph Troie*, junior, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Spence*,—The Petition of *George S. Wilkes* and others; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Dundas*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,—The Petition of *J. M. Taggart*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Bedford*, County of *Frontenac*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*,—The Petition of Mrs. *Mary Ann Bankier* and other Ladies.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of *F. A. Young*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; and the Petition of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Casault*,—The Petition of *Octave Cyrille Fortier*, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, Esquire, Physician, Member Representative of the County of *Bellechasse* in the present Parliament, duly elected and proclaimed as such Representative at the last Election of a Member to represent in Parliament the said County of *Bellechasse*.

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

Of *William F. Coffin*, Attorney and Agent on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Clinton*, *Essex*, and *Franklin*, in the State of *New York*; praying that the proposed amalgamation of the *Montreal* and *New York*, and *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroads, may not be confirmed or granted—and to be heard by Counsel before the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, and at the Bar of the House, with reference thereto.

Of *Stephen Carledge* and others, of *Wolford*; praying that the annual grant for Common Schools may be increased to One hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Of *Walter C. Crofton*, of *Quebec*; praying aid for the publication of a Parliamentary Manual compiled by him.

Of *Ann H. Booth* and other females of the Village of *Fergus*; of *George Pirie* and others, of the Counties of *Wellington* and *Grey*; of *James Bogg* and others, of the Township of *Roxborough*; of *Wellington Square* Division, No. 103; of *Oakville* Division, No. 61; of *Acton* Division, No. 242; of *Troy* Division, No. 244; and of *Spikes Corners* Division, No. 331, all of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *Joseph Anderson* and others, of the County of *Welland*; of *James Tweddell* and others; of *Joseph Parkin* and others; of *J. R. Ardagh* and others; of *James Hill* and others, of the Village of *Mitchell*, County of *Perth*; of *Peter Sinclair* and others, of the Township of *Bruce*, County of *Bruce*; of *Samuel Whaley* and others, of the Township of *Mornington* and other places, in the County of *Perth*; of the Municipality of the Township of *West Oxford*; of *Leonard M. Mathews* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*; of *Thomas Sowersly* and others, of the Village of *Port Robinson*; of *A. Page* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*; of *J. W. Berney* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*; of *Warren Lyman* and others, of the Township of *Augusta*; of *Isaac Foster* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*; and of *William Landon* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*: praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Simon Bertrand* and others, of the County of *Rouville*; praying for the entire abolition of the Legislative Council,—that the office of Governor may be made Elective, and that the Government of the Province may be assimilated as much as possible to that of the *United States*.

Of *Louis Bélanger* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, County of *Laval*; and of *J. B. Oberlin* and others, of the Parish of *Varennnes*, County of *Verchères*; praying for the passing of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance 3 & 4 *Vic. c. 25*, relating to Winter Roads.

Of *P. Blanchet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize farmers to sell their produce at any market in the country, or at private houses, without being obliged to pay for such liberty.

Of *P. Blanchet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mathias*; praying that the funds arising from the Clergy Reserves, the Jesuits' Estates, and the Government Seigniories, may be appropriated to the support of Common Schools in the two sections of the Province.

Of *L. Desjardins* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Jean Port Joli*, and *St. Roch*, County of *L'Islet*; praying for aid to continue and complete the *Elgin Road*.

Of the Curé and Churchwardens of the *Fabrique* of the Parish of the *Saint Nom de Marie*, of *Montreal*; praying for certain amendments to the Law regulating the Registration of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials.

Of *S. A. Hurd* and others, of the Townships of *Eaton*, *Newport*, and *Clifton*, in the District of *St. Francis*; praying aid for the opening of a Road through the said Townships.

Of *William Smith* and others, of the Township of *Brompton*; praying that the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke* into a separate Municipality, and to establish a Registry Office therein, may not pass into Law.

Of *Robert G. Haliburton*, Master of Arts, Attorney and Barrister-at-Law of the Supreme Courts of Judicature for the Province of *Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of an Act to enable him to practise as an Attorney in the Supreme Courts of *Canada West*.

Of *William A. Johnston*, A.B., and Attorney and Barrister-at-Law, of *Halifax*, *Nova Scotia*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the several Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada* to admit him to practise therein as an Attorney and Barrister.

Of *George Tait* and others, of the Townships of *Pichering* and *Scarborough*; praying that any application for vesting in private parties certain Road allowances in the said Townships may not be granted.

Of *John Cameron*, Esquire, and others; praying an Act of Incorporation for the construction of a Railway to connect *Port Perry* on Lake *Scugog* with the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron Union Railway*.

Of *David Shaw Ramsay*, of the Parish of *St. Hugues*, District of *Montreal*, Esquire; praying that further proceedings on the Bill 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 be stayed, until he is heard at the Bar of the House against such provisions thereof as affect his rights.

Of *J. B. Duguay* and others, of *Ste. Luce* and other Parishes, in the County of *Rimouski*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf or Pier in the Parish of *Ste. Flavie*.

Of *Michel Massé* and others, of *St. Athanase*, County of *Iberville*; praying for the passing of an Act to prohibit the establishment of Cemeteries or the burial of the dead in populous places.

Of *E. Richard* and others; praying that the United Counties of *Drummond* and

Arthabaska may be separated, and each entitled to send a Representative to Parliament.

Of *F. Pothier* and others; praying that the annual grant for Common Schools, may be increased to One hundred and fifty thousand pounds.

Of *Etienne Faucher* and others: praying that those persons who have settled in the Eastern Townships coming under the name of Squatters, may be protected by Law in the rights they have so acquired.

Of *J. P. C. Larose* and others; praying for certain amendments to the Municipal Law, and the simplifying of the Road Laws of *Lower Canada*.

Of *E. Brown* and others; praying that compensation may be provided for Jurors attending the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, a Candidate at the last Election of a Member to represent the County of *Bellechasse* in this present Parliament; complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Octave C. Fortier*, Esquire, to represent the said County, being also read;

Mr. *Casault* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Petition be not received;

On motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the Question be postponed until Wednesday next.

Mr. *Loranger*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*, informed the House, That *Robert Bell*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Saturday last,

Ordered, That *Robert Bell*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, Tomorrow.

Mr. *Terrill*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That upon the request in writing of the Petitioner, and by consent of *J. C. Chapais*, Esquire, the Sitting Member, the Committee had granted delay until Saturday, the eleventh instant, for laying before the Committee Lists of the Voters who may be objected to.

Mr. *Fergusson*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, informed the House, That upon the consent in writing of the parties to the Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, *George Honoré Simard*, and *Hypolite Dubord*, Esquires, the Committee had varied the directions made relative to the delivery of Lists of objected Votes thereunder, by extending the time for such delivery until Thursday next, the ninth instant, at six o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. *James Smith*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That the Committee had ordered, with the consent of the parties, that the time for the delivery of Lists of objected Votes by the parties, be extended to the eighteenth day of November instant, on account of the distance between the Seat of Government and the place from which such Lists must be had.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Wellington H. Richmond*, of the City of *Toronto*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Parliament Library.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *F. A. Cutter*, Esquire, and others, Physicians and Surgeons, of *Missisquoi* and *Shefford*, and find that sufficient Notice has been given.

Your Committee have also examined the Petitions of *John Young* and others, for an Act of Incorporation to construct a Railway from *Hamilton* to *Amherstburg*, or some other point on the *Detroit* River; and of *John Bell* and others, for an Act of Incorporation to construct a Railway from *Amherstburg* to *St. Thomas*, (which Your Committee have been given to understand, is intended as a portion of the same line.) The Notices given upon these Petitions were published only in the Counties of *Wentworth*, *Elgin* and *Essex*; while in the Counties of *Haldimand*, *Norfolk*, *Middlesex*, and *Kent*, through which the proposed Railway would pass, there appears to have been no Notice published.

Ordered, That Mr. *Clarke* have leave of absence for a fortnight, from the eighth instant, on urgent private business.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was on Friday last proposed, That it be an Instruction to the Committee on the Bill 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*, to amend the Bill, by providing that the basis of the measure shall be the immediate extinction of the Seigniorial Tenure, and the substitution of a Freehold Tenure in lieu thereof, regard being had to the rights of all parties;

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

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Folcy,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Muttice,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>38. Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>

<i>Brosses,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macheth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clisholm,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventés* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held *en roture* in *Lower Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again, To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 7° die Novembris;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—Two Petitions of the Roman Catholic Institute of *St. Roch's, Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *W. L. Kinmond* and *P. L. Kinmond*, of *Montreal*, Locomotive and Marine Engine Manufacturers.

By the Honorable Mr. *Spence*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Durrant* and others, of the Village of *Stouffville*.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *William A. Johnston, A.B.*, and Attorney and Barrister-at-Law, of *Halifax, Nova Scotia*, and find the Notice to be sufficient.

On the Petition of *John Cameron, Esquire*, and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Port Perry* to connect with the *Ontario, Simcoe, and Huron* Railroad, Your Committee find that Notice has been published only in a *Toronto* Paper, (for the County of *York*,) while a portion of the proposed line runs through the County of *Ontario*; the Petition has however been signed by

Members representing some of the localities interested, and a verbal assurance that the application is well known and approved of, has been given by both the Members representing the localities through which the said Road would pass; under these circumstances, and considering also that the *Toronto Paper* in which the Notice has appeared has an extensive circulation in the County of *Ontario*, Your Committee beg leave to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule.

Mr. *James Smith*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Edmund Murney* and *Luther H. Holton*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That *Edmund Murney*, and *Luther H. Holton*, Esquires, do attend in their places in this House, To-morrow.

Mr. *Pouliot*, from the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the means of publishing and obtaining a correct and impartial Report of the Debates of this House, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

In the opinion of Your Committee, there exists little probability that private enterprize will, for some years at least, supply so full a record of the Debates in the House of Assembly as would be desirable. It is alleged, that it would be injurious to the general circulation of a metropolitan Newspaper, were a much larger space devoted to the Parliamentary Debates than there is now; and were the discussions reported in *extenso*, the space occupied would be at least five times that at present devoted to the Debates.

Should Your Honorable House then, deem it expedient to secure a full and reliable record of the Debates, there seems no better course than the publication of a Mirror of Parliament at the public expense.

In the event of this course being adopted, it is respectfully recommended, that the work be given out to Public Tender,—that the Contractor should be bound to provide a certain number of Reporters in the *English* and *French* Languages, probably four of the former and three of the latter,—that the Reporters should be first-rate Stenographic or Phonographic writers, who should receive, from the Contractor, not less than Seven pounds ten shillings per week.

Some difficulty arises as to the length at which the discussions should be reported. There is much that passes in every Legislative Body that is immaterial; and the more condensed the Reports, consistently with conveying clearly the argument of the speaker, and preserving intact his illustrations, the more acceptable will they be to the reading public.

The Congressional Debates at *Washington* are written out at full length; but in *England*, the leading speeches only of any Debate are so reported, and the rest are much condensed. The *English* system is probably the best; but in getting up a Mirror of Parliament at the expense of the Legislature, the difficulty presents itself as to which speeches shall be given at length, and which condensed.

To whom shall be entrusted the power of decision? Shall the Reporter be left at full liberty to exercise his judgment, or can a check be applied by means of a Committee? Perhaps it would be expedient to leave this point to be determined by experience, care being taken in giving out the Contract, that the style of reporting shall be subject to the directions of a Select Committee.

It is recommended that the Debates should be published on the second morning after delivery, and that Members should, in the interim, have an opportunity of seeing the "proofs" of their remarks, and correcting inaccuracies; no new matter however to be introduced.

Your Committee respectfully suggest, that the Debates should be printed with Burgeois type, on good paper, and made up in large octavo; and that the Reporting and Printing should be given out in one Contract, so that the responsibility of delays and misprints may be undivided. The Printing should be paid for by the number of ems, the amount of press-work, and the quantity of paper consumed.

The Contractor should be bound to furnish 2,500 copies of the Mirror for the use of the Assembly. The Contract should be given out for four years, and a Session of fifteen weeks annually, guaranteed.

The speeches should be printed in the language in which they were severally spoken; a more correct impression of the proceedings will thus be conveyed, than if all the speeches were translated into one language.

The Contractor should be entitled to use the Reports for his own purposes, but should have no exclusive copy-right.

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

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *Walter C. Crofton*, of *Quebec*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William F. Coffin*, Attorney and Agent on behalf of the Inhabitants of the Counties of *Clinton*, *Essex*, and *Franklin*, in the State of *New York*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, also Private Bills, and Reports thereon, be further extended for a fortnight each.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly of the 15th September last, for copies of all Documents relative to a tract of land in dispute between the Inhabitants of *Russelltown* and the Seigneur of *Beauharnois*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (Q. Q.)

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for the call of the House, being read;

Ordered, That the House be now called over.

Ordered, That the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House do go with the Mace, to the places adjacent, and summon the Members there to attend the service of the House:—And he went accordingly; and being returned;

The House was called over, and several of the Members appeared; and the names of such Members as made default to appear, were taken down, as follow:—

John Hillyard Cameron.

George Byron Lyon.

George Etienne Cartier.

John Rolph.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*.

Ordered, That the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House, this day, be taken into consideration on Tuesday the twenty-eighth day of November instant.

Mr. *Loranger*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United

Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*, informed the House, That the Committee had yesterday granted delay to the Petitioners and the Sitting Member until the eighth day of November instant, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon, to file their Lists of Voters; in consequence of the declaration made by the Petitioners and the Sitting Member before the Committee, that they could not file the same sooner.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Robert Bell*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Bell* attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Robert Bell*, Esquire, being a Member of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee on Saturday last, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Robert Bell*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Loranger* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Bell* to state, That he was not in the House, and had not been sworn, when the Order for the first meeting of the *Lenox* and *Addington* Election Committee was given, and was not aware of the time and place of the said meeting until too late; and the same having been verified upon oath by Mr. *Bell*;

Ordered, That *Robert Bell*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Four o'clock.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*,

The House adjourned.

The House met at Four o'clock.

Mr. *Patrick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Yeilding*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency that, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a different and much more satisfactory arrangement may be made as regards the place of convening Parliament, than at present exists: That the present system of alternate Parliaments is inconsistent with a proper regard to the economical expenditure of public money, uncalled for by the necessities of the country, injurious to the preservation and methodical arrangement of the Public Archives and Library, and productive of great inconvenience and injustice to permanent Officers in the Public Departments; and that the same ought to be changed, and a permanent place selected for the assembling of Parliament, suited, as far as possible, to the convenience of all sections of the Province;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, and the words “it is inexpedient to interfere with the arrangement in regard to the Seat of Government adopted by this House in 1849, and re-affirmed in 1851” inserted instead thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. *Papin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McDonald, Rodrick</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Durche,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>44. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Polctte,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chupais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>68. Yelding.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Valois*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Rodrick</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>

<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Tarcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	84. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>
<i>Bizgar,</i>	<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Fortier, Oclave C.</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Curchon,</i>	<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	17. <i>Smith, Sidney.</i>
<i>Clupais,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Papin*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 8° die Novembris;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statement of the Affairs of the *Industry Village and Rawdon Railway Company*, for 1853.
For the said Statement, see Appendix (F.F.)

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

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of *J. B. Revais* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of *Z. Burnham* and others, of the Township of *Whitby*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Macbeth*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Duncan McMillan* and others, of the Township of *Aldborough*, County of *Elgin*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Casault*,—The Petition of *B. C. A. Guy*, Esquire, Seigneur of the Fields *Grandpré, Grosbois, and Dumontier*.

By Mr. *Cooke*,—The Petition of *Michael Johnston* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *M. Lemonde* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste*, County of *Rouville*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Ferguson* and others, of the Presbyterian Church of *Kincardine*.

By Mr. *James Smith*,—The Petition of *Aaron Choatt* and others, of *Perrytown* and vicinity, in the Township of *Hope*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Eleonore D. Clarke* and others, Mothers, Wives, and Daughters, of the Village of *Bradford* and vicinity, Township of *West*

Gwillimbury; and the Petition of *W. C. Adams* and others, of the Township of *West Gwillimbury*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*.

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

Of *Patrick Rooney* and others; praying the adoption of measures for the speedy settlement of the questions at issue between them and the Honorable *James Ellice*, Seigneur of *Beaucharnois*.

Of Mrs. *Christina Blackie*, widow of the late *Robert W. S. Mackay*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for a Pension, in consideration of the services and losses of her late husband in compiling and publishing the *Canada Directory*, and other works of similar nature.

Of *William Gamble*, on behalf of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road*; praying for a renewal of the Charter of the said Company without the payment of the usual fee thereon.

Of the Reverend *G. L. E. Duhaill* and others, of the Townships of *Wotton* and *South Ham*; praying that free Patents may issue to Settlers on the Lands in the said Township, according to their original understanding with the Government.

Of *Antoine Clair* and others, of the Township of *Durham*; praying that such changes may be made in the tenure of certain Indian Lands in the said Township, as to facilitate the redemption thereof.

Of *Louis Boivin* and others, School Commissioners for the Town or Borough of *William Henry*; praying aid for the maintenance of two Educational Establishments in the said Town under the charge of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of Charity.

Of the Reverend *P. N. St. Aubin* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Félix de Valois*, County of *Joliette*; praying aid for a Model School in the said Parish.

Of *Pierre Jean Mathon*, late School Teacher; praying for aid in consideration of his long services and his present necessities.

Of *David Frudel* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, County of *Champlain*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over the River *Batiscan*.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Waterloo*; praying for the repeal of the 8th Section of Territorial Divisions Act of *Upper Canada*, so as to release the said County from all liability or indebtedness to the late District or present County of *Wellington* for and on account of the *Guelph* and *Dundas Road*, and from any lien resulting therefrom.

Of *James Young* and others, proprietors and possessors of certain lots in the Township of *Grenville*, County of *Argenteuil*; praying for the repeal of the Act of last Session confirming the Survey of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Ranges of the said Township, by *J. J. Roney*, Deputy Provincial Land Surveyor.

Of *John Dewar* and others; and of the Grand Division of *Canada East* of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Grand Division and Subordinate Divisions of the Order of the Sons of Temperance of *Canada East*.

Of *Dominick Doherty* and others; and of *John Clauson* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; of *Lochiel* Division, No. 115; and of *Hamilton* Division, No. 25, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *James Cahill* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; and of *Edward Chalmers* and others, of the Village of *Smithville*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *James McIntosh* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*; praying that the

Bill to define the boundary line between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the Township of *Cornwall*, may not pass into Law.

Of *Donald Cameron*, of *Thorah*; praying the adoption of certain measures to obtain for him and his followers, the issue of Deeds of Lands for which they have received Location Tickets.

Of the Reverend *P. C. Dubé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin*, County of *Laval*; praying for aid to improve the ascending Road of *L'Abord à Plouffe* leading to the *Lachapelle* Bridge.

Of *A. W. Kendrick* and others, of the Township of *Compton*; praying that the said Township may be detached from the County of *Compton*, and attached to the Electoral Town of *Sherbrooke* for Electoral, Municipal, and Registration purposes.

Of *Joshua Foss* and others, Trustees of the High School in the Township of *Eaton*; praying for aid in behalf of the said School.

Of the Clergy and Laity of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, of the Diocese of *Toronto*, assembled in Synod; praying for Separate Schools:

Of the Reverend *F. H. Prévost* and others, Commissioners of the Catholic Schools of the City of *Montreal*; praying aid for the establishment of a Model School in the said City.

Of the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the complete and immediate secularization of the Clergy Reserves and Rectories.

Of *George S. Wilkes* and others; praying for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Great Southern Railway Company, for the construction of a Railway from *Amherstburg* to *Toronto*, to unite with the Grand Trunk Railway.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Dereham*; of the Town Council of the Town of *Dundas*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Great Southern Railway Company.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln and Welland*; praying for the repeal of the 9th Section of the Act 16 *Vic. c. 181*, which places certain restrictions on Municipalities in the support of indigent, infirm, or helpless persons.

Of *Félix Proulx dit Clement* and others, of the Parish of *St. Raphael*, County of *Laval*; praying for the passing of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance 3 & 4 *Vic. c. 25*, relating to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*.

Of *Medard Brisson* and others, of the Parish of *St. Rémi*, County of *Napierville*; praying for aid, by way of a loan of money, to Farmers in the said Parish whose crops have been destroyed by fire.

Of *Joseph Troié*, junior, and others; praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Of *J. M. Taggart*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of *Bedford*, County of *Frontenac*; praying for the passing of an Act to confirm a certain Survey of part of the said Township made by *Samuel M. Benson*, Provincial Land Surveyor.

Of *Mrs. Mary Ann Bankier* and other Ladies; praying for aid in behalf of the *Quebec Lower Town* Infant School.

Of *T. A. Young*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire; praying payment of a certain amount, being arrears of Salary due him as Auditor General of Public Accounts of *Lower Canada*, from the 8th April, 1831, to the 22nd April, 1834.

Of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to borrow the sum of Fifty thousand pounds to complete the drainage of said City.

Of *Octave Cyrille Fortier*, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, Esquire, Physician, Representative of the County of *Bellechasse* in the present Parliament, duly elected and proclaimed as such Representative at the last Election of a Member to repre-

sent in Parliament the said County of *Bellechasse*; setting forth: That on the third day of November instant, to wit: in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, a Memorial or Petition was presented to the House on behalf of *Télesphore Fournier*, Esquire, Advocate, of the City of *Quebec*, in the District of *Quebec*, complaining of the Return and proclamation of the Petitioner as Member duly elected to represent the County of *Bellechasse* in the present Parliament, alleging, among other things, that he, the said *Télesphore Fournier*, was one of the Candidates at the late Election of a Member for the said County of *Bellechasse*, and that the Petitioner was also one of the Candidates at the said Election; that he the said *Télesphore Fournier* had the majority of votes at the close of the Polls, at the said Election, and that the apparent majority of the Petitioner is composed of votes fraudulently added by one or more of the friends and partizans of the Petitioner, after the close of the Polls; and praying that the Return for the said County of *Bellechasse* be amended by striking out therefrom the name of the Petitioner and substituting instead thereof the name of the said *Télesphore Fournier*:—That the Petitioner is the Representative of the said County of *Bellechasse* in the present Parliament; that he obtained the majority of votes at the said last Election of the said County, and that he has been duly proclaimed as such, and taken his Seat in Parliament:—That the pretended Memorial or Petition of the said *Télesphore Fournier* is against the return of the Petitioner, and that the Petitioner is interested in opposing the aforesaid Memorial or Petition of the said *Télesphore Fournier*; that the said pretended Memorial or Petition of the said *Télesphore Fournier* is not signed by the hand and does not bear the signature of the said *Télesphore Fournier*, and that the signature “*T. Fournier*” at the foot of the said Memorial or Petition was not written by the said *Télesphore Fournier*, but that the said signature was affixed thereto by another person, and that the said name or signature “*T. Fournier*” at the foot thereof is in the hand-writing of some person other than the said *Télesphore Fournier*; and praying that the House will reject the Election Petition of the said *Télesphore Fournier* which was presented to the House on the third day of November instant, as aforesaid.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee having had under their consideration the Petition of *William Power*, Esquire, Commissioner appointed for the examination of Witnesses on the trial of the Contested Election of the County of *Megantic*, and also the Petition of Mr. *M. A. Hearn*, Clerk to the said Commission, praying compensation for their services, and having investigated the Accounts furnished, and examined evidence thereon, are of opinion, that the Accounts charged are in conformity with the Statute respecting the allowance to be made for Commissions issued in the case of Contested Elections, viz:—*W. Power*, One hundred and eighty-five pounds two shillings and one penny; and *M. A. Hearn*, One hundred and twenty-two pounds six shillings and five-pence halfpenny.

Your Committee, however, do not find that under the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* c. 1, the Committee on Contingencies have the power to order the payment of the said Accounts, the Statute expressly providing, by Section 106, that the remuneration of Circuit or County Judges employed under the authority of the said Act, shall be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue, by Warrant, to be issued for that purpose.

Your Committee consider it their duty to bring under the notice of Your Honorable House, the fact that, as the Law now stands, the expenses attending Contested Elections may, as in the present case, devolve upon the Province, instead of being borne by the parties in the case.

No provision appears to be made for cases similar to that under consideration (the *Megantic* Election,) where the dissolution of the House of Assembly having taken place, has prevented the Election Committee from reporting, and consequently rendered it impossible to decide as to the party by whom the expenses attending the same, should be borne. The Commission issued, being under the authority of the House, would entail manifest injustice on the persons employed under it, if a dissolution were to deprive them of their just remuneration; at the same time it is evident, that as the Law now stands, they have no recourse against the late Sitting Member, or the Petitioner against him, and if not paid by the Province, they must lose the amount to which they are fairly entitled. Under these circumstances, Your Committee recommend to Your Honorable House, that an appropriation be made for the amounts claimed by the Petitioners, and at the same time call the attention of the House very strongly, to the necessity of making such amendments to the Election Law as will protect the Province from the necessity of paying the expenses attending Contested Elections in the case of a dissolution taking place before the Report of any Election Committee.

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

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

The Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (F.F.)

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Select Committee appointed to report on the best means of making public the information obtained by the Geological Survey, have leave to print the evidence received by them.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to legalize certain transactions, and to alter the tenure of Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and deter-

mine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Joseph Elie Thibaudeau*, Esquire, *Robert Brown Somerville*, Esquire, *Joseph Hilarion Jobin*, Esquire, *John Scatcherd*, Esquire; Chairman, *John Wilson*, Esquire.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the amended Panels.

Ordered, That Mr. *Darche* have leave to bring in a Bill to require Educational Institutions receiving aid from the Province to lay certain Returns before the Legislature yearly.

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

Ordered, That the Law Clerk of this House, with such assistance as he may deem necessary, and which assistance he is hereby authorized to procure, do prepare an Index of the Statutes now in force in this Province, as full and complete and upon the same plan as that of the Revised Statutes of *Canada West*, which Index shall be made and finished in time to be printed with the Statutes that may be passed during the present Session, and shall be so printed and bound up with them.

Ordered, That Mr. *Angus Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the International Exploring, Mining and Manufacturing Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act establishing a Bureau of Agriculture, and consolidating the Laws relating to Agriculture.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Southwick* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Statute 16 *Vic. c. 124. sec. 4.*

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

On motion of Mr. *Darche*, seconded by Mr. *Guévremont*,

Resolved. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the cost of the macadamized Road between *Longueuil* and *Chambly*, the revenue it produced, and the expense of maintaining it when under Government control; whether it has been sold or leased, and upon what terms; and also a State-

ment of any other transactions which may have taken place between the Government and the parties in possession of the Road.

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

On motion of Mr. *Darcke*, seconded by Mr. *Bourassa*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of the cost of the macadamized Road between *Granby* and the Bridge belonging to *John Yule*, Esquire; the annual revenue derived from, and the expense of maintaining this Road, when it was under Government control; whether the said Road has been sold or leased, to whom, and on what terms and conditions; and whether the Government intend to repair the said Road, or cause it to be repaired and kept in good order by the proprietors or tenants, inasmuch as the public suffer great inconvenience from the bad state of the said Road.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House require from the Sheriffs of the several Counties in *Upper Canada*, and Districts in *Lower Canada*, a Return, in detail, shewing the number of persons committed to the Gaols under their care respectively, in each year of the last ten years ending 31st December, 1853, distinguishing the number committed on criminal charges, the number committed for misdemeanor, and on civil process; shewing also the number convicted of crime, distinguishing the crimes of which they have been convicted; and shewing also the number of males and the number of females in each class; also, a similar Return from the Police Magistrates of the several Cities and Towns in the Province, of the number of persons brought before them within the last five years, shewing the charges against them.

Ordered, That the Petition of *William Wright* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, be printed, with the names of the Petitioners, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Whitney* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. c. 105*, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Members of the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein, to afford relief to certain persons who were in practice as Physicians and Surgeons in this Province at the time when the said Act became Law."

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*.

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

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Edmund Murney* and *Luther H. Holton*, Esquires, in their places in this House this day, being read; and *Mr. Murney* and *Mr. Holton* attending in their places;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851," be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Edmund Murney*, Esquire, and *Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, being Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee yesterday, be taken into custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, That he had taken *Edmund Murney*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon *Mr. James Smith* informed the House, that he was desired by *Mr. Murney* to state, That he mistook the hour at which the *Megantic* Election Committee was to meet yesterday, and therefore was too late, and regrets the inconvenience he had caused the parties by his absence; and the same having been verified upon oath by *Mr. Murney*,

Ordered, That *Edmund Murney*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, That he had taken *Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon *Mr. James Smith* acquainted the House, that he was desired by *Mr. Holton* to state, That he was absent from the meeting of the *Megantic* Election Committee yesterday, by reason of having forgotten that the Committee had adjourned to meet at an earlier hour than usual, to wit, nine o'clock in the morning; and the same having been verified upon oath by *Mr. Holton*.

Ordered, That *Luther H. Holton*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Question which was proposed on Monday last, That the Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, a Candidate at the last Election of a Member to represent the County of *Bellechasse* in this present Parliament, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Octave C. Fortier*, Esquire, to represent the said County, be not received;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was on Tuesday last proposed to be made to the Question, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency that, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a different and much more satisfactory arrangement may be made as regards the place of convening Parliament, than at present exists: That the present system of alternate Parliaments is inconsistent with a proper regard to the economical expenditure of public money, uncalled for by the necessities of the country, injurious to the preservation and methodical arrangement of the Public Archives and Library, and productive of great inconvenience and injustice to permanent Officers in the Public Departments; and that the same ought to be changed, and a permanent place selected for the assembling of Parliament, suited, as far as possible, to the convenience of all sections of the Province; and which Amendment

was, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "it is inexpedient to interfere with the arrangement in regard to the Seat of Government adopted by this House in 1849, and re-affirmed in 1851" inserted instead thereof;

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

Mr. *Hartman* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Gamble*, That the words "and that in accordance with that arrangement the Public Departments should be removed to *Toronto* in 1855" be added at the end thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Loranger* moved, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prevost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Givremont,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Jolin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	66. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fruzer,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clabot,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Fincks,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	55. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Masson*, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 9^o die Novembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Annual Return of the *St. Lawrence* Inland Marine Assurance Company for 1853.
For the said Return, see Appendix (E.E.)

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

By Mr. *DeWitt*,—The Petition of *Fisher Ames* and others, of *Jamestown, Hemmingford, Russelltown, and Hinchinbrook.*

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Abishai Morse* and others, of the Township of *Grimsby*; the Petition of *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; and the Petition of *Agnes Stewart*, of the Town of *St. Catharines.*

By Mr. *Somerville*,—Two Petitions of *John Morrison* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon.*

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of *Phoenix* Division, No. 64, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Rhodes*,—The Petition of *A. Guy*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Quebec.*

By Mr. *Allegu*,—The Petition of *John Maguire*, of the City of *Quebec*, Police Magistrate; and the Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

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

Of the *Roman Catholic* Institute of *St. Roch's, Quebec*; praying for aid.

Of the *Roman Catholic* Institute of *St. Roch's, Quebec*; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *W. L. Kinnond* and *P. L. Kinnond*, of *Montreal*, Locomotive and Marine Engine Manufacturers; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Montreal* Locomotive, Marine and Steam Forge Works.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Wentworth* and *Halton*; praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from *Toronto* to *Amherstburg*, passing through *Dundas, Brantford, Norwich* and *St. Thomas.*

Of the Reverend *John Durrant* and others, of the Village of *Stouffville*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Joseph Elie Thibaudan, Esquire, *Robert Brown Somerville*, Esquire, *Joseph Hilarion Jobin*, Esquire, *John Scatcherd*, Esquire; Chairman, *John Wilson*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the

County of *Saguenay*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Joseph Laporte*, Esquire, *Joseph Hartman*, Esquire, *William Locker Felton*, Esquire, *Alexander Tillock Galt*, Esquire; Chairman, *Angus Morrison*, Esquire.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, *Charles Daoust*, Esquire, *Benjamin Dionne*, Esquire, *Robert Ferrie*, Esquire; Chairman, *François Lemieux*, Esquire.

Ordered, That Mr. *Loberge* have leave to bring in a Bill to prevent Burials in Churches, and within the limits of incorporated Villages.

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

On motion of Mr. *Charles Daoust*, seconded by Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Statement of all sums of money paid for Official Advertizements in all the Public Departments, from 1st January, 1853, to 1st September, 1854, with the name of each Journal in which such Advertizements were published, and the dates and general description of the Advertizements.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* have leave to bring in a Bill to limit the Guarantee of the Province to any Railway Company to Three thousand pounds per mile, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and the Question being proposed, That the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, be the first Order of the day for To-morrow;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Munro*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "it is inexpedient to discuss the question whether there should be an increase in the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, or of any other Bank, before the settlement of the great questions involved in the Reserves Bill, Elective Council Bill, Tenures Bill, and other measures named in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session; and that to take Bank Bills out of their place upon the Orders of the day and put them ahead of the said great public measures, would delay, and might possibly endanger their passage this Session" instead thereof;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, That all the words "it is inexpedient to discuss the question whether there should be an increase in the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, or of any other Bank, before the settlement of the great questions involved in the Reserves Bill, Elective Coun-

“*cil* Bill, Tenures Bill, and other measures named in the Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session; and that to take Bank Bills out of their place upon the Orders of the day and put them ahead of the said great public measures, would delay, and might possibly endanger their passage this Session” be left out, and the words “the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, be the first Order of this day” inserted instead thereof;

And Objection being made to this Motion as being irregular and out of Order, Mr. Speaker decided that, according to the Rules of the House, the Motion was unobjectionable.

And an Appeal being made from Mr. Speaker’s decision; the House divided:—And the decision of Mr. Speaker was confirmed.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the Original Question, so amended; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, be the first Order of this day; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Question which was proposed on Monday last, That the Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, a Candidate at the last Election of a Member to represent the County of *Bellechasse* in this present Parliament, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Octave C. Fortier*, Esquire, to represent the said County, be not received;

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Question be postponed, until a Committee shall have reported upon the allegations of the Petition of *Octave Cyrille Fortier*, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, Esquire, Member, representing the County of *Bellechasse*, in this present Parliament, received on the eighth instant, and the decision of the House shall have been had upon the said Report.

Resolved, That the Petition of *Octave Cyrille Fortier*, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, Esquire, Member representing the County of *Bellechasse*, in this present Parliament, received on the eighth instant, and the Petition of *Télesphore Fournier*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, a Candidate at the late Election of a Member to represent the County of *Bellechasse* in this present Parliament, presented on the third instant, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Casault*, Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, Mr. *Lemieux*, and Mr. *Masson*, to report upon the allegations of the Petition of the said *Octave Cyrille Fortier*, Esquire; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was on Tuesday last proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment to the Question, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency that, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a different and much more satisfactory arrangement may be made as regards the place of convening Parliament, than at present exists: That the present system of alternate Parliaments is inconsistent

with a proper regard to the economical expenditure of public money, uncalled for by the necessities of the country, injurious to the preservation and methodical arrangement of the Public Archives and Library, and productive of great inconvenience and injustice to permanent Officers in the Public Departments; and that the same ought to be changed, and a permanent place selected for the assembling of Parliament, suited, as far as possible, to the convenience of all sections of the Province; and which proposed Amendment was, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "it is inexpedient to interfere with" the arrangement in regard to the Seat of Government adopted by this House in "1849, and re-affirmed in 1851" inserted instead thereof; and which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, That the words "and that in accordance with that arrangement the Public Departments should be moved to Toronto in 1855" be added at the end thereof;

Mr. *Patrick* moved, seconded by Mr. *Shaw*, and the Question being put, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the twenty-third day of November instant; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i> ,	<i>Drummond</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Lemieux</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,
<i>Blanchet</i> ,	<i>Dufresne</i> ,	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>Pouliot</i> ,
<i>Brodeur</i> ,	<i>Egan</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Powell</i> ,
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Felton</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> , Roderick	<i>Prévost</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>MacNab</i> , Sir A. N.	<i>Rhodes</i> ,
<i>Casault</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> , Thomas	<i>McCann</i> ,	<i>Robin</i> ,
<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> , Octave C.	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Cayley</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Matheson</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> , James
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Galt</i> ,	<i>Mattice</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>Meagher</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Chauveau</i> ,	<i>Guèvremont</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , Sidney
<i>Church</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , James
<i>Cooke</i> ,	<i>Holton</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> , Joseph C.	<i>Somerville</i> ,
<i>Daoust</i> , Charles	<i>Huot</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> , Angus	<i>Spence</i> ,
<i>Daoust</i> , Jean B.	<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Delong</i> ,	<i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>O'Farrell</i> ,	<i>Thibaudeau</i> ,
<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>Laberge</i> ,	<i>Papin</i> ,	<i>Turcotte</i> ,
<i>De Witt</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,	<i>Whitney</i> ,
<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Polette</i> ,	<i>77. Young</i> .
<i>Dorion</i> , Antoine A.			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Cook</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Gould</i> ,	<i>Niles</i> ,
<i>Biggar</i> ,	<i>Daly</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Bowes</i> ,	<i>Dorion</i> , Jean B. E.	<i>Jackson</i> ,	<i>Scatcherd</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Fergusson</i> ,	<i>Larwill</i> ,	<i>Southwick</i> ,
<i>Burton</i> ,	<i>Foley</i> ,	<i>Lumsden</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Frazer</i> ,	<i>Macbeth</i> ,	<i>Wilson</i> ,
<i>Clarke</i> ,	<i>Freeman</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , John S.	<i>32. Wright</i> .

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the People of the several Counties of this Province to elect their own County Officers, being read;

Mr. *Foley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Flint*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Frceman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chopais,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	44. <i>Whitney.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scatherd.</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McKerlic,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	38. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Valois*, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 10^o die Novembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. Niles,—The Petition of *James Wetherall* and others, of the Township of *London*.

By Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Kingston*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Spence*,—The Petition of the Reverend *John Porteous* and others, of the Township of *Beverly*, County of *Wentworth*; and the Petition of *George Whetham* and others, of the Township of *Beverly*, County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Murney*,—The Petition of *Hugh Blair* and others, of the Township of *Madoc*; and the Petition of *C. A. McConnell* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*.

By Mr. *Jackson*,—The Petition of *Owen Sound* Division, No. 193, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Foley*,—The Petition of *John Scott* and others, Officers and Trustees of the *Berlin Mechanics' Institute*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *R. D. Achert* and others, of the Townships of *Buckingham* and *Lochaber*, County of *Ottawa*.

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

Of *J. B. Revais* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; of *Z. Burnham* and others, of the Township of *Whitby*, County of *Ontario*; of the Reverend *Duncan McMillan* and others, of the Township of *Aldborough*, County of *Elgin*; of *Michael Johnston* and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; of the Reverend *James Ferguson* and others, of the Presbyterian Church of *Kincardine*; of *Eleonore D. Clark* and others, Mothers, Wives, and Daughters, of the Village of *Bradford* and vicinity, Township of *West Gwillimbury*; of *W. C. Adams* and others, of the Township of *West Gwillimbury*; and of *Aaron Choatt* and others, of *Perrytown* and vicinity, in the Township of *Hope*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *B. C. A. Gagy*, Esquire, Seigneur of the Fiefs *Grandpré*, *Grosbois*, and *Dumontier*; praying for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure, on certain conditions as submitted by him.

Of *M. Lemonde* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste*, County of *Rouville*; praying for the passing of the Bill to repeal the Ordinance 3 & 4 Vic. c. 25, relating to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*.

Of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of *Montreal*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying for the passing of an Act to compel the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron* Railroad Company to fence in their line of Road without being so required by the owners of land along the said line of Road.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Simcoe*; praying for an increased Jurisdiction of the Division Courts in certain cases, and for the right of Appeal therefrom to the Superior Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *Saguenay*

Railway Company, and have made several amendments thereto, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *William Gamble*, on behalf of the President, Directors and Company of the *Humber Harbour and Road*; and of *W. L. Kinnond* and *P. L. Kinnond* of *Montreal*, Locomotive and Marine Engine Manufacturers, and find the Notices sufficient.

On the Petition of *Lewis Rose* and others, of the County of *Stanstead*, for an Act of incorporation for the *St. Francis Bank*, it appears that Notices have been published in the *Stanstead Journal*, *Montreal Gazette*, and *Canada Gazette*, but only since the 26th of October last; the matter has however, been under the notice of Your Honorable House for some time during the present Session, and has no doubt been brought sufficiently under the notice of the public; under these circumstances, as it is not of such a nature as to affect private rights, Your Committee beg leave to recommend a suspension of the 62nd Rule.

The Petitions of the Grand Division of *Canada East* of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, for an Act of Incorporation; and of the *Roman Catholic Institute of St. Roch's, Quebec*, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation, are not of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

On motion of Mr. *Loranger*, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Lenox* and *Addington* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Monday the twenty-seventh day of November instant, if the House be still sitting, and if not, until the first day subsequent to its first meeting after the adjournment or prorogation, for the purpose of facilitating to the Petitioner and the Sitting Member an understanding as to the Commissioner to be appointed to execute a Commission ordered by the Committee for the examination of Witnesses in *Upper Canada*, and to procure the assent of the said Commissioner.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to 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, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

On motion of Mr. *Terrill*, seconded by Mr. *Jackson*,

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Petition of *Lewis Rose* and others, of the County of *Stanstead*.

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis Bank*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* have leave to bring in a Bill to renew the Charter of the *Humber Harbour Company*.

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

and read for the first time ; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Bowes* have leave of absence for ten days, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of *B. C. A. Gogy*, Esquire, Seigneur of the Fiefs *Grandpré*, *Grosbois*, and *Dumontier*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gamble* have leave to bring in a Bill to confer a Charter on the Millers' Association of *Canada West*, with Banking privileges.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Larwill* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Commissioners of *Port Hope* Harbour, and to authorize them to borrow a further sum of money for the completion thereof, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Joseph Laporte, Esquire, *Joseph Hartman*, Esquire, *William Locker Felton*, Esquire, *Alexander Tilloch Galt*, Esquire ; Chairman, *Angus Morrison*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Saguenay*, their Names were called over ; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Saguenay* be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Monday the eleventh day of December next, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon, the Committee having granted that delay upon the application of the Counsel for the Petitioner by consent of the Sitting Member, for the delivery of the Lists of objected Votes, on the ground of the distance of the United Counties from the Seat of Government.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to make

better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, being read ;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Arthur Rankin, Esquire, Charles Daoust, Esquire, Benjamin Dionne, Esquire, Robert Ferrie, Esquire; Chairman, *François Lemieux, Esquire,* being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, their Names were called over :—And *Robert Ferrie, Esquire,* not appearing within one hour after four of the clock ;

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

Ordered, That the 74th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read :—And the same being read ;

Ordered, That *Robert Ferrie, Esquire,* Member for the South Riding of the County of *Waterloo*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, and not having attended in his place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *James Smith*.

Ordered, That the 75th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read :—And the same being read ;

And *Robert Ferrie, Esquire,* not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, was adjourned till the next meeting of the House.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of the monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Tuesday next.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill 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, be postponed until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ 13^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, the Fifth Annual Report of the *Elgin* Association, to 31st July, 1854, received in pursuance of the Order of this House, of the 14th September last.

For the said Report, see Appendix (R.R.)

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had been unable to comply with the Order of the House of Friday last, for taking into his custody *Robert Ferrie*, Esquire, in consequence of the severe illness of that Gentleman.

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *James Gilrie* and others, of the Townships of *Tecumseth*, *West Gwillimbury*, and parts adjacent; the Petition of *Thomas Duffill* and others; and the Petition of *John Campbell*.

By Mr. *Chapais*,—The Petition of *Marie Métivier* and other Ladies.

By Mr. *Rankin*,—The Petition of *George Gott* and others, of the Town of *Amherstburg*.

By Mr. *Fergusson*,—The Petition of *Henry Allen*, Esquire, of the Town of *Niagara*, Barrister.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of the Reverend *W. Taylor*, D.D., and others, Sons of Temperance, and others.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of the Congregational Church in the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, Merchants, connected with the Lumber Trade.

By the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of *G. Joly*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of Fiefs and Seigniories in *Lower Canada*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *Isaac Langelier* and others, members of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Hyacinthe*; and the Petition of *M. Buckley* and others, of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Richard Woodruff* and others.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Joseph André Taschereau*, of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, Esquire.

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

Of *Fisher Ames* and others, of *Jamestown*, *Hemmingford*, *Russeltown*, and *Hinchinbrook*; praying for the erection of certain parts thereof into a new Township.

Of *Abishai Morse* and others, of the Township of *Grimsby*; of *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of the City of *Kingston*; of *James Wetherall* and others, of the

Township of *London*; of the Reverend *John Porteous* and others, of the Township of *Beverly*, County of *Wentworth*; of *George Whetham* and others, of the Township of *Beverly*, County of *Wentworth*; of *Phoenix* Division, No. 64, and of *Owen Sound* Division, No. 193, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Agnes Stewart*, of the Town of *St. Catharines*; praying remuneration for her services in attending invalids among the labourers and their families on the *Welland* Canal for nine years, during the enlargement of that work.

Of *John Morrison* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*; praying that the said County and *Russetown* may be formed into a separate Circuit, to be called the *Huntingdon* Circuit, having its sittings at the Village of *Huntingdon*.

Of *John Morrison* and others, of the County of *Huntingdon*; praying that the said County may be set apart for registration purposes, and that the Registry Office may be established at the Village of *Huntingdon*.

Of *A. Gugg*, Esquire, and others, Members of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Quebec*; praying for an investigation into the conduct of the Honorable *Thomas C. 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 *John Maguire*, of the City of *Quebec*, Police Magistrate; praying for an investigation into certain charges preferred against him in his said capacity by Petitions brought before the House.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada* may not pass into Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Kingston*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to exchange the Government allowance for Road in a certain part of the said Township, for a tract of Land more suitable for that purpose.

Of *Hugh Blair* and others, of the Township of *Madoc*; praying aid for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges in the said Township.

Of *C. A. McConnell* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*; praying aid for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the said Township.

Of *John Scott* and others, Officers and Trustees of the *Berlin* Mechanics' Institute; praying for aid.

Of *R. D. Achert* and others, of the Townships of *Buckingham* and *Lochaber*, County of *Ottawa*; praying that the right to the Timber on Crown Lands may be vested in the actual occupant.

Ordered, That the Petition of *G. Joly*, Esquire, and others, Proprietors of Fiefs and Seignories in *Lower Canada*, be now received and read; and the Rules of this House suspended, as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying that the Bill to define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventés* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held *en roture* in *Lower Canada*, may not pass into law.

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Quebec* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until Monday next, the twentieth day of November instant, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, in order to give time to *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, one of the Sitting Members, to prepare his defence in the case of the Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, Esquire, complaining of his Return.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until Monday, the twenty-seventh day of November instant, if the

House be not then adjourned, and if so, until the second day next after the meeting of the House, at Twelve o'clock, at Noon, the Committee having at the request of the Counsel for the Sitting Member, with the consent of the Counsel of the Petitioners, enlarged the delay allowed for producing and filing the Lists of Voters intended to be objected to, on both sides, from the 18th to the 27th November instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, of the 27th September last, for copies of certain Documents relative to the construction of a Wharf at *St. Michel*, County of *Bellechasse*.

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 9th November, 1854.

By Command,
Pierre J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

(Copy,)

Public Works, *Quebec*, 4th November, 1854.

Sir,—I am directed to return to you herewith the Address of the Legislative Assembly calling for Surveys, Plans, &c., connected with a Wharf at *St. Michel*, and to inform you, that the Report, Estimate, and Plan of the Engineer, for a Landing Pier at the place in question, will be found in the Report of the Commissioners of Public Works, in the Appendix to the Journals of the Legislative Assembly, 1847, letter R. of Appendix (Q.Q.)

I have, &c.,

(Signed) *Thomas A. Begly*.

E. Parent, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary, *Quebec*.

Secretary to the Commissioners of Public Works.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the second Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes, be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the third Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Temperance have leave to report from time to time.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooke* have leave of absence for two weeks.

Ordered, That Mr. *McCann* have leave of absence for two weeks, on urgent private business.

Mr. *Gamble*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the East Riding of the County of *Brant*, informed the House, That the Committee had ordered that seven votes should be struck off alternately from either side, and the opposing Candidate's Counsel having succeeded in so striking off seven votes from the Sitting Member's List, and thereby giving the opposing Candidate a majority, the Sitting Member immediately applied for a Commission upon the

grounds that sufficient evidence would be wanting here, to enable him to strike off an equal number of votes polled for the opposing Candidate.

That the Committee have granted the request of the Sitting Member, and appointed Judge *Samuel Bealey Harrison*, Judge of the County Court of *York*, as Commissioner in this case; and ask permission of the House to adjourn until such time as the Speaker, by his Warrant, shall cause the said Committee to re-assemble.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the East Riding of the County of *Brant* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until such time as the Speaker of this House shall, by his Warrant, direct them to re-assemble, pursuant to "The Election "Petitions Act of 1851."

Mr. *Ferres* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to improve the Law relating to Betterment, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Mr. *Patrick* reported from the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Bytown* Railway Company, and for other purposes.

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

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to change the name of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the Act incorporating the same, and have agreed to several amendments thereto, which they have the honor to report for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also taken into their consideration the Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes, and have taken certain evidence in relation to the same, which is herewith submitted, and they have agreed to several amendments which they have the honor to report for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have further considered the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company, and have agreed to several amendments thereto, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to change the name of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the Act incorporating the same, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style

of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank, be postponed until Wednesday next, and be then the fourth Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Young* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; and the Petition of *T. A. Young*, of the City of *Quebec*, Esquire, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to improve the Law relating to Betterment, as reported from the Select Committee to which the same was referred, be reprinted for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Ordered, That the Bill to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors, as reported from the Select Committee on Temperance, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

The Honorable Sir *Allan N. McNab*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Elgin and Kincardine,

The Governor General recommends to the consideration of the Legislative Assembly the propriety of granting the sum 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.

Arthur Rankin, Esquire, *Charles Daoust*, Esquire, *Benjamin Dionne*, Esquire, *Robert Ferrie*, Esquire; Chairman, *François Lemieux*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, their Names were called over:—And *Robert Ferrie*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

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

Ordered, That the 76th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil* be referred back to the General Committee of Elections.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway Com-

pany, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for taking into consideration the Third Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, being read;

Ordered, That the said Report be referred back to the Standing Committee on Contingencies, for reconsideration.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill 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*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed a Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company,” was read for the first time.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill 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*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Wilson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and be then the fifth Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill 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*, be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

Martis, 14^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Darche*,—The Petition of *J. O. Leduc* and others, of the County of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Mair* and others, Municipal Electors of the recent County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *Sydney Bellingham*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *M. Lolor* and others, Catholics, of the Diocese of *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the Honorable *L. M. Viger* and others, Proprietors of Seigniories in *Lower Canada*; and the Petition of *John Boston*, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of *Montreal*.

Ordered, That the Return relative to a Tract of Land in dispute between the Inhabitants of *Russelltown* and the Seignior of *Beauharnois*, and the Plans accompanying the same, which was presented on the seventh instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*; the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District; the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*; the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank; the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes; and the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steam Ship Company.

Resolved, That after the present week, and during the remainder of the Session, all unopposed Private and Local Bills which may be at present or hereafter on the List of the Orders of the day, be taken into consideration on Thursdays, previous to the other Orders of the day.

Ordered, That the Petition of *A. Gugg*, Esquire, and other Members of the Bar of *Lower Canada*, Section of the District of *Quebec*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to

define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventcs* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held *en roture* in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, That in consequence of the Panel in service for the present Calendar week being nearly exhausted by the number of Committees already struck from the same, the Committee had extended the time for the choosing of the Select Committees for the trial of the *Montmagny* and *Laval* Election Petitions, from Thursday next, until Monday the twentieth day of November instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Post Master General of *Canada*, for the year ended 31st March, 1854.

For the said Report, see Appendix (F.)

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau* also presented, by command of the Governor General, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 16th ultimo, for copies of certain Correspondence relative to the Academy of *Beauharnois*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (B.)

Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated the 13th ultimo, for a Statement of Expenses incurred during the last Elections in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

Secretary's Office,
Québec, 13th November, 1854.

By Command,
Pierre J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

Return shewing the amount of Expenses incurred during the last Elections in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

Upper Canada.

Amount of fees and disbursements paid to the Returning Officers during the late Elections, up to this date, including the sum of Forty-six pounds three shillings, for the Expenses of the second Elections.....£3,640 10 9

The Account received from the Returning Officer for the South Riding of the County of *Wentworth*, amounting to Seventy pounds and three pence, is under examination.

No Accounts have yet been received from the Returning Officers for the County of *Essex*, or the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*.

Lower Canada.

Amount of fees and disbursements paid to the various Returning Officers during the late Elections, up to this date, including the sum of Ninety-seven pounds sixteen shillings three pence, for second Elections.....£5,766 11 9

No Account has yet been received from the Returning Officer for the County of *Shefford*.

Inspector General's Office,
Québec, 10th November, 1854.

Joseph Cary,
Deputy Inspector General.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steamship Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to define 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*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Polette* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions concerning the Indemnity to be granted to Seigniors in *Lower Canada*;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House, that His Excellency having been informed of the subject matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill 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*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Polette* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, List of the Clergy and Widows in the Diocese of *Toronto* drawing their stipends from the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves Fund appropriated to the Church of *England* in *Upper Canada*, October 31st, 1854.

For the said List, see Appendix (L.L.)

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, Mr. *Wilson*, and Mr. *Freeman*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Exchange, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Coal Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto* Athenæum, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Huntingdon* Academy, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Town of *London* to raise Sixty thousand pounds to consolidate the Debt of the Town, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange certain Concession Lines in the said Township, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the *Otter Creek* Navigation Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to 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*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seigniorie of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seigniorie, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Trustees and Members of *Zion Church in Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate certain property of the said Church, and for other purposes, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *L'Assomption River and Railroad Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Copper Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Members of the *British American Friendly Society of Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Mutual Assurance Companies of the Parishes of *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the removal of doubts and to explain the Provincial Statute 12 *Vic. c. 42*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Terrill*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, Mr. *Alleyn*, Mr. *Polette*, and Mr. *Felton*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Fort Erie Canal Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Ocean Steam Navigation Company* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Gamble* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gamble* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gould* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gould* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to 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*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Turcotte*, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 15^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Blaisson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *William Mair* and others, Electors of the County of *Argenteuil*.

By Mr. *Stevenson*,—The Petition of the President, Directors, and Company of the *London and Port Stanley* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of *N. Samuels* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Angus Morrison*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Grey* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic Bishop of Montreal*, and others, of the District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of *George Hamilton* and others, of the Village of *Elora*, County of *Wellington*; and the Petition of *Charles Magill* and others.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of *Abner Hurd* and others, of the Village of *Prince Albert*, Township of *Reach*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the *Petit Seminaire de Ste. Thérèse*.

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

Of *James Gilrie* and others, of the Townships of *Tecumseth*, *West Gwillimbury*, and parts adjacent; of *Thomas Duffill* and others; of *George Gott* and others, of

the Town of *Amherstburg*; of the Reverend *W. Taylor*, D.D.; and others, Sons of Temperance, and others; and of *Richard Woodruff* and others; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *John Campbell*; representing that in the year 1843 he made a contract with the Board of Works for the construction of the *Port Hope* and *Rice Lake* Road, by which he became seriously involved; and praying that a grant of money be made, and placed in the hands of Trustees for the payment of laborers and other creditors to whom thereby he became indebted.

Of *Marie Métivier* and other Ladies; praying for aid on behalf of the *St. Joseph* Lying-in Hospital, *Quebec*.

Of *Henry Allen*, Esquire, of the Town of *Niagara*, Barrister; representing that he was, in the year 1847, dismissed from the office of District Judge of the District of *London*; and praying that a Committee may be appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the said dismissal, and for relief in the premises.

Of the Congregational Church in the Town of *London*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to dispose of a certain peice of Land granted them for a Burial Ground within the limits of the said Town, and also to hold or sell any other lands they may hereafter acquire.

Of Messieurs *Allan Gilmour* and Company, and others, Merchants, connected with the Lumber Trade; praying for certain amendments to the Act to regulate the culling and measurement of timber, masts, spars, deals, staves, and other articles of a like nature.

Of *Isaac Langelier* and others, members of the Mechanics' Institute of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for aid in behalf of that Institution.

Of *M. Buckley* and others, of the Town of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 10 Vic. c. 236, incorporating the said Town, and extending the limits thereof.

Of *Joseph André Taschereau*, of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, Esquire; praying payment of a certain amount due him for his services as Commissioner appointed for taking evidence in the matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Kamouraska*, during the last Session.

Mr. *Polette*, from the Standing Committee of Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Toronto Athenæum*, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

They have also considered the Bill to incorporate the *Huntingdon Academy*, and have agreed to an amendment, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Langton*, from the Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

The Committee, since their organization, have been entirely engaged in the consideration of measures for replacing the valuable portions of the Library destroyed by fire on 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 Five

thousand seven hundred pounds, 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 Two hundred pounds 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 Manuscripts, 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.

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

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, and have made several amendments thereto, which they have the honor to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Mr. *Terrill* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill for the removal of doubts and to explain the Provincial Statute 12 *Vic. c. 42*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. W. Dorwin* and others, of the District of *Montreal*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis* Bank, be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day; and that the 67th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the printing of the said Bill in *French*.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Huntingdon* Academy, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Return relative to the last Elections in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, which was presented yesterday, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto; and the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*George K. Clisholm*, Esquire, *Samuel Black Freeman*, Esquire, *James Moir Ferres*, Esquire, *Pierre Eustache Dostaler*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire.

Mr. *Lemieux* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pouliot*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Louis C. Lefrançois*, Registrar of the County of *Montmorency*, praying compensation for expenses incurred and damages sustained by him in consequence of certain charges preferred against him as Returning Officer in the year 1851, during the Election of a Member to represent the said County in Parliament, and on which charges, after certain proceedings of the House, he has never been permitted to make his defence, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn</i> ,	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laberge</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,
<i>Blanchet</i> ,	<i>Darche</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,	<i>Pouliot</i> ,
<i>Bowes</i> ,	<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>Larwill</i> ,	<i>Prévost</i> ,
<i>Brodeur</i> ,	<i>Dostaler</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Rhodes</i> ,
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Dufresne</i> ,	<i>Lemieux</i> ,	<i>Roblin</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Egan</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casley</i> ,	<i>Felton</i> ,	<i>Macbeth</i> ,	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Somerville</i> ,
<i>Chauveau</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Masson</i> ,	<i>Thibaudeau</i> ,
<i>Clisholm</i> ,	<i>Guévremont</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,	<i>Turcotte</i> ,
<i>Church</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Whitney</i> ,
<i>Cook</i> ,	<i>Huot</i> ,	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>51. Wright.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Fraser</i> ,	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Niles</i> ,
<i>Biggar</i> ,	<i>Freeman</i> ,	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>O'Farrell</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Galt</i> ,	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Papin</i> ,
<i>Casault</i> ,	<i>Gamble</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Gould</i> ,	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Polette</i> ,
<i>Daly</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>McCann</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>DeLong</i> ,	<i>Holton</i> ,	<i>McKerlie</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>De Witt</i> ,	<i>Jackson</i> ,	<i>Matheson</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Mattice</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Flint</i> ,	<i>Langton</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>42. Valois.</i>
<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Lumsden</i> ,		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Daly* have leave of absence for two weeks, on urgent private business.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day being read, for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes;

And the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the said Order of the day be discharged, and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing, That all the lands, money and securities of every description now belonging to the Clergy Reserve Funds shall be forthwith transferred to the Crown at a valuation: That such portion of the same as may be ascertained to be the present value of the stipends and allowances secured under the Imperial Clergy Reserve Act, shall be retained by the Crown as an equivalent for assuming the annual payment thereof: That the said stipends and allowances shall become a fixed annual charge on the said sum so retained by the Crown: And that the whole remaining balance from the said Funds shall be immediately distributed among the County and City Municipalities, in Cash or Provincial Debentures, as the public convenience may render expedient" inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hortman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	34. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Edison,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyrn,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur.</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Charvveau,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hancks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	71. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Hartman* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the said Order of the day be discharged, and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by leaving out the 3rd Clause, and all portions of such other Clauses as authorize or relate to Com-
"mutation with Religious Bodies or Individuals" inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Darclie,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>McKertie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	39. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bovcs,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	68. <i>Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Patrick* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments, were read and agreed to.

Mr. *Gamble* moved, seconded by Mr. *Rhodes*, and the Question being proposed, That the following Clauses be added to the said Bill: "And be it enacted, that
"the foregoing enactments shall not come into operation or be in force unless
"they shall be sanctioned by a majority of the Votes of the People of this Pro-
"vince, to whom the same shall be submitted for confirmation at the time of hold-
"ing the Municipal Elections next following the passing of this Act; and in order
"to ascertain such majority, it shall be the duty of the Returning Officers at such
"Elections to open a Poll, and to keep a Poll-book in which they shall record all
"the Votes tendered for or against this Act by persons then resident within their
"Municipalities respectively, and qualified to vote at Elections for Members of the
"Legislative Assembly:

“ And be it further enacted, that such Polls shall be kept open during the two or more days, and during the hours for which it shall and may be lawful to keep a Poll open for such Municipal Election, and it shall be the duty of each Returning Officer as aforesaid to add up the number of Votes at the close of such Poll, on each day it shall be kept open, and declare it; and also to transmit to the Secretary of the Province, verified upon oath, in the form set forth in this Act, the Poll-book kept by him; and it shall be the duty of the Provincial Secretary, upon receipt of the said-Poll book so transmitted, to make up the total number of Votes, and to publish the same in the *Canada Gazette*; and should the majority of the Votes so polled be in favor of the before mentioned Act, then the said Act shall, upon such publication, be in full force, but in the event of the majority of Votes being against the said Act, then it shall be of no validity whatever.

(Form of Oath.)

“ I do solemnly swear that the above statement is a true and faithful record of the Votes polled for and against the Act, intituled, “ An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes,” in the (Ward, Township, Village, Town or City,) on the . . . day of . . . , in the year . . .

“ Sworn before me at
this day of . . . , 185 . . . ”

Mr. *Powell* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Bowes*, That the words “ qualified to vote at Elections for Members of the Legislative Assembly” at the end of the first of the said Clauses be left out, and the words “ whose names appear upon the Assessment Rolls for the preceding year” inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>O'Farrrell.</i>	<i>5. Powell.</i>
<i>Egan,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sharv,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Caulhon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Motheson,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Clisholm,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>

<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	95. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Boves.</i>	<i>Marchildon.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>G. Rhodes.</i>
<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gauvremont,</i>	<i>Nattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Hoiton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	97. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Desautniers,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Foley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Flint*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by stating clearly the Names of the Individuals who are to be entitled to stipends under the said Act, and the sums, per annum, they shall severally receive; also, to provide that any commutations made under the Act, shall be predicated on the actual age of each Incumbent, and that the sum to be paid in commutation shall be determined by the Annuity Tables published in this Province, by authority, in 1851; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>

<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	34. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Huot,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Langton.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	66. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Roderick McDonald*, and the Question being put, That the words "and shall be appropriated by the said Municipalities solely for the support of Common Schools and the establishment of District Libraries, within the limits of the said Municipalities respectively, and for no other purpose whatsoever" be inserted after the word "applicable" in the 29th line of the 5th Clause of the said Bill, and that the words "to any purpose to which such funds are applicable" in the same line, be left out; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Prevost,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mutice,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	33. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Langton.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	48. <i>Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Langton* moved, seconded by Mr. *James Smith*, and the Question being put, That the following Proviso be added to the 3d Clause of the said Bill: "Provided also, that within three months from the passing of this Act, a Schedule shall be laid before both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, containing the names and ages of all parties to whom any stipend or allowance is payable under this Act, together with the amounts of such stipend or allowance, and also the stipend or allowance payable to the two bodies herein specially named; and it shall not be lawful for any commutation to take place until such Schedule shall have been laid before both Houses for thirty days during a Session of Parliament;" the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKerlic,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	36. <i>Valois.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allcyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mongeuais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Soutluwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Tuché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	55. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction to amend the 2nd Clause, by leaving out so much thereof as provides for the payment of an annual allowance during the next twenty years to the Roman Catholic Church and *British Wesleyan Church Mission*, and to grant in lieu thereof the several sums stated in the Public Accounts to have been paid to the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Toronto*, and to Clergymen of that Faith, and also to certain *British Wesleyan Missionaries*, respectively, to be payable from the time of the passage of the Imperial Statute referred to in the said 2nd Clause, during the natural lives and incumbencies of the said Clergymen; the names of the said Incumbents and Missionaries, and the sums that will be severally payable to them, to be added as a Schedule to the Bill;

Mr. *Lyon* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, That the words "or that, in order that there should be no semblance of difference between the Protestant Church and Roman Catholic Church, the Right Reverend the present Protestant Bishop of *Toronto*, and the other Protestant Clergy,

“ shall have twenty years commutation of their salaries or stipends” be added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

*Bowes.**Lyon.**3. Powell.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Atkins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Durion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Couchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Muttice,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Hartman.</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Durche,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Vulois,</i>
<i>Delong.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>76. Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Atkins,
Biggar,
Brown,

Frazier,
Hartman,

Lumsden,
Mackenzie,

McKerlie,
9. Muttice.

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Durion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bowers,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Couchon,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Turcotte.</i>

<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	71. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being put. That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, so as to provide that from and out of all funds, monies, and properties whatsoever known as the Clergy Reserves, a sum sufficient to pay the salaries and stipends already granted and given to the Clergy of the Churches of *England* and *Scotland*, or to any other Religious bodies or denominations of Christians in *Canada*, (to which the faith of the Crown was pledged at the time of the passing of the Imperial Act last cited in the Preamble to the said Bill,) during the natural lives or during the ministry or charge of the parties now receiving the same, shall be reserved for the payment of the said salaries and stipends as the same may become due; and the surplus of the said Clergy Reserves shall be paid into and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, and the Public Domain of the Province, and shall be valued, and after such valuation, appropriated as follows: one half shall be added to the Common School Fund of the Province, and the other half shall be paid either in money or in debentures, and shall be divided among all the Municipalities according to their population; the proportion accruing to *Upper Canada* and to the Townships of *Lower Canada*, to be paid to the Municipalities of *Upper Canada*, and to those within which the said Townships of *Lower Canada* are situate, and by them applied to local purposes; and the portion accruing to the Inhabitants of the Seigniories to be applied to the redemption of the Seigniorial Tenure; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	14. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongeauis,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Canley,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	57. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Galt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Whitney*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by adding the words "Provided always, that in the case of *Lower Canada*, the Municipalities entitled to share in such distribution, be those

“within the limits of which lands have been set aside for the support and maintenance of a Protestant Clergy” at the end of the 5th Clause; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs
Gott, *Rhodes,* *Somerville,* *4. Whitney.*

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodleur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Soullavick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hicks,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>64. Valois.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday next.

A Bill to incorporate the *Canada Ocean Steam Navigation Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roderick McDonald* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 16^o die Novembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House, the following Letter and accompanying Statement :—

Quebec, 16th November, 1854.

Sir,—We have the honor to transmit herewith for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly, a Statement connected with the final settlement of the Insurance of certain property belonging to the two Houses of Parliament, which were destroyed by fire on the first day of February last.

We have the honor to remain, Sir,

Your most obedient and humble Servants,

J. F. Taylor, Clerk, Leg. Council.

W. B. Lindsay, Clerk, Assembly.

To the Honorable *Louis V. Sicotte*,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Statement exhibiting the manner in which the Insurance upon the Library, (Ten thousand pounds,) and Furniture, (Eight thousand pounds,) 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 Messieurs <i>Drum</i> and <i>Benoit</i> :—						
In the Legislative Council	3454	9	0			
In the Legislative Assembly	3791	15	0			
* Chandeliers and Burners, per Statement of <i>Thomas Andrews</i>	1213	10	5			
* Glass Globes, per do	71	17	11			
				8581	12	4
Deduct—† Contents of Room, No. 40	198	19	6			
Mace and Box	500	0	0			
A pair of Globes	50	0	0			
Furniture saved, per Inventory	1972	15	6			
Lamps do do	80	3	3			
Glass Globes do do	15	19	6			
				2817	17	9
			£	5713	14	7
Add—Estimated damage on Furniture saved				309	18	0
			£	6118	12	7
<i>Carried over</i>			£			

* 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 appraisement 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.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
<i>Brought over</i>				6112	12	7
LIBRARY.						
Value at the time of the Fire.....	11723	19	0			
Value of Books saved.....	6017	13	0			
				5706	6	0
				£ 11819	18	7
Expense incurred for collecting, arranging, &c.....				100	0	0
				£ 11919	18	7
Total Amount Payable.....						
Paid into the hands of the Receiver General, Messieurs <i>Forsyth, Bell</i> and Company's Note, at 10 days' date, from 11th November, 1854, for.....	4037	9	11			
Paid into the hands of the Receiver General, Messieurs <i>Pemberton Brothers'</i> Note, at 10 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 <i>Quebec Fire Insurance Company</i> upon the <i>Quebec Bank</i> , for.....	3941	4	4			
				11919	18	7

(Attest,)

J. F. Taylor, Clerk, Leg. Council.*W. B. Lindsay*, Clerk, Assembly.

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

By Mr. *Charles Daoust*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Timothée*, County of *Beauharnois*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *Eugene Philippe Dorion*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—Two Petitions of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Holton*,—Two Petitions of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

By Mr. *Thomas Fortier*,—The Petition of *F. Brunelle* and others, of the Parish of *St. Edouard de Gentilly*.

By Mr. *Whitney*,—The Petition of *W. Nelson*, Esquire, and others, the Committee and friends of the *Montreal* House and School of Industry.

By Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of the Reverend *C. L. Vinet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Constant*, District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Freeman*,—The Petition of *Charles Magill*, Esquire, and others, Mayors and Wardens of Municipalities of *Upper Canada*, and Municipal Directors of the Great Western Railway Company.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Auclair* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *W. Lemoine*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Féréol* and the adjoining Parishes, County of *Montmorency*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—Two Petitions of Pioneer Division, No. 58, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; and the Petition of *Henry Chantler* and others, of *Upper Canada*, Practitioners of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

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

Of *J. O. Leduc* and others, of the County of *Chambly*; praying that the Seat of the said County may be established at *St. Bruno*.

Of the Reverend *William Mair* and others, Municipal Electors of the recent

County of *Two Mountains*; praying that no Legislative action may be had respecting certain By-Laws of the Council of the said County subscribing for Fifty thousand pounds of Stock in the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, until Judgment is rendered by the Superior Court at *Montreal* in an action now pending relative to the said By-Laws.

Of *Sydney Bellingham*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire; setting forth: That the Petitioner was duly elected, and is now a Member of the Provincial Parliament for the County of *Argenteuil*: That a Petition against the Return of the Petitioner has been presented to the House by *Robert Simpson*, Esquire, and was referred by the House to the General Committee of Elections to choose a Select Committee for the trial of the matter of the said Petition: That by the Statute which regulates the proceedings of the House, it is enacted "that before any Election Petition shall be presented to the House, a Recognizance shall be entered into, in the sum of Two hundred pounds, for the payment of all costs and expenses which shall become payable by the Petitioner to any witness in his behalf, or to the Sitting Member, or other the party complained of in such Petition, or to any party who may be admitted to defend such Petition, or to any Commissioner, Clerk, Bailiff, or other Officer employed in or about, or in any way relating to the execution of any Commission which may be issued in relation to such Petition:" That no such Recognizance as required by the said Statute was entered into by any person or persons; but on the contrary, a certain informal Recognizance, which omitted to provide security for the payment of costs and expenses which shall become payable by the said *Robert Simpson* to any witness or witnesses to be summoned in behalf of the said *Robert Simpson*, was entered into by one *Edward Jones*, and was improperly and by error certified by the Honorable the Speaker of the House, and that thereby the said Election Petition was presented to the House contrary to the express provisions of the aforesaid Statute; and praying that the House will not allow the matter of the said Petition to be tried, and will not allow the Committee to be sworn therefor.

Of the Reverend *M. Lalor* and others, Catholics, of the Diocese of *Kingston*; praying the establishment of Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*, and that they may share in the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*; praying for the adoption of measures to encourage and increase the number of County Grammar Schools.

Of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company; representing that the Bill now before the House relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company gives to that Company the right to construct a Branch Road along *Craig Street* and the lower part of *St. Mary Street*, to the *Current St. Mary*, in the City of *Montreal*, which said right is already vested in Petitioners, being on their map or plan; and praying that the said provision be not passed without the consent of Petitioners.

Of the Honorable *L. M. Viger* and others, Proprietors of Seigniories in *Lower Canada*; praying that the Bill 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 into Law, unless the same be amended, by providing a full indemnity to Petitioners for all property or rights taken away or abridged.

Of *John Boston*, Esquire, Sheriff of the District of *Montreal*; praying that his rights as owner of the Fiefs and Seigniories of *Thuwaite* and *St. James*, held *à titre de franc alevu noble*, may not be interfered with by any measure which may be passed relating to the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

Mr. *Cartier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph

Lines, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*, and have made several amendments thereto, which they have the honor to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to certain amendments to each of them respectively, which they have the honor to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz:

Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company:

Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company:

Bill to amend the Charter and to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*:

Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steam Ship Company.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steam Ship Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Ordered, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis* Bank.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Congregational Church in the Town of *London*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company, be postponed until Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Reverend *William Mair* and others, Municipal Electors of the recent County of *Two Mountains*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

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

Ordered, That that part of the Report of the Post Master General for the year ending 31st March last, which relates to the Receipt and Expenditure of Public Money, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Ordered, That the Petition of *John Maguire*, of the City of *Quebec*, Police Magistrate, and the Petition of the Honorable *J. M. Viger* and others, Proprietors of Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for taking into consideration the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House on Friday the twenty-seventh day of October last, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the seventh day of December next.

Mr. *Terrill*, from the Committee to take into consideration certain Resolutions concerning the Indemnity to be granted to Seigniors in *Lower Canada*, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to make Legislative provisions to define and limit Seigniorial Rights in *Lower Canada* according to the Ancient Law of the Country, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventes* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held *en roture*.

2. *Resolved*, That in order to carry out such provisions, it will be expedient to appoint Commissioners for the purpose of ascertaining the sums to be paid by the *Censitaire* to the Seignior, as the fair price of such redemption, and that the expenses to be thereby incurred should be defrayed by the Province.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the claim of certain Seigniors to rights not recognized by the Ancient Laws of *Lower Canada*, but touching which conflicting opinions have been held, chiefly in consequence of certain powers vested in the Governors and the Intendants under the *French* Government not having been transferred to the tribunals thereafter established, should be brought to the test of Judicial decision by the highest Court of Civil Jurisdiction in *Lower Canada*, and that no indemnity should be paid to the Seigniors for the abolition of any right with regard to which such decision shall be against them; but that if such decision be in favor of the Seigniors with regard to their claim to any such right, they should then be indemnified by the Province for the actual loss sustained by them from the abolition of such rights, as well as from the abolition of such other rights regarding the legality of which no doubts exist, but which it may be deemed expedient for the public welfare to deprive them of in future.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the sums required to pay the said expenses and indemnity, be chargeable on the Consolidated Revenue Fund, with power to the Governor in Council to raise the whole or any part of such sums by Debentures, if he shall find it expedient so to do, but that separate accounts be kept of the monies coming into the said Consolidated Revenue Fund from the several sources of Revenue hereinafter mentioned; and that if the sums payable out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes aforesaid exceed the amount arising from the several sources of Revenue mentioned in the next following Resolution, it will, in the opinion of this House, be expedient to appropriate a sum equal to such excess, for some local purpose or purposes in *Upper Canada*.

5. *Resolved*, That the following shall be the sources of Revenue referred to in the next preceding Resolution; that is to say: The *Quint* and other dues which are now or hereafter shall become payable to the Crown in or upon the Seigniories in *Lower Canada*, of which the Crown is the Seignior Dominant, as well as from all arrears of such dues; the Revenues of the Seignior of *Lauzon*, and the proceeds of the sale of any part of the said Seignior which may hereafter be sold, and all arrears of such Revenues; all monies 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 monies arising in *Lower Canada* from Auction Duties and Auctioneers' Licenses; and all such monies as may be obtained from Tavern Licenses in *Lower Canada*, after the present charges on that fund shall have been liquidated, except, however, such portion of such fund as shall be levied in the Townships; and all such monies as shall be derived from the sale of unconceded Seigniorial Lands reunited to the Crown Domain and not regranted to the Seigniors, in compensation for their rights therein.

6. *Resolved*, That no more than One hundred and fifty thousand pounds Currency, should be appropriated for the above-mentioned purposes, over and above the amount arising from the several sources of Revenue mentioned in the last foregoing Resolution.

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

The second Resolution being read a second time;

Mr. *Hackenzie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, That all the words after "That" to the end thereof be left out, in order to add the words "it is inexpedient and unjust to the Tax-payers of *Canada* to appropriate any portion of the Territorial Revenues of this Province to the payment of the Indemnity to be awarded to the Seigniors of *Lower Canada*, inasmuch as the proposed Legislation under the Bill as now framed, is of local interest only, and such Indemnity should be paid by the parties immediately benefitted thereby" instead thereof;—

George K. Chisholm, Esquire, *Samuel Black Freeman*, Esquire, *James Moir Ferris*, Esquire, *Pierre Eustache Dostaler*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, their Names were called over:—And *James Moir Ferris*, Esquire, not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

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

Ordered, That the 74th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *James Moir Ferris*, Esquire, Member for the County of *Missisquoi*, having been appointed to serve as one of the Members to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, and not having attended in his place within one hour after four of the clock this day, being the day appointed for the swearing of the said Committee, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House.

And the Question being again proposed, That all the words after "That" to the end of the second Resolution be left out, in order to add the words "it is inexpedient and unjust to the Tax-payers of *Canada* to appropriate any portion of the Territorial Revenues of this Province to the payment of the Indemnity to be awarded to the Seigniors of *Lower Canada*, inasmuch as the proposed Legislation under the Bill as now framed, is of local interest only, and such Indemnity should be paid by the parties immediately benefitted thereby" instead thereof;—

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

Ordered, That the 75th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

And *James Moir Ferris*, Esquire, not having been brought into the House within three hours after four of the clock, the swearing of the Committee to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil* was adjourned until the next meeting of the House.

And the Question being put, That all the words after "That" to the end of the second Resolution be left out, in order to add the words "it is inexpedient and unjust to the Tax-payers of Canada to appropriate any portion of the Territorial Revenues of this Province to the payment of the Indemnity to be awarded to the Seigniors of Lower Canada, inasmuch as the proposed Legislation under the Bill as now framed, is of local interest only, and such Indemnity should be paid by the parties immediately benefitted thereby" instead thereof; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Lumsden.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	19. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Ponlin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Delang,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>LcBoutillier,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Fourrier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Grill,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Pepin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	69. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the second Resolution, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, That all the words after "That" to the end thereof be left out, in order to add the words "the proposition to pledge the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the payment of the said Indemnity, and thereby to increase the Provincial Debt and Taxation to an unknown and unlimited amount, is improper, unprecedented and dangerous; that it deprives this House of the necessary check over the Public expenditure and the Public burthens, and that this House will fail in its duty to the People of Canada, if it assents to any such proposition" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	19. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dustalier,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dr Witt,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Broueur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Mongezais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Craeford,</i>	<i>Hinks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>76. Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Papin* moved in amendment to the second Resolution, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*. That all the words after "expedient" to the end thereof be left out, in order to add the words "that the Government do advance out of the Consolidated Revenue Funds, or by the issue of Debentures, the amount necessary for effecting the said commutation and redeeming the said rights; the *Censitaires* to repay to the Government a part of the said advance by annual payments, a sufficient delay being allowed in order that the repayment be not too burthensome on the *Censitaire*" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dr Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>13. Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dustalier,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bowes,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Broueur,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Barton,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Craichon,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Freeman,</i>	<i>Muttice,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Mongezais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>

<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Craeford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier.</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Lenticux,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	Sr. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the second Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The third Resolution being read a second time;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Thibaudeau*, That after the word “chiefly” the words “it has been pretended” be inserted; and that the words “the highest Court of Civil Jurisdiction” be left out and the words “a Tribunal which shall be composed of three eminent Advocates who shall be “neither *Censitaires* nor Seigniors” inserted instead thereof;

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

The third Resolution was then agreed to.

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

The fifth Resolution being read a second time;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That the words “all monies arising in *Lower Canada* from “Auction Duties and Auctioneers’ Licenses” be left out;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Muttier.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gall,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gnèremont,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scotcherd,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	20. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Clarke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Munro.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Craeford,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cuvchon,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mearler,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongeneis,</i>	44. <i>Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The fifth Resolution was then agreed to.

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

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be referred to the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventés* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held en *roture* in *Lower Canada*.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill 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*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

A Bill for the removal of doubts and to explain the Provincial Statute 12 *Vic.* cap. 42, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “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.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Terrill* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis* Bank, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, being read;

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

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock, be postponed until Monday next, and be then the second Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for taking into consideration the Second

Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, be postponed until Monday next, and be then the third Order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Masson*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 17^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had been unable to comply with the Order of the House of Thursday last, for taking into his custody *James Moir Ferres*, Esquire, in consequence of the severe illness of that Gentleman.

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

By Mr. *Tuicotte*,—The Petition of *Juc Letellier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *La Rivière Ouelle*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *Prospère Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *Éboulements*: the Petition of the Reverend *A. Beaudry* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Étienne de la Malbaie*: and the Petition of *A. Gagnon* and others, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*.

By Mr. *Brodour*,—The Petition of *J. B. Desrosiers* and others, of the Counties of *Bagot* and *Drummond*.

By Mr. *Flint*,—The Petition of *R. Austin* and others, of the Town of *Picton*: the Petition of *Michael Brennan* and others, Catholics, of the Diocese of *Kingston*: and the Petition of *R. H. Nettleton* and others, of the Town of *Picton*.

By the Honorable *John Saulfield Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Very Reverend *John Macdonald* and others, Catholics, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Raphaël*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of *G. K. Foster* and others, of *Richmond* and vicinity, *Canada East*; and the Petition of *H. Henderson* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *John Stevenson* and others, of the Village of *Lanark*.

By Mr. *Masson*,—The Petition of the Reverend *T. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *J. S. McCuaig* and others, merchants and citizens of the Cities of *Quebec* and *Kingston*.

By Mr. *Egan*,—The Petition of *Jason Gould*, of *Cobden*, County of *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

Mr. *Angus Morrison*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Saguenay*, informed the House, That the Committee had come to the following Resolutions and Determinations:—

1. *Resolved*, That the Poll Book for the Parish of *Ste. Fidèle*, in the County of *Saguenay*, was, after the hours of polling on the second day of the said Election, and before the same was returned to the Returning Officer of the said County, collusively dealt with, and four thousand pretended names were fraudulently and illegally inscribed thereon as Votes for *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, the Sitting Mem-

ber, and that the said Poll Book was not, at any time, returned to the said Returning Officer by *John McLaren*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Fidèle*, but was, on the fourth day of August last, delivered to the said Returning Officer by *Jean Gagné*, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, Notary Public, without any authority from the said *John McLaren*, and after the said Poll Book had been, as aforesaid, collusively dealt with; and that the said *John McLaren* and the said *Jean Gagné* were privy to the said collusive dealing with the said Poll Book.

2. *Resolved*, That the Poll Book for the Parish of *St. Urbain*, in the said County of *Saguenay*, contains three thousand two hundred and upwards of pretended names, which have been fraudulently and illegally inscribed therein, out of polling hours, as Votes for *Jean Langlois*, Esquire, the Petitioner; and that *Michael McCarty*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Urbain*, was privy to the said fraudulent and illegal inscribing of names on the said Poll Book for the said Parish of *St. Urbain*.

3. *Resolved*, That a large proportion of the names inscribed on the Poll Books for the Parishes of *Les Eboulements*, *St. Etienne*, and *St. Agnès*, were fictitious names, illegally and fraudulently inscribed thereon as legal Voters for the said Candidates at the said Election; and that *Louis Lavoie*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *Les Eboulements*, *Edouard Tremblay*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Etienne*, and *Antoine Guay*, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *St. Agnès*, were privy to the said fraud and illegal proceedings within their respective Parishes.

4. *Resolved*, That a gross breach of the privileges of the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of this Province has been committed by the said *John McLaren*, *Michael McCarty*, *Jean Gagné*, *Louis Lavoie*, *Edouard Tremblay*, and *Antoine Guay*, and this Committee recommend that the said parties be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, and be further punished, in such manner as the said Legislative Assembly may deem proper.

5. *Resolved*. That it is expedient that directions, by the proper authority, be given to the Law Officer of the Crown to prosecute to judgment and punishment the parties who have been guilty of the said offences of fraudulent and illegal dealing with the said Poll Books of the said several Parishes of *St. Fidèle*, *St. Urbain*, *St. Agnès*, *St. Etienne*, and *Les Eboulements*.

6. *Resolved*, That the aforesaid gross frauds so openly practised, on both sides, at the late Election, which resulted in the inscribing on the several Poll Books of the Parishes of the County of *Saguenay*, of fourteen thousand three hundred and nineteen Votes, while the written statements laid before the Committee by the said *Pierre Gabriel Huot* and *Jean Langlois*, Esquires, concur in limiting the whole amount of legal Voters at sixteen hundred and sixty-four, render it imperative on the Committee to declare the said Election illegal and void.

7. *Resolved*. That *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, is not duly elected to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Saguenay*.

8. *Resolved*. That the Election for the said County is illegal and void.

9. *Resolved*, That while the Committee is willing to acquit the Returning Officer of acting partially or illegally, from corrupt motives, yet they feel themselves called upon to express their regret that he should not, in his Special Return, have noticed the other facts of fraud and illegal proceedings which he appears to have been aware characterized the whole Election.

10. *Resolved*, That no evidence has been laid before the Committee proving the complicity of either Candidate in the aforesaid frauds and illegal proceedings, and it is therefore declared, that neither the Petition of the said *Jean Langlois*, nor the Defence of the said *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, is frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Resolutions and Determinations were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

Mr. *Angus Morrison* moved, seconded by Mr. *Felton*, and the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Saguenay*, in the room of *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void;

Mr. *Laberge* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, That the word "not" be inserted between the words "do" and "issue," and that the words "until this House shall have decided whether the Committee appointed "to inquire into the Contested Election for the County of *Saguenay* was legally "constituted, and that the said Question be decided by this House on Friday "next" be added at the end thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment:—It passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Saguenay*, in the room of *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void;

Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, That the words "not now" be inserted between the words "do" and "issue," and that the words "but that the consideration of the Question be postponed until Tuesday next, and that in the mean time the Report of the Select "Committee on the *Saguenay* Election Petition be printed for the use of the Members of this House" be added at the end thereof; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rhodes.</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>14. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>O'Farrell.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Aileyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dufresne.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mueboth,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferguson.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chubot,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Muttice,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>68. Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Saguenay*, in the room of *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esquire, whose Election has been determined to be void.

George K. Clisholm, Esquire, *Samuel Black Freeman*, Esquire, *James Moir Ferres*, Esquire, *Pierre Eustache Dostaler*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire, being the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, their Names were called over:—And *James Moir Ferres*, Esquire, again not appearing within one hour after four of the clock;

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

Ordered, That the 76th Section of "The Election Petitions Act of 1851" be now read:—And the same being read;

Mr. *Langton* read in his place, and handed in to the Clerk, a Certificate under oath by Doctor *J. P. Russell*, stating that Mr. *Ferres* is now under his care, professionally, and confined to the House by his advice.

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*,

Resolved. That the absence of Mr. *Ferres*, as certified to this House by his Medical Attendant, and verified upon oath, is sufficient cause why his attendance should be dispensed with.

Ordered, That the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, be referred back to the General Committee of Elections.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 18th September last, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a Return shewing the number of Tenants upon Indian Lands, or persons due the Indian Department, or its Agents, in whole or in part, for lands in *Haldimand* County by them severally purchased.

By Command,

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 15th November, 1854.

Pierre J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

Indian Office, *Quebec*, 10th November, 1854.

Reply to the Address of the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House a Return shewing the number of Tenants upon Indian Lands, or persons due the Indian Department or its Agents, in whole or in part, for lands in *Haldimand* County by them severally purchased.

To the first enquiry, "The number of Tenants?"—Answer - None.

The second enquiry, "The number of persons due the Indian Department or its Agents?"—

Answer:—Persons due (in the County of *Haldimand*) to the Department are five hundred and fifteen. Nothing due to Agents. Place where due, viz:—

In the Township of <i>Dunn</i>	7
In the Townships of <i>North</i> and <i>South Cayuga</i>	129
In the Township of <i>Seneca</i>	149
In the Township of <i>Oneida</i>	112

— 397

In the Town of <i>Cayuga</i>	96
In the Town of <i>Caledonia</i>	22

— 118

The terms on which the Sales are made by me, one-third paid down, the residue payable in six equal annual instalments, with interest from date of purchase till paid.

David Thorburn,

Special Commissioner, Six Nations Indian Lands.

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

Of the Reverend *William Mair* and others, Electors of the County of *Argenteuil*; setting forth: That the suffrages and political rights of the Petitioners, and of the body of Electors in the County of *Argenteuil*, were violated by the following facts attending the Election of *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, then and probably still Secretary of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, viz:— Firstly, That three hundred and ninety-eight Votes were recorded and returned in favor of the said *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, in the Poll List in and for the Township of *Gore*: That the said Township, the Petitioners believe, could not have returned more than about eighty legal Votes at the time in question, and that the pretended majority of three hundred Votes on which the said *Bellingham* was declared, is wholly wrong and unfounded in fact: Secondly, That a great many of the Electors of the said County favorable to and attempting to vote for *Robert Simpson*, Esquire, a Magistrate, and a proprietor of large and real Estate in the said County, a Candidate at the said Election, were driven from some of the Polls at the said Election by bands of Railway laborers, strangers in the County, led by Railway sub-Contractors, some individuals of the bands in question being armed with fire arms, and all with bludgeons and other weapons: That the Petitioners verily believe, that notwithstanding the said outrages, the actual majority of legal Votes recorded for the Election was in favor of the said *Simpson*: That the Petitioners have painfully felt the proceedings attending the said Election, the want of sufficiently strong penal enactments against the Officers engaged in and for the execution of Writs of Election for Parliament in this Province, and especially do they feel the want of sufficient check or penalty for contravention of Law and disregard of Oath on the part of such Officers; and praying that the House will be pleased to do whatsoever it may deem necessary for the relief of the Petitioners in this respect, now and hereafter.

Of the President, Directors, and Company of the *London* and *Port Stanley* Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Of *N. Samuels* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying an Act of Incorporation as the *German* and *Polish* Congregation of the *Jewish* Persuasion in the said City.

Of the Right Reverend the *Roman Catholic* Bishop of *Montreal*, and others, of the District of *Montreal*; praying the adoption of more effectual measures for the suppression of Intemperance.

Of the Reverend *J. Grey* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*; and of *George Hamilton* and others, of the Village of *Elora*, County of *Wellington*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Charles Magill* and others; complaining of the acts of the Officers of the Indian Department with reference to the Settlers on the Indian Lands of the *Grand River*, and praying relief in the premises.

Of *Abner Hurd* and others, of the Village of *Prince Albert*, Township of *Reach*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Port Perry*, on Lake *Scugog*, to some point on the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron* Railway, between *Toronto* and *Newmarket*.

Of the Corporation of the *Petit Seminaire de Ste. Thérèse*; praying for aid.

Mr. *Fergusson*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills,

presented to the House the Twelfth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the several undermentioned Bills, and have agreed to certain amendments to each, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honourable House:

Bill 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*:

Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes:

Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District:

Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*:

Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank:

Bill to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*:

Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis* Bank.

Ordered, That the Bill to increase the Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, and be then the fourth Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, and be then the fifth Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, and be then the sixth Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, and be then the seventh Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis* Bank, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next, and be then the eighth Order of the day.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Crawford*, seconded by Mr. *Delong*,

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company," be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Ordered. That the Bill 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*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Rhodes* be added to the Select Committee appointed to make arrangements for the better Ventilation of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Mr. *Curtier*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the *Sorel*, *Drummondville* and *Richmond* Railway Company, and have made several amendments thereto, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Sorel*, *Drummondville* and *Richmond* Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Thursday next.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to regulate the time of payment of Bills and Promissory Notes which may fall due on legal Holidays.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of *Bedford*.

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

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to take into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, recommending to the consideration of this House the propriety of granting the sum Twenty thousand pounds Sterling, for the relief of the Widows and Orphans 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.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gamble* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gamble* reported the Resolution accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty, the sum of Twenty thousand pounds Sterling, to enable Her Majesty to pay the like sum to the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who may have fallen or who may hereafter fall in the Contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged; to

be equally divided between the wounded, the widows, and the orphans of both Nations.

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

On motion of Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Message of the ninth instant, recommending to the consideration of this House the propriety of granting the sum 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: and to assure His Excellency that this House will most cordially concur in any proposals which may be submitted to its consideration for so humane and commendable a purpose.

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

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by Mr. *Galt*,
Resolved, That the following humble Address be presented to Her Majesty:

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 ever be 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 sympathize 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 contribution 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*.

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

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House hath adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of relief to the Widows and Orphans of those of the Soldiers, Sail-

ors, 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.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Wilson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being put, That the said Order be the first Order of that day; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes in *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Holton*, Mr. *Cartier*, Mr. *DeWitt*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Scatcherd*, Mr. *Langton*, and Mr. *Galt*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to 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*, be postponed until Wednesday next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Luna, 20° die Novembris;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Edward Turner* and others, Turnkeys, and others connected with the Common Gaol and House of Correction for the District of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Galt*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Charles P. Reid*, Incumbent of *St. Peter's Church* in *Sherbrooke*, District of *St. Francis*.

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of *David Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of the Town Council of *Brockville*.

By Mr. *Bellingham*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company; and the Petition of *John Meikle* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, and others.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*.—The Petition of *James Watts*, Mayor, and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*, and others; and the Petition of *Jacob Schlagel* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*.

By Mr. *Labege*.—The Petition of *Nobert Simard* and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, and others; the Petition of *C. P. Huot*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Baie St. Paul* and *St. Urbain*, County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of *John Nairne*, Esquire, and others, of *Le Millieu* and other Parishes, County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of *C. P. Huot*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of *Adolphe Côté* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Urbain* and *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; and the Petition of *John McLaren* and others, inhabitants and squatters of *Ste. Catherine*, *Rivière aux Canards*, and other places, County of *Saguenay*.

By Mr. *Darcke*.—The Petition of *Angélique Billon*, widow of the late *J. M. K. Gregory*, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Louis Bonbardier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bruno*, County of *Chambly*.

By Mr. *James Ross*.—The Petition of *Michael Brennan* and others, Catholics, of the Diocese of *Kingston*.

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

Of the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Timothée*, County of *Beauharnois*; praying aid for the Model School established at the Village of the said Parish.

Of *Eugène Philippe Dorion*, of the City of *Quebec*; praying payment of a certain amount due him for his services as Clerk to the Commission appointed, during the late Session, for taking evidence in the matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Kamouraska*.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying that the Bill for the relief of Merchants, Traders, and others, may not pass into Law.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying that the *Victoria Bridge* across the River *St. Lawrence*, at *Montreal*, may be built with its centre arch so high as not to obstruct the navigation of the River.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying that the powers and duties of the *Trinity House of Montreal* may be merged in the Harbour Commissioners.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying that such aid be granted as shall induce competent parties to undertake the running of a weekly line of Steamers from *Liverpool* to *Quebec* and *Montreal* in the summer, and twice a month to *Portland* in the winter.

Of the *Montreal Board of Trade*; praying for the repeal of the Act imposing a Tax upon Auctions and Auctioneers in *Lower Canada*, and that the clause in the Seigniorial Tenures Bill appropriating the moneys arising from the said Tax may be struck out of the said Bill.

Of *W. Nelson*, Esquire, and others, the Committee and friends of the *Montreal House and School of Industry*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

Of the Reverend *C. L. Huot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Constant*, District of *Montreal*; praying aid for the maintenance of a male and female School established in the said Parish.

Of *Charles Magill*, Esquire, and others, Mayors and Wardens of the Municipalities of *Upper Canada*, and Municipal Directors of the Great Western Railway Company; praying for certain amendments to the Bill to enable the said Company to construct a Branch Railroad to the Town of *Brantford*, and to increase its Capital Stock, and for other purposes.

Of the Reverend *J. Auclair* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying the

adoption of measures for the suppression of Houses of ill-fame within the limits of the said City.

Of *W. Lemoine*, Esquire, and others, of *St. Jérôme* and the adjoining Parishes, County of *Montmorency*; praying for aid to improve the Road from the said Parish to the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of *F. Brunelle* and others, of the Parish of *St. Edouard de Gentilly*; praying that the Ordinance 2 Vic. c. 29, may be so amended as to enable them to provide for the rebuilding of the Church of the said Parish.

Of *Henry Chantler* and others, of *Upper Canada*, Practitioners of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *Pioneer Division*, No. 58, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance, (two Petitions;) of *J. R. Austin* and others, of the Town of *Pictou*; of *R. H. Nettleton* and others, of the Town of *Pictou*; and of *John Stevenson* and others, of the Village of *Lanark*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *La Rivière Ouelle*; praying that indemnity be granted to the Petitioner and others concerned in the Contested Election of *Charles Chapais*, Esquire, as Member to represent the County of *Kamouraska* in the last Parliament, for expenses incurred by them in that behalf.

Of *Prospère Tremblay* and others, of the Parish of *Eboulements*; praying that they may be authorized to mow the hay off the beach opposite their respective lots.

Of the Reverend *A. Beaudry* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Mulbaie*; praying aid for the completion of a School House in the said Parish.

Of *A. Gagnon* and others, of the Parish of *La Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the purchase of a House in the said Parish for Educational purposes.

Of *J. B. Desrosiers* and others, of the Counties of *Bagot* and *Drummond*; praying for certain changes in the divisions of the said Counties, and the Counties of *Richelieu* and *St. Hyacinthe*.

Of *Michael Brennan* and others, Catholics, of the Diocese of *Kingston*; and of the Very Reverend *John Macdonald* and others, Catholics, inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Raphael*; praying for the establishment of separate Schools in *Upper Canada*, and that they may share in the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves.

Of *G. K. Foster* and others, of *Richmond* and vicinity, *Canada East*; and of *H. Henderson* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*; praying an Act of Incorporation to enable them to establish a Bank in the District of *St. Francis*.

Of the Reverend *T. Brassard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac*; praying for aid to repair the Bridge over the River *Delisle*, in the said Parish.

Of *J. S. McNair* and others, merchants and citizens of the Cities of *Quebec* and *Kingston*; praying for an Act of Incorporation as a Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Of *Jason Gould*, of *Cobden*, County of *Pemfrew*; praying compensation for expenses incurred by him in opening a Road from the *Ottawa River* at *Portage du Fort* to *Pembroke*, via *Muskrat Lake*, and for aid to rebuild the Bridges thereon, and to repair the said Road.

Of the Council of the *Quebec Board of Trade*; praying the House not to sanction any proposition for levying a Tax on Vessels passing between *Montreal* and *Quebec* whose draught of water does not exceed ten feet.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *N. Samuels* and others, of the

City of *Montreal*, for incorporation of the *German* and *Polish* Congregation of Jews in that City, and they do not consider it to be of such a nature as to require the publication of Notice.

With respect to the Petition of the *Stanstead, Shefford, and Chambly* Railroad Company, for amendments to their Act of Incorporation, and power to construct various branches in the Eastern Townships, Your Committee find that the Company have confined their Notices to the *Montreal* Papers and the *Canada Gazette*, while no Notice has been inserted in any newspaper published in the Counties through which the proposed branches would pass.

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *Felton*,

Ordered, That the 62nd Rule of this House be suspended as regards a Bill to incorporate the Eastern Townships Bank.

Ordered, That Mr. *Galt* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Eastern Townships Bank.

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

Ordered, That the 67th Rule of this House be suspended as regards the printing in *French* of the said Bill.

Ordered, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the said Bill.

Ordered, That Mr. *Freeman*, Mr. *Biggar*, and Mr. *Gould*, have leave of absence for two weeks, on urgent private business.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General delivered to both Houses of the Legislature, be now taken into consideration.

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

And the same was again read.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty;

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of that Motion.

Ordered, That the Bill to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph André Taschereau*, of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, Esquire, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Wilson* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the 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, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and":—And also,

The Legislative Council have passed an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of the 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, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

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

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council and of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty on the subject of 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.

And then he withdrew.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Wilson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Wednesday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Complaint being made to the House, that *John Gleason*, Esquire, had, in breach of the Privileges of this House, sent a Letter to *Napoléon Casault*, Esquire, a Member of this House, containing a challenge to the said *Napoléon Casault* for his conduct as a Member of the Select Committee appointed in this Session of Parliament to inquire into and report to this House upon the Petition of *Octave Cyrille Fortier*, Esquire, complaining that the Signature to a Petition presented to this House against the Return of the said *Octave Cyrille Fortier*, Esquire, had not been subscribed by the Petitioner to the said last-mentioned Petition.

The said Letter was delivered in at the Clerk's Table, and read.

And the House being informed that *James Oliva*, Esquire, attended at the door, who could give the House information with respect to the hand-writing of the said Letter; he was called in to the Bar, and examined, as followeth:—

Are you acquainted with the hand-writing of *John Gleason*, of *Quebec*, Advocate?—I am.

Is the Signature of the Letter now produced to you, the hand-writing of the said *John Gleason*?—To the best of my knowledge the Signature at the bottom of the Letter is the Signature of the said *John Gleason*.

And then he was directed to withdraw.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That *John Gleason*, Esquire, Advocate, of the City of *Quebec*, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, to answer the matter of the said Complaint; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Egan,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Forter, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Gamble,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>67. Valois.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>11. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Ocean Steam Ship Company*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Papin* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Wednesday next, and be then the second Order of the day.

Mr. *Masson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Valois*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided:

Yeas, 20.

Nays, 15.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House adjourned accordingly.

Martis, 21^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

RESOLVED, That this House doth concur in the Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting His Excellency to transmit the Joint Address 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 hereafter fall in the Contest in which *England* and *France* are now engaged, in such a way as His Excellency may deem fit, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne; that the blank therein be filled up with the words "Legislative Assembly;" and that the said Address be signed by Mr. Speaker on behalf of this House.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the 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 hereafter 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.

Mr. Loranger brought up and laid on the table, the Petition of *John Gleason*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the same was received, and read; setting forth: That the Petitioner had been ordered to be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, on account of a breach of the Privileges of this House, and was then in the custody of the said Serjeant for the said offence: That the Petitioner was sensible that he had committed a breach of the Privileges of the House, regretted it, and begged the indulgence of the House, and praying that he might be released from his confinement.

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

Ordered, That the said *John Gleason* be now brought to the Bar of this House, for the said breach of Privilege.

The said *John Gleason* was accordingly brought to the Bar.

The Honorable Mr. *Morin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Spence*, and the Question being put, That the said *John Gleason*, in consideration of his Petition presented this day, be now discharged out of custody; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>Poulin.</i>
<i>Alleyn.</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bourassa.</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Loranger.</i>	<i>Powell.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Prévost.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier.</i>	<i>Fergusson.</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick.</i>	<i>Roblin.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchor.</i>	<i>Flint.</i>	<i>McKerlie.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>

<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Crawford.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dionne.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Palette,</i>	<i>84. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Larwell.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>12. Wilson.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And he was discharged accordingly.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed this day, at the hour of half-past Three o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended by both Houses with their Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also their 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, and that the Legislative Council will attend His Excellency at that time.

And then he withdrew.

Mr. Speaker reported, That both Houses had attended His Excellency the Governor General this day, with their Addresses; to which His Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer:

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.

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

By Mr. *Ferres*,—The Petition of *J. H. Sweet* and others, of the Townships of *Sutton, Potton, Bolton, Brone*, and the East part of *Farnham*.

By Mr. *Scatcherd*,—The Petition of *B. C. Doan* and others, of the Township of *Yarmouth*, County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Matheson*,—The Petition of *Donald McBain* and others, of the Township of *Kincardine*, County of *Bruce*.

By Mr. *Brown*,—The Petition of the *Kingston* Sabbath Reformation Society; the Petition of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; and the Petition of *J. H. Glass*, Chairman, and *J. R. Gemmill*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of the County of *Lambton*.

By Mr. *Wilson*,—The Petition of *M. Holmes* and others, of the Town of *London*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*,—The Petition of *J. B. Legault* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Ste. Scholastique*, County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Powell*,—Two Petitions of *L'Institut Canadien* of *Bytown*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,—The Petition of *A. Plamondon*, Esquire, and others; and the Petition *E. B. Lindsay*, Esquire, and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Ste. Foy*.

Mr. *Langton* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Laclac*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*John Frazer*, Esquire, *Francis H. Burton*, Esquire, *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, *Barthelemi Pouliot*, Esquire; Chairman, *François Lemieux*, Esquire.

Mr. *Langton* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argentcuil*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*Joseph Papin*, Esquire, *Edwin Larwill*, Esquire, *Donald Matheson*, Esquire, *Gideon Melasippe Précost*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire.

Mr. *Jolin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Fourth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have carefully examined the several Accounts and Vouchers, as submitted to them by the Accountant, and evidence of payment has been adduced to their satisfaction of all the items charged in the said Accounts, and classified as follow:—

	£	s.	d.
By Indemnity to Members, 12 Vic. c. 33.....	17,510	9	0
By Salaries to Officers of the House.....	10,193	15	5
By Extra Translators, and Writers.....	2,637	0	0
By Messengers.....	2,346	15	0
By Expenses of Committees.....	104	13	8
By Library.....	1,015	8	5
By Printing, Printing Paper, and Binding.....	25,808	18	10
By Stationery.....	1,791	17	2½
By Postage.....	2,585	10	9
By Newspapers and Advertizing.....	737	15	2½
By Tradesmen and others.....	3,566	1	6
By Miscellaneous.....	2,452	10	10
	£70,750	15	10

They further Report, that evidence has been produced to their satisfaction that the following sums have been received by the Clerk of the House:—

	£	s.	d.
1852.			
Sept. 6. To Warrant on account of Indemnity to Members.....	5,000	0	0
“ 21.— “ on Address of the 16th instant.....	5,000	0	0

Carried over.....£10,000 0 0

		£	s.	d.
1852.	Brought over.....	10,000	0	0
Oct. 20.	To Warrant on Address of 18th instant.....	5,000	0	0
Nov. 6.—	“ on Address of 3rd instant.....	10,000	0	0
1853.				
Feb. 25.—	“ on account of Indemnity to Members.....	6,000	0	0
March 23.—	“ on Address of 21st instant.....	5,000	0	0
April 29.—	“ on Address of 27th instant.....	6,000	0	0
May 21.—	“ on account of Indemnity to Members.....	5,000	0	0
June 9.—	“ Fees on 75 Private Bills, at £15 each.....	1,125	0	0
“ 11.—	“ balance of Indemnity to Members.....	3,500	0	0
“ 17.—	“ on account of Address of 14th June instant.....	10,000	0	0
Sept. 22.—	“ on account of Address of 14th June instant.....	10,000	0	0
1854.				
April 11.	“ on account of Address of 14th June instant.....	7,753	18	7
		£79,378 18 7		

They further Report, that the balance of cash of Five hundred and seventy-eight pounds eighteen shillings and seven-pence, admitted as being due to the Clerk on the 27th August last, as then verified by the Committee on Contingencies, has been correctly carried forward in account.

They further Report, that the balance of Eight thousand and forty-nine pounds four shillings and two-pence, stated as in the hands of the Clerk on the 20th June last, has been so far accounted for by evidence, that the sum of Five thousand three hundred and forty-six pounds ten shillings, was the balance then at his credit in the Bank of *Upper Canada*. Four hundred and thirty-four pounds seven shillings and four-pence, was cash in the hands of the Accountant, and the sum of Two thousand two hundred and sixty-eight pounds six shillings and ten-pence, has been stated to Your Committee as advances made to various Officers in the House on account of their Salaries for the current quarter ending 30th June, 1854, and which statement appears to Your Committee to be correct.

In reference to the expenditure of Seventy thousand seven hundred and fifty pounds fifteen shillings and ten-pence, Your Committee desire to remark on the several items:—

Indemnity to Members.—It is recommended that Members should confine their applications for their Indemnity to stated periods, at the expiry of each month, except in cases of departure from the Seat of Government.

Salaries.—It is recommended that the Accountant be directed not to make partial payments on account; but for the convenience of the Officers, he may pay them regularly once a month when due, after the expiry of the current quarter.

Extra Translators and Writers. Two thousand six hundred and thirty-seven pounds.—Your Committee suggest that in the event of Your Honorable House adopting the Departmental system suggested in the Second Report of the Committee on Contingencies, the Extra Writers, &c. should be only appointed upon the requisition from the Department requiring additional office aid; by this means it is hoped this item will be hereafter reduced, as the present system appears to be to make these appointments irrespective of any pressing necessity; and it will further have the advantage of showing which Department of Your Honorable House is adequate for the discharge of its duty, by the regular staff employed.

Library, One thousand and fifteen pounds eight shillings and five-pence.—This expenditure does not appear to form part of the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Assembly: it is recommended that such outlay be borne equally by the Honorable the Legislative Council.

Printing, &c.—Twenty-five thousand eight hundred and eight pounds eighteen shillings and ten-pence.—Your Committee Report, that the sum of Three thousand seven hundred pounds sixteen shillings and eleven-pence appears charged as paid to the Queen's Printer, of which Two thousand one hundred and sixty-five pounds eighteen shillings and two-pence are not certified in any way. On investigation, it appears that the items comprized in these accounts are not really under the control of the Officers of Your Honorable House, but are in fact accounts incurred under the authority of the Executive, for work done by their order. Your Committee consider it their duty to point out, that no efficient check can exist on accounts so rendered; and they recommend that no accounts for Printing be admitted, except when ordered by Your Honorable House, and at the usual contract prices. The Printing required for the Executive, it is recommended should be paid by those Departments who are alone able to vouch for the accuracy of the items.

In the Printing of Bills, Your Committee found that in consequence of the Clerk of Private Bills being directed to collect and pay the Printer for such Bills, an error had arisen, from the Printer not having been careful to exclude all such Bills from his Account against the House. The amounts collected for such Bills are duly paid to him by the said Clerk, but no less than forty-three Private Bills appear charged against Your Honorable House, and paid by the Accountant. Your Committee have received Mr. *Lovell's* explanation in writing, and his request to be permitted to refund the amount of Two hundred and four pounds eleven shillings and one penny, so twice charged, which Your Committee have consented to.

In consequence of the evident room for error and overcharges by the present system, Your Committee recommend that the Clerk of Private Bills be directed to pay over to the Accountant, all sums collected by him for such Private Bills, in like manner as is now done in the case of Fees, and that the Printer be desired to charge to Your Honorable House the amount of all Bills, whether Public or Private.

Postage, Two thousand five hundred and eighty-five pounds ten shillings and nine-pence.—Of this amount, Five hundred and seventy-one pounds fifteen shillings and three-pence is charged as Postage for quarter ending 5th January, 1853. On investigation, it appears from the Pass-book of Your Honorable House, that the amount should have been Four hundred and ninety-eight pounds nineteen shillings and eight-pence, for the same period; and Your Committee recommend that the Post Office authorities be required to reimburse the overcharge. They also desire to record their entire satisfaction with the system adopted by Mr. *Defries*, in the management of the Postage Accounts of Your Honorable House.

Stationery, Tradesmen and Miscellaneous Expenses, amount to Seven thousand eight hundred and ten pounds nine shillings and six-pence.—On these items Your Committee must express their very strong opinion, that profusion and waste characterize the general expenditure, and that it is highly desirable to have a system whereby a check should be established. It appears to Your Committee that articles of any and every description are ordered on account of Your Honorable House, without apparent regard to cost, and by no authorized Officer; and it is utterly impossible to offer any opinion as to the necessity for a large part of the outlay. Your Committee recommend that from the present time, no article, except Stationery and Books, be ordered on account of Your Honorable House, except on requisition addressed to the Serjeant-at-Arms, by whom an order on the proper Tradesman or other party shall issue, and which orders must be produced to the Accountant when payment is required.

Your Committee also recommend, that so far as practicable, the supply of Your Honorable House with Stationery and other Miscellaneous articles, be done by contract, at prices to be established by the receipt of Tenders. It is the opinion of Your Committee that a large saving may be thus effected.

Among the Miscellaneous charges, appears a sum of Six hundred and thirty-five pounds paid as bonus to the Officers of Your Honorable House, in December, 1853. This sum was given by the Clerk of the House, on condition of repayment if not approved by Your Honorable House, and was intended to place these Officers on precisely the same footing as the Clerks in the Public Departments. Your Committee find that the same scale was adopted as that sanctioned by Order in Council, and they recommend that Your Honorable House do sanction the payment of the amount.

The fee of Fifteen pounds payable on Private Bills, Your Committee report that it appears altogether inadequate and productive of many applications for Private Bills of a very unimportant character, to the great increase of the expenses of Your Honorable House, and delay of public business. They therefore recommend that the Fee should be Fifty pounds, to be paid on the second reading of the Bill, and before any further proceeding be taken.

In general reference to the Accounts, Your Committee feel it their duty to Report, that while the Vouchers are all filed in the most correct manner by the Accountant, and do credit to his accuracy and attention in this particular. Your Committee find that no regular Books of Account have ever been kept of the Receipts and Expenditure of Your Honorable House, and that consequently it is difficult for them to certify to the correctness of the Accounts, and balances stated to them. The Accountant has certainly afforded Your Committee every information in his power, and nothing has appeared to make Your Committee doubt the accuracy or integrity of the Officer, but they consider the system as very defective, and recommend that Accounts involving so large an expenditure be forthwith ordered to be kept in proper Books by Double Entry.

Your Committee further desire to Report their very decided opinion, that it is entirely inconsistent with a proper audit of the Accounts of Your Honorable House, that these Accounts should remain without examination for a period extending from the 27th August, 1852, to the present time, and that thereby it has been impossible to satisfy Your Committee in regard to every item of the expenditure. Your Committee therefore recommend that, in future, the first business taken up by the Committee on Contingencies, be the audit of the Accounts for the previous year. By such delay, the present Committee has not merely to audit the Accounts now referred to, but they have also to audit those from 20th June to the 30th September last past, including the last meeting of Parliament, which was prorogued before the Committee had the Accounts before them.

The attention of Your Committee has been drawn to the recommendation of the Committee on Contingencies, during the Session of 1852-3, in their Eighth and Ninth Reports, of a grant to *Alfred Patrick*, Esquire, of Twenty-five pounds for each of the years 1852 and 1853, for extra services, and also the sum of Twenty-five pounds for extra service rendered for the same period, by *Mr. A. L. Cardinal*, the payment of which sums Your Committee hereby recommend.

Account Current of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, of the Monies received and disbursed by him as Contingencies, from 27th August, 1852, to the 20th June, 1854, both days inclusive.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
September 6, 1852..				5000	0	0
do 21, do ..				5000	0	0
October 20, do ..				5000	0	0
November 6, do ..				10000	0	0
February 25, 1853 ..				6000	0	0
March 23, do ..				5000	0	0
April 20, do ..				6000	0	0
May 21, do ..				5000	0	0
June 9, do ..				1125	0	0
do 11, do ..				3500	0	0
do 17, do ..				10000	0	0
September 22, do ..				10000	0	0
April 11, 1854..				7753	18	7
	£			79378	18	7
June 30, 1854..	£			8040	4	2

To Warrant, on account of Indemnity to Members ..
 do on Address of 16th instant.
 do on Address of 18th instant.
 do on Address of 3rd instant ..
 do on account of Indemnity to Members ..
 do on Address of 21st instant.
 do on Address of 27th instant.
 do on account of Indemnity to Members ..
 do Fees on 75 Private Bills, at £15 each ..
 do balance of Indemnity to Members ..
 do on account of Address of 14th June instant.
 do on account of do do ..
 do on account of do do ..

By amount to the credit of *W. B. Lindsay*,
 last audit.
 A.—Indemnity to Members, 12 Vic. c.
 33.
 B.—Salaries to Officers of the House ..
 C.—Extra Translators and Writers ..
 D.—Messengers ..
 E.—Expenses of Committees ..
 F.—Library ..
 G.—Printing, Printing Paper, and Bind-
 ing ..
 H.—Stationery ..
 I.—Postage ..
 J.—Newspapers and Advertising ..
 K.—Tradesmen and others ..
 L.—Miscellaneous ..

By amount in hands of *W. B. Lindsay*,
 Esquire ..
 £ 79378 18 7

By amount in hand brought down .. £ 8040 4 2

N.B.—Out of the above balance of £8,040 4s. 2d, credited to the Assembly, the sum of £2,268 6s. 10d. has been paid to Officers on account of the present Quarter ending 30th instant, and also to others on account,—leaving in the hands of the Clerk the sum of £5,780 17s. 4d. for current demands.

Thos. Vaux,
 Accountant.

W. B. Lindsay, Clerk, Assembly.

E. and O. E.
Quebec; 21st June, 1854.
Audited, Quebec, 16th November, 1854,
A. T. Galt,
Geo. Macbeth.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Fifth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee having had referred back to them by Your Honorable House, their Third Report, on the subject matter of the Petitions of *W. Power*, Esquire, and of Mr. *M. A. Hearn*, for re-consideration, beg to report, that they have investigated the Accounts furnished, and examined evidence thereon, and that, in their opinion, the Accounts charged are in conformity with the Statute respecting the allowance to be made for Commissions issued in the case of Contested Elections, viz: *W. Power*, Esquire, One hundred and eighty-five pounds two shillings and one-penny; and Mr. *M. A. Hearn*, One hundred and twenty-two pounds six shillings and five-penny.

Your Committee, however, do not find that under the Act 14 & 15 Vic. c. 1, the Committee on Contingencies have the power to order the payment of the said Accounts, but are of opinion that the remedy of the Petitioners must be sought under the provisions of the said Act.

Your Committee consider it their duty to bring under the notice of Your Honorable House, the fact, that as the law now stands, the expenses attending Contested Elections may devolve upon the Province, instead of being borne by the parties in the case.

No provision appears to be made for cases similar to that under consideration, (the *Megantic* Election,) where the dissolution of the House of Assembly having taken place, has prevented the Election Committee from reporting, and consequently rendered it impossible to decide as to the party by whom the expenses attending the same should be borne. The Commission issued, being under the authority of Your Honorable House, it would entail manifest injustice on the persons employed under it, if a dissolution were to deprive them of their just remuneration; at the same time it is evident, that as the law now stands, they have no recourse against the late Sitting Member, or the Petitioner against him, except under their Recognizance, and if not paid by the Province they must lose the amount to which they are fairly entitled. Your Committee would respectfully call the attention of Your Honorable House very strongly, to the necessity of making such amendments to the Election Law as will protect the Province from the possibility of being required to pay the expenses attending Contested Elections in the case of a dissolution taking place before the Report of any Election Committee.

Your Committee have also considered the Petition of *J. A. Taschereau*, of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, Commissioner for taking evidence in the matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Kamouraska*; and as the case is analogous to that of *W. Power*, Esquire, herewith reported upon, the same recourse applies to the Petitioner as to Mr. *Power*.

In the case of the Petition of *J. C. Lefrançois*, Your Committee find the same application failed in the last Session, and they therefore cannot recommend the prayer of the Petition to the favorable consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Fourth and Fifth Reports of the Standing Committee on Contingencies be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Locomotive Marine and Steam Forge Works Company*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Young* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Montreal Dispensary*.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, dated 15th September last, for a Schedule containing the Names of all Public Defaulters, including all balances from Public Accountants.

For the said Return, see Appendix (S. S.)

Supplementary Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, of the 16th ultimo, for certain Correspondence relative to the *Beauharnois* Academy.

For the said Supplementary Return, see Appendix (B.)

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Defaulters, presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill 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*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be discharged, and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of making certain amendments thereto.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee: and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Laberge* moved, seconded by Mr. *Casault*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided:

Yeas 27.

Nays 41.

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing that the right of using the unimproved water-powers belonging to each Seigneur for milling or manufacturing purposes shall be conveyed to the Crown, and sold for the benefit of the Indemnity Fund" instead thereof; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald,</i>	<i>Roderick Papin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guvèremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>22. Valois.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Polette,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>47. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by leaving out that part of the 51st Clause which authorizes the "Ecclesiastical Corporations of *Lower Canada* to invest the money they may "receive in commutation of their Seigniorial Rights "in any lands or tenements" "in *Upper* as well as *Lower Canada*" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Atkins,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>22. Wilson.</i>
<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>54. Valois.</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Flint*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing that within three months from the passing of this

“ Act, a Schedule shall be obtained from all Seigniors to be effected by the said
 “ Bill, and laid before both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, shewing in detail
 “ the amount of *Lods* claimed by each Seignior to have resulted or thereafter to
 “ result to him, by reason of his having been curtailed, limited or restrained by this
 “ Act in the exercise of any lucrative privilege, or in the receipt of any rents or
 “ profits which as such Seignior he would have been entitled to exercise or receive
 “ before the passing of this Act; and it shall not be lawful for any proceedings to
 “ be taken under this Act until such Schedule has been laid before Parliament for
 “ thirty days during a Session of Parliament” instead thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Mr. *Pouliot* moved, seconded by Mr. *Thibaudeau*, and the Question being put,
 That the Debate be now adjourned; the House divided:—And it passed in the
 Negative.

And the Question being put, That all the words after “ That” to the end of the
 the Original Question be left out, in order to add the words “ the Bill be recom-
 “ mitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing that
 “ within three months from the passing of this Act, a Schedule shall be obtained
 “ from all Seigniors to be effected by the said Bill, and laid before both Houses of
 “ the Provincial Parliament, shewing in detail the amount of *Lods* claimed by each
 “ Seignior to have resulted or thereafter to result to him, by reason of his having
 “ been curtailed, limited or restrained by this Act in the exercise of any lucrative
 “ privilege, or in the receipt of any rents or profits which as such Seignior he would
 “ have been entitled to exercise or receive before the passing of this Act; and it
 “ shall not be lawful for any proceedings to be taken under this Act until such
 “ Schedule has been laid before Parliament for thirty days during a Session of Par-
 “ liament” instead thereof; the House divided; and the names being called for,
 they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	26. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allegan,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spnce,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	54. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the 64th Clause, by providing that *Upper Canada* shall receive for local purposes, a sum equal to the value of the Seigniority of *Lauzon* and of the Crown Dues as Seignior Dominant,—the said Seigniority and the said Dues being Provincial Property" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aitkins,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	16. <i>Wilson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Messon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongeau,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Ndes,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Duonst, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	62. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Langton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction to amend the 64th Clause, by providing that whenever any money is paid out of, or any debentures are issued upon the credit of, the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in respect of expenditure authorized by this Bill, and not provided for by the sources of Revenue therein specially named, then a similar sum, or the proceeds of debentures to a like amount, shall be paid in to the *Upper Canada Municipalities Fund*" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>MacKenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	22. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	54. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Foley* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Flint*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend "the 67th Clause, by leaving out that part which provides that an equivalent for "the sums taken from the Provincial Chest for the adjustment of the Seigniorial "Tenure may be appropriated by Parliament for some local purpose or purposes "in *Upper Canada*, and to provide instead thereof, that for all lands, dues and "funds, the property of the Province, taken for the said purpose, there shall be an "equivalent in money or debentures concurrently distributed among the City or "County Municipalities of *Upper Canada*" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Larveill,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	20. <i>Wilson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crisholm,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	58. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Dufresne* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Guéremont*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction to amend the 29th Clause, by inserting after the word "Schedule" where it occurs the third time, the words "but the said interest shall cease at the expiration of twelve years, to be computed from the date aforesaid" instead thereof ;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Taché* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Darche*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing that instead of giving the Seigneur the right of reserving to himself a part of the waste lands as a domain, and as an indemnity for re-uniting to the domain of the Crown the remainder of the said lands, there be paid to each Seigneur a specific sum on each superficial arpent of waste land, and that all the waste lands be re-united to the lands of the Crown" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	17. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Porvell,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Fellon,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McKertie,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Hurtman,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Lorange,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	57. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Taché* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Darche*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing that no Commissioner or Arbitrator be appointed for the valuation of the Seigniories, but that the specific amount of the Seigniorial Rights be apportioned in each superficial arpent of conceded land" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostalcr,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gûéremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	18. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Canley,</i>	<i>Labrelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Muro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Pollette,</i>	56. <i>Wilson.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Taché* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Darche*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by providing that the present rent up to the amount of two sols per arpent, as provided by the Bill, together with an additional rent of two sols per arpent for *Lods et Ventcs*, be paid to the Seigniors by the *Censitaires*, concurrently with the sum of two sols to be paid by the Province, the whole during a period of twenty-five years, as a full indemnity to all intents and purposes for the complete abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	16. <i>Valois.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Guerremont,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Southerwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	54. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Masson* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the 52nd Clause: "Provided always, that the provisions of this Clause shall only be applicable and shall apply only to Seigniors who shall have acquired their Seigniories from other parties by purchase, and not to Seigniors who shall have acquired Seigniories by inheritance and not by purchase, and who themselves or whose ancestors have imposed higher dues or charges, restrictions or reservations, other than those defined and admitted by this Act" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Guerremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Prevost,</i>
<i>Durche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>McEerlic,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	25. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Dufresne,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Macbell,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dunst, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southerwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	38. <i>Terrill.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Lounger,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received ;

Mr. *Wilson* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, so to amend the Bill, that the rents now lawfully payable by such *Censitaires* as acquired their lands by purchase under existing rents, shall not be paid out of the Provincial Funds of this Province, but shall be paid by such *Censitaires* on commuting with their Seigniors" instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>17. Wilson.</i>
<i>Foley,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cawley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Guvéremont,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>57. Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *McKerlie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the “whole House, with an instruction to amend the same, so to leave out every “thing that relates to the appointment of Commissioners, and to provide that the “portion of the Indemnity to be paid by the *Censitaires* to the Seigniors, be determined by *Experts*, and that the portion of the Indemnity to be paid by the “Government, be determined by the Courts of Justice” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Guvéremont,</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>32. Wilson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>

<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Souharick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lijon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	41. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Jobin* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Valois*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of reconsidering the same, and amending it so as to read as followeth: "that the sum of two *sols* for *Cens et Rentes*, and the *Lods et Ventés* calculated on the average revenue of ten years, be declared to be the real value of the Seigniorial Rights in the Seigniories of *Lower Canada*, and to be payable to the Seigniors as sole Indemnity, and to effect the complete abolition of all Seigniorial Rights in *Lower Canada*, the Government paying to the Seigniors, as an aid to the *Censitaires*, Four hundred thousand pounds Currency, out of the Consolidated Funds of the Province, on the rent-roll (*aveu et dénombrement*) being legally made and produced; and *Censitaires* paying the surplus in ten equal and annual payments, until final payment, without interest; the whole to be determined by Arbitrators to be chosen by the parties interested, and without the appointment of Commissioners by the Government" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guèreumont,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	10. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dostalcr,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodcur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fontier, Octave C.</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Souharick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	59. <i>Wilson.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Laberge* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by limiting the number and the salaries of the Commissioners for whose appointment the said Bill provides" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>McKertie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>24. Wilson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	<i>46. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Laberge* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, so as to reduce the *Cens et Rentes* to two sols per arpent for Lots known under the name of *Emplacements* as for other lands, excepting those in the Towns of *Montreal, Three Rivers, and Quebec*" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>27. Valois.</i>
<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Southwick.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>

<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	46. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Laberge* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the 29th Clause, so that the interest be not paid by the "Censitaires on the capital of the casual rights as therein provided" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guvèremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	19. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Church,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brodcur,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Crauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Lorange,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	50. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Pouliot*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the 29th Clause, so as to limit to ten years the interest therein "mentioned" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guvèremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	20. <i>Valois.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Church,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	49. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Pouliot* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Thibaudeau*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the 29th Clause, so as to limit the interest therein mentioned payable by the *Censitaires*, to ten years; and that the interest which shall accrue after the said ten years, be paid from and out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Darthe,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	19. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle.</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Church,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	45. <i>Terrill.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Papin* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Valois*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with an instruction to amend the same, so as to enact that the *Censitaire* shall pay to the Seigneur that part of the Indemnity with which he is charged under the provisions

“ of the said Bill, within the twenty-five years next ensuing after the passing thereof, “ in twenty-five equal and yearly payments ” instead thereof.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>John.</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Cusault,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	21. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Danust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	46. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received :

Mr. *Turcotte* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*, That all the words after “ That ” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “ the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, “ to amend the 29th Clause, so as to limit the interest therein mentioned to one-twelfth of the amount of the capital therein mentioned, instead of allowing such “ interest to accumulate during an indefinite time, and to an indefinite amount ” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudcau,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	14. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Danust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cusault,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>

Chisholm,
Church,
Crysler,

Holton,
Loranger,
Lyon,

Munro,
Niles,
Poulin,

Spence,
47. Terrill.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Terrill* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Masson*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 22^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Niles*,—The Petition of *Ira Schofield*, of the Township of *London*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Gillespie, Moffatt* and Company, and others, Merchants, Bankers, Traders, and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of *Roger Boivin* and others, of the Township of *Settrington*, County of *Saguenay*; the Petition of *Thomas Simard* and others, of the Parishes of *Malbaie, Ste. Agnès, Ste. Fidèle, St. Irénée*, and of the Townships of *Sales* and *Callières*, County of *Saguenay*; and the Petition of *Joseph Perron* and others, of *St. Louis de L'Isle aux Coudres*, County of *Saguenay*.

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

Of *Edward Turner* and others, Turnkeys, and others connected with the Common Gaol and House of Correction for the District of *Quebec*; praying for the increase of their salaries.

Of the Reverend *Charles P. Reid*, Incumbent of *St. Peter's Church* in *Sherbrooke*, District of *St. Francis*; praying that the stipend pledged to him on the faith of the Crown out of the Clergy Reserve Fund, may still be continued to him.

Of *David Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Town Council of *Brockville*; praying that the Municipal Corporations and Assessments Acts may be so amended as to relieve Towns from the liability to taxation by the County Councils, and also from the necessity of sending Reeves or Deputy Reeves to the said Councils.

Of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company; praying that the Petition of the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation may not be granted.

Of *John Meikle* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*; praying for aid to build a Bridge across the *North River*, and to repair the Road leading to *Wentworth*.

Of *James Watts*, Mayor, and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*, and others; praying that the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, and for other purposes, may not pass into Law.

Of *Jacob Schlagel* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*; praying for certain amendments to the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Argenteuil* into a separate Municipality.

Of *Norbert Simard* and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, and others; and of the Municipal Council of the County of *Saguenay*; praying for the establishment of two County Seats in the County of *Saguenay*, to be used alternately for Municipal, Judicial, and Electoral purposes, to provide for the inconvenience arising from the great extent of the said County.

Of *C. P. Huot*, Esquire, and others, of the Parishes of *Baie St. Paul* and *St. Urbain*, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at the terminus of the Upper *Saguenay* Road at the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of *John Nairne*, Esquire, and others, of *La Malbaie* and other Parishes, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over *Murray* River, at the Village of *Malbaie*.

Of *C. P. Huot*, Esquire, and others, of the Parish of *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; praying for aid to construct a Bridge over the River *du Gouffre* in the said Parish.

Of *Adolphe Côté* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Urbain* and *Baie St. Paul*, County of *Saguenay*; praying for aid to open and complete the Road from *St. Urbain* to *Baie des Ha! Ha!*

Of *John McLaren* and others, inhabitants and squatters of *Ste. Catherine, Rivière aux Canards*, and other places, County of *Saguenay*; praying for aid to open a Road from the River *Saguenay* to the western shore of the River *Noire*.

Of *Angélique Billon*, widow of the late *J. M. K. Gregory*, of the City of *Montreal*; praying for a pension, in consideration of her age, infirmity, and poverty.

Of *Louis Bonbardier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Bruno*, County of *Chambly*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge over *Maccé* Creek in the said Parish.

Of *Michael Brennan* and others, Catholics, of the Diocese of *Kingston*; praying for the establishment of Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*, and that they may share in the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves.

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Watts*, Mayor, and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*, and others, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Young* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes in *Montreal*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, to request that their Honors will give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Puschal 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.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor

General, praying that His Excellency will direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, copies of all the Correspondence between the Provincial Secretary and the Board of Trade of *Montreal*, the Mayor or Corporation of the said City, and the Harbour Commissioners of *Montreal*, within the last two years, on the subject of the constitution of a Corporation or Company for the management of the said Harbour.

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

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Foley* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered. That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

John Frazer, Esquire, *Francis H. Burton*, Esquire, *Jacob DeWitt*, Esquire, *Barthelemi Pouliot*, Esquire; Chairman, *François Lemieux*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Laval*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Laval* be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

Joseph Papin, Esquire, *Edwin Larwill*, Esquire, *Donald Matheson*, Esquire, *Gédéon Mélasippe Prévost*, Esquire; Chairman, *Michael Hamilton Foley*, Esquire, being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil* be referred to the new Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Eleven in the forenoon.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* reported from the General Committee of Elections, the Names of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmagny*, to which they had annexed the Petition referred to them by the House relative thereto:—And the Names of the Committee were read, as follow:—*John Pliny Crysler*, Esquire, *Roderick McDonald*, Esquire, *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire, *James Ross*, Esquire; Chairman, *Charles Joseph Laberge*, Esquire.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Chisholm* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Chisholm* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. *Wilson* reported the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Flint*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend its provisions so that the Provincial Guarantee shall not be extended to *Victoria* Bridge; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>21. Wright.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Thibautdeau,</i>
<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>55. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Casault*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by excluding the Provincial Guarantee from any portion of the Grand Trunk Railway west of *Toronto*; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steam Ship Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *James Smith* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *James Smith* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the third Order of the day.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill 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 after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Felton* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Ferres* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Ferres* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Alleyn* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Alleyn* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada* ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Roblin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Roblin* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Patrick*

reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Patrick* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec* Bank, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Hartman* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Hartman* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis* Bank; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow, and be then the fourth Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill 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*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the second Order of the day.

Mr. *DeWitt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran* Church in this Province to solemnize Matrimony therein, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 23^o die Novembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER communicated to the House the following Letter :—

Quebec, 23rd November, 1854.

Sir,—I regret that I have to announce to you that *W. B. Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, has been suffering since this morning from severe indisposition, which renders him for the present incapable of discharging the duties of his Office.

Under these circumstances, being unable himself to write to you, he has desired me respectfully to represent to you, that with the view of expediting the business of the House, he would recommend the appointment (with your approbation) of a Deputy Clerk Assistant to act during his temporary absence, the duty of Clerk of the House devolving for the time upon myself.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Most respectfully,

Your very obedient Servant,

G. B. Faribault.

To the Honorable

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. Speaker then acquainted the House, That the Clerk had, with his approbation, appointed *W. B. Lindsay*, junior, Esquire, to act as Deputy Clerk Assistant during his temporary absence.

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

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—The Petition of *Louis D. Blanchet* and others, practising Pilots for the Port of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Roy* and others, School Commissioners of *Trois Pistoles*, County of *Temiscouata*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,—The Petition of *W. H. Anderson* and others, representatives of the several Insurance Companies, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Ferrie*,—The Petition of *George B. Thomson* and others, Clerks and Bailiffs of the Division Courts of the County of *Waterloo*.

By Mr. *Pouliot*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. Hallé* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Marguerite*, County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of *George Vandusen* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *George Webster*, of the City of *Kingston*; the Petition of *Joseph Sampson*, M.D., and others, Lecturers of the School of Medicine in the City of *Kingston*; the Petition of the Reverend *A. Hay* and others, Catholic inhabitants of the Diocese of *Kingston*; and the Petition of *Frontenac* Division, No. 2, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Gill* and others, of the Townships of *Bagot* and *Laterrière*, County of *Chicoutimi*.

By Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade.

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

Of *J. H. Sweet* and others, of the Townships of *Sutton*, *Potton*, *Bolton*, *Brome*, and the East part of *Farnham*; praying that the said Townships may be set apart

and erected into a separate County for Municipal and other purposes, under the name of the County of *Brome*.

Of *B. C. Doan* and others, of the Township of *Yarmouth*, County of *Elgin*; and of *Donald McBain* and others, of the Township of *Kincardine*, County of *Bruce*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the *Kingston* Sabbath Reformation Society; and of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*; praying for the abolition of all labor on the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Laurence* Canals.

Of *J. H. Glass*, Chairman, and *J. R. Gemmill*, Secretary, on behalf of a Public Meeting of the inhabitants of the County of *Lambton*; praying that no extension of power be granted to either the Great Western or the Grand Trunk Railway Companies, unless on condition that they fulfil their previous engagements by the construction of a Railway to *Port Sarnia*, or otherwise that a Charter be granted to an independent Company for that purpose.

Of *M. Holmes* and others, of the Town of *London*; praying the adoption of certain measures for the prevention of Fires and the destruction and loss of property thereat, for ascertaining their causes, and for the taxing of damages in certain cases.

Of *J. B. Legault* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Ste. Scholastique*, County of *Two Mountains*: praying aid for the construction of a building for a Superior School in the said Parish.

Of *L'Institut Canadien* of *Bytown*; praying for the establishment of Separate Common Schools, and that they may share in the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves.

Of *L'Institut Canadien* of *Bytown*; praying that aid may be granted to the College of *Bytown* from the School Fund of *Upper Canada*, similar to that which has been granted to the said College from the Education Fund of *Lower Canada*.

Of *A. Plamondon*, Esquire, and others; praying for aid in behalf of the *St. Roch's* Reading Room, *Quebec*.

Of *E. B. Lindsay*, Esquire, and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Ste. Foy*; praying for aid to enlarge and improve the Academy of the said Parish.

Mr. Cartier, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Fort Erie* Canal Company, and have made several amendments to the same, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Fort Erie* Canal Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. Felton, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House the Thirteenth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have prepared to each of them, respectively, certain amendments, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz:

Bill to enable Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran* Church in this Province to solemnize Matrimony therein:

Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange certain Concession Lines in the said Township:

Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Copper Company.

Ordered, That the Bill to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province to solemnize Matrimony therein, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Canada Copper Company*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman*, Mr. *Wright*, and Mr. *Rhodes*, be added to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, in the room of Mr. *Huot* whose Election has been declared void, and the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and Mr. *Sanborn* who are absent from Town.

Ordered, That the Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange certain Concession Lines in the said Township, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *Felton*,

Ordered, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills, for referring them to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, and for receiving the Reports thereon, be extended to the end of the Session.

Resolved, That the Petition of the Town Council of *Brockville*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Crawford*, Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Lyon*, Mr. *Patrick*, and Mr. *Joseph Curren Morrison*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That five hundred extra Copies of the Bill to amend the Act establishing a Bureau of Agriculture, and consolidating the Laws relating to Agriculture, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Sydney Bellingham*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, be referred to the Select Committee on the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dclong,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Lumsden.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Paulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth.</i>	<i>Paulin,</i>

<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McKerlic,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morin</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>56. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderrick</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Duoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>33. Wright.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. *Chisholm* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*, and the Question being put, That the following Clause be added to the Bill, and do follow the 5th Clause thereof: "And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of each County Treasurer, "on the receipt of any money provided to be paid to him, under the provisions of "the next preceding Clause of this Act, to apportion the same equally among the "several Town, Township, and Village Municipalities forming such County or "Union of Counties, in proportion to the population according to the last Census, "as is also provided in the said Clause, and to pay the same over to the Treasurer "of each such Municipality without any deduction whatsoever, and the same shall "make part of the general funds of such Municipality, and be applicable to any "purpose to which funds may be by law applied by such Municipality;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs .

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McKerlic,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>27. Wright.</i>
<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderrick</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>

<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>57. Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Alcyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Barton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Edlton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McKerlie,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chrisholm,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>62. Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cranford,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>John,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>39. Wright.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to define and limit Seigniorial Rights, to facilitate the redemption thereof, and to abolish all *Lods et Ventés* or fines upon the mutation of Lands held *en roture* in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out,

in order to add the words "amended, by leaving out "Fiefs *Nazareth, Saint Augustin, Saint Joseph, Closse and Lagachetière,*" in the 68th Clause" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Guyremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	31. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Curtier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Soulwrick,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	61. <i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Bureau* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "amended, by leaving out from "*Montreal*" to "*Sherrington*" inclusive, "in the 68th Clause" instead thereof;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Pouliot*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "amended, by adding at the end of the 8th Clause the words "and "any agreement, either written or verbal, having for its object the admission or "affirmation of such honorary distinction or privilege shall be considered to all "intents and purposes to be null and void, whether it be entered into hereafter or "shall have been so entered into prior to the passing of this Act" instead thereof;

And the Question being put, That those words be there added; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.—

John Pliny Crysler, Esquire, Roderick McDonald, Esquire, William Frederick Powell, Esquire, James Ross, Esquire; Chairman, Charles Joseph Laberge, Esquire,

being the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmagny*, their Names were called over; and being come to the Table, they were sworn by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the Petition relative to the Election and Return for the County of *Montmagny*, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for that County.

Ordered, That the said Committee do meet To-morrow, in one of the Committee Rooms of the House, at the hour of Ten in the forenoon.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, “An Act for the removal of doubt and to explain the Provincial Statute 12th *Victoria*, chapter 42, to abolish imprisonment for Debt, and for other purposes:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to declare valid a certain Survey of part of the Town of *Cornwall*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Town of *Whitby*, and to define the limits thereof:” And also,

The Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, a Member of their House, to attend before the Select Committee of this House to which have been referred the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, to be examined before the said Committee, if he thinks fit.

And then he withdrew.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. *Lemieux* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Pouliot*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “amended, by inserting the words “which may have depended from “or formed part of the Domain or private property of the Seigneur, and not otherwise” after the word “City” in the fifth line of the 10th Clause, eighth line of the 15th Clause, and twenty-fourth line of the 21st Clause” instead thereof;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “amended, by leaving out from “thereof” in the fifth line of the “33rd Clause to the end of the said Clause” instead thereof;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Laberge* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Bureau*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “amended, by inserting the following Clause after the 10th Clause “thereof:” With regard to Lands known by the name of *Emplacements* which are not “under cultivation, and which are situated without the limits of the Cities of *Quebec*, *Montreal*, and *Three Rivers*, and their *Banlieues*, the payment of the *Cens et Rentes* “thereon shall be provided for in manner following: each of the Commissioners

“ hereinafter appointed to draw up the Schedules of the Seigniories, after having drawn up such Schedule, shall make an estimate of the mean extent of the ceded lands in the Seigniorie, and of the mean value of such lands of average extent in such Seigniorie; this average being ascertained and determined, and and the said *Emplacements* being valued as hereinafter provided, the said Commissioners shall assess the *Cens et Rentes* on every such *Emplacement* in proportion to its value as compared with such land of average value; so that an *Emplacement* being of a value equal to that of a land of average extent and value in the said Seigniorie shall pay the same amount of *Cens et Rentes*, shall pay twice as much if it is of twice the value of the said land, and so on in proportion to their relative value: provided always, that the said *Cens et Rentes* shall in no case exceed the amount now payable by each of the said *Emplacements*” instead thereof;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Pouliot* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, That all the words after “ be ” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “ amended, by leaving out the word “ majority ” in the first line of the 38th Clause, and inserting the words “ three-fourths ” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Fournier.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Pouliot.</i>	<i>S. Thibaudreau.</i>
<i>Lemieux.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn.</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lorange,</i>	<i>Précost,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Casanlt,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>W. Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Pouliot* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Lemieux*, That all the words after “ be ” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “ so amended as to limit the interest mentioned in the 29th Clause payable by the *Censitaire*, to thirteen years ” instead thereof;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words “amended, by providing that the following Funds and Lands of the “ Jesuits’ Estates be transferred to the Fund for the indemnity of the Seigniorial “ Rights, viz: all monies already realized and standing on the Receiver General’s “ Books as the Jesuits’ Estates Fund; all other proceeds of past sales of the said “ Estates or Property realized or due and unappropriated; also the sum that may “ be realized from the sale of the Jesuits’ College grounds now used as a Barrack “ for the Military in *Quebec*, and containing five acres; also three acres and “ 68-100th parts of an acre, or thereabouts, in the City of *Montreal*; together with “ all other Lands yet unsold and belonging to the said Jesuits’ Estates, being about “ four hundred thousand acres” instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	20. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Caruchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Duoust, Charles</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Duoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Darclie,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O’Farrell,</i>	59. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>DeLong,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ranican,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>

<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	69. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fourmier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	28. <i>Wright.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to provide for the abolition of feudal rights and duties in *Lower Canada*;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley.</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Raukin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bovrasa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodcur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	71. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fourmier,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	32. <i>Wright.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, being read;

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

And the same being again read;

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis Bank*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Papin* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, and to add to its Capital Stock, being read;

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Clusholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>61. Young.</i>
<i>Darclue,</i>			

NAY.

1. Mr. *Mackenzie*.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill 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, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mongenais* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the the Bill to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*, being read;

Mr. *Holton* moved, second by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larocill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBouillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Murchaldon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Charpais,</i>	<i>Fruzer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>61. Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAY.

1. Mr. *Mackenzie.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, being read;

Mr. *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "amended, by adding the following Clause thereto: "Whereas the second Clause of the Act 16 *Vic. c. 75*, provides that the "free navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* shall not be obstructed; and whereas from "the Plans then published, one hundred and two feet was represented to be the required height: Be it therefore enacted, that in case the required height above the "River now named in the contract with Messieurs *Peto* and Company, should "prove insufficient after the obstructions in the River *St. Lawrence* shall have "been removed so as to admit of the passage of vessels drawing ten feet of water, "the said Grand Trunk Railway Company shall, at their own cost and charges, "construct a good and sufficient draw-bridge, any Order of the Governor in Council to the contrary notwithstanding" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint.</i>	<i>Mackenzie.</i>	<i>Wright.</i>

<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	15. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Monin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodleur,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fourmer,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Canchon,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chepaïs,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Spencer,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Craveford,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Tuché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	55. <i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time; Mr. *Ferres* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Chisholm*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "amended, by inserting the following Clause after the 30th Clause" thereof: "And be it enacted, That at the point where the said Grand Trunk Railway shall cross the track of the *Montreal* and *New York* Railway, the said crossing shall be effected by the track of the said Grand Trunk Railway being so laid as to be not less than seventeen feet above the track of the said *Montreal* and *New York* Railway" instead thereof;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "amended, by adding the following Clause thereto: "And be it enacted, That notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Act of incorporation for any section of the said Railway, it shall not be lawful for the Grand Trunk Railway Company to charge as fare for any first class passenger passing over any portion of the said Railroad or any of its branches, a greater rate than two-pence currency for each mile travelled, or for any second class passenger more than one penny half-penny per mile, or for any third class passenger more than one penny per mile; and at least one train having in it third class carriages shall run every day throughout the length of the line" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	20. <i>Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
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<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	<i>41. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Mutice,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>		<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>52. Terrill.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>14. Young.</i>
<i>Flint,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cartier* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steam Ship Company was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, being read;

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>61. Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAY.

1. Mr. Mackenzie.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to 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."

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Poul,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>61. Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAY.

1. Mr. Mackenzie.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Upper Canada*, and to facilitate the transfer of Shares in certain cases."

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, and for other purposes, being read;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Davoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Davoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>G. Young.</i>
<i>Darcke,</i>			

NAY.

1. Mr. *Mackenzie.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the *Quebec Bank*, and for other purposes relative to the said Bank, being read;

Mr. *Alleyn* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Poulin;</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Terrill.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>

<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	61. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAYS.

1. Mr. *Mackenzie.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alley* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Brown* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mongenuis,</i>	21. <i>Wright.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Macheth,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>	23. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the House adjourned accordingly.

Veneris, 24^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Church*,—The Petition of *John S. French* and others, of certain Lots in the 1st Concession of the Township of *Oxford*, County of *Grenville*.

By Mr. *James Smith*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Mariposa*; and the Petition of *A. A. McLaughlin* and others, of the Township of *Mariposa*.

By Mr. *Mattice*,—The Petition of *Charlesville* Division, No. 247, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Lumsden*,—The Petition of *Elizurd Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Whitby*, County of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Jean Baptiste Daoust*,—The Petition of *Joseph Dorion* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*.

By Mr. *Cartier*,—The Petition of *Joseph Menard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*.

By Mr. *Valois*,—The Petition of *H. Taylor* and others, Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of *J. C. Chapais*, Esquire.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; praying for certain amendments to the Jurors Law Amendment Act of 1851, for *Upper Canada*.

Of *Ira Schofield*, of the Township of *London*; complaining that he has been deprived by Act of Parliament of certain Lands of which he had received a Location Ticket for a free Grant as the first Settler of the said Township, and praying to be restored to his former rights, or to receive compensation therefor in other Crown Lands.

Of Messieurs *Gillespie*, *Moffatt* and Company, and others, Merchants, Bankers, Traders, and others, of the City of *Montreal*; praying the adoption of certain measures for the prevention of Fires and the destruction and loss of property thereat, for ascertaining their causes, and for the taxing of damages in certain cases.

Of *Roger Boivin* and others, of the Township of *Settlington*, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the opening and construction of certain Roads in the said County.

Of *Thomas Simard* and others, of the Parishes of *Malbaie*, *Ste. Agnès*, *Ste. Fidèle*, *St. Irénée*, and of the Townships of *Sales* and *Callières*, County of *Saguenay*; praying for the establishment of two County Seats in the said County, to be used alternately, in order to provide for the inconvenience arising from the great extent of the said County.

Of *Joseph Ferron* and others, of the Parish of *St. Louis de l'Isle aux Coudres*, County of *Saguenay*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf at a place called *La Prairie*, in the said County.

Mr. *Ferres* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of *Hammond Gowen Hall*, of the Township of *Leeds*, County of *Megantic*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies; the House divided:— And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Foley*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, informed the House, That upon the application of the Counsel for the Sitting Member, a delay for the period of three weeks was granted by the Committee, in order to allow the Sitting Member time to prepare his List of objected Voters; the said List, together with the List of the Petitioner, to be delivered to the Chief Clerk of this House on or before the fifteenth day of December next.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to certain amendments to each, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House:—

Bill 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:

Bill to authorize the Town of *London* to raise Sixty thousand pounds to consolidate the Debt of the Town, and for other purposes:

Bill to incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company:

Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt.

With respect to the last mentioned Bill, Your Committee would remark that though introduced under the title above given, its provisions empower the Municipal Council of *Middlesex* to raise One hundred and thirty thousand pounds, for the purpose indicated. Your Committee find, on reference to the Report of the Standing Committee on Standing Orders upon the Petition of the Municipal Council, that the Notice of the present measure advertized by the Petitioners referred to a sum of One hundred thousand pounds only, though the larger sum was inserted in the Petition; the Committee accordingly recommend a limitation of the amount to One hundred thousand pounds; and Your Committee have felt it their duty to amend the Bill by reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed under its provisions, to One hundred thousand pounds.

Your Committee have also examined the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same without amendment:—

Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Exchange :

Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Coal Company :

Bill to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seigniori of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seigniori.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the Town of *London* to raise Sixty thousand pounds to consolidate the Debt of the Town, and for other purposes, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the said Bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill 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, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the next Sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Exchange, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the relief of Bankrupts, and the administration of their Estates.

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

and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday the twenty-fourth day of December next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Coal Company*, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. H. Glass*, Chairman, and *J. R. Gemmill*, Secretary, on behalf of a public meeting of the inhabitants of the County of *Lambton*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seigniorship of *Namaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seigniorship, be read the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Public Defaulters, which was presented on Tuesday last, be referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Ordered, That Mr. *Chisholm* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned which provide for the amalgamation of Railway Companies, and for other purposes.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Stevenson* have leave to bring in a Bill to remove doubts respecting certain Marriages in *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Chabot* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate *L'Hospice de St. Joseph de la Maternité de Québec*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Chisholm* have leave to bring in a Bill to restrain Railway Companies from carrying passengers for hire on their Roads, until the same or portions thereof are fully completed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Law as to Dormant Equities.

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

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Lotbinière* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Tuesday next, at half-past Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Dufresne* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish Conciliation Courts, and to facilitate the settlement of Civil Actions by Arbitration in certain cases.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Acts providing for the incorporation of Joint Stock Companies for Mining, Manufacturing and other purposes, and to make other provisions for the same purpose.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Thomas Fortier* have leave to bring in a Bill further to amend the Ordinance for the crection of Parishes and building of Churches in *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *DeWitt* have leave to bring in a Bill 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.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill 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."

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

Mr. *Laberge*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmagny*, informed the House, That *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* do attend in his place in this House at the next Sitting thereof.

On motion of Mr. *Sidney Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, a Return shewing the amount sold of Debentures of the *Montreal* Court House, how and to whom sold, at what rate, where, and when.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Scatcherd* have leave to bring in a Bill to make the local Magistracy elective in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Matheson* have leave to bring in a Bill to require that all By-Laws of Township Councils in *Upper Canada* for raising money not required for the ordinary expenditure of such Townships, shall be approved by a majority

of the Municipal Electors before they come into force, and for other purposes relating to Township Municipalities.

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

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

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that a Copy of the Treaty or Treaties recently entered into with the Indians of *Saugeen* and *Lake Huron*, for the purchase of the Lands known as the Indian Reserve in that locality, be laid before this House.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Papin* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Town of *Sorel*.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council request this 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 enquire into the accusations made against the Members of the late Administration.

And then he withdrew.

Resolved, That this House will send an answer to the said Message, by Messengers of their own.

And the Master in Chancery was called in, and Mr. Speaker acquainted him therewith.

And then he again withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Coyley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, That the several Acts regulating the Duties of Customs in this Province, and that part of the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General delivered from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, which relates to a revision of the Tariff, might be read; and the same being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Coyley* moved, seconded by Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the said Acts, and the propriety of making certain amendments thereto;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Ferrie*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "it is expedient to postpone the consideration of the Tariff until Tuesday next, so that the Estimates for the year 1854, now nearly expired, may be laid before this House, and proper data thereby obtained for ascertaining whether larger reductions on the Customs Duties, than those proposed, may not be made, with due regard to the state of the Public Finances" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Flint,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>27. Young.</i>
<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brodur,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchoy,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Hicks,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Larivill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thilandeau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>57. Yeilding.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Crawford* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 31st ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, information as to the nature of the Title granted to the parties who now enjoy the exclusive right to the Fisheries at the following places: *Peach Island* and *Fighting Island* in the River *Detroit*, and *Point Pelée* on Lake *Erie*.

By Command,

Secretary's Office,
Quebec, 23rd November, 1854.

Pierre J. O. Chauveau,
Secretary.

Crown Land Department.

Quebec, 15th November, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you in reference to your Letter of the 2nd instant, with a view to supplying information to be laid before the Legislative Assembly, that a License of Occupation for *Peach Island*, opposite the Township of *Sandwich*, issued in favor of *William McCrae*, Esquire, under an Order in Council of 16th June, 1834.

With respect to *Point Pelée*, a Licence of Occupation for the southerly 450 acres,

was issued in the year 1846, in favor of Mr. *Thomas Paxton*, under authority of an Order in Council of 27th August, 1845. These Licenses of Occupation having been prepared in the Office of the Provincial Secretary, you will be enabled to explain whether they contain any special clause conferring exclusive Fishing privileges.

In regard to *Fighting Island*, otherwise known as *Isle aux Dindes*, the records of this Department do not exhibit the issue of any Lease or License of Occupation; but on the 1st August, 1826, an application from Mr. *Thomas Paxton* was reported upon for the information of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, by the Surveyor General, but no evidence can be discovered in this Office that permission was obtained by any person to assume exclusive possession for the purpose of carrying on Fishing operations. The Naval Vesting Act renders *Point Pelée* a Naval Reserve.

Edmund A. Meredith Esquire,
Assistant Secretary, West,
&c., &c., &c.

I have the honor to be Sir,
Your obedient humble Servant,
A. N. Morin,
Commissioner.

Province of *Canada*.

By His Excellency Lieutenant General The Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart* of *Cathcart*, in the County of *Renfrew*, K.C.B., Administrator of the Government of the Province of *Canada*, and Commander of the Forces in *British North America*, &c., &c., &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting:

Know ye, that I have granted and do hereby grant unto *Thomas Paxton*, of the Town of *Amherstburg*, in the County of *Essex*, in the Western District, Gentleman, license to occupy that certain parcel or tract of land in the Township of *Mersea*, in the County of *Essex*, in the Western District, in Our said Province, containing together Four hundred and fifty acres more or less, being composed of the southern part of *Point Pelée*, otherwise called *South Foreland*, for a Fishing Station, that is to say,—Commencing at the water's edge of *Lake Erie* at the extreme point, then North-westerly along the water's edge till the distance shall make four hundred and fifty acres, then North seventy-two degrees East across the point, fifty-one chains fifty links more or less, to the water's edge on the Easterly side of the said Point, then Southerly always following the said water's edge to the place of beginning; reserving, nevertheless, free access to the shore of the said Point, for all vessels, boats, and persons: To have, hold, and occupy the said parcel or tract of land for and during pleasure, yielding and paying therefor yearly and every year during the term of the occupation of the said lands, to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, the clear rent or sum of Twelve pounds ten shillings of lawful money of the said Province of *Canada*, by equal portions, on the twenty-first day of January and the twenty-first day of July in each and every year; the first payment thereof to be made on the twenty-first day of July now next ensuing: Provided always, that the said *Thomas Paxton* shall, when thereunto duly required, surrender the said parcel or tract of land, freed from all claim to compensation for buildings or other improvements which shall or may be erected and made thereon.

Given under my hand and seal at *Montreal*, this twenty-first day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

By Command.
(Signed.) *D. Daly*.

(Signed,) *Cathcart*.

Memorandum.—It does not appear from the Records of the Provincial Secretary's Office, that any License of Occupation was ever issued for *Fighting Island*. No Record has been kept of the License of Occupation alluded to in the accompanying Letter from the Commissioner of Crown Lands, as having been issued to *William McCrae*, Esquire, in the year 1834.

Secretary's Office,

Quebec, 23d November, 1854.

Pierre J. O. Chauveau,

Secretary.

Mr. *Masson* moved, seconded by Mr. *Somerville*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn:—It passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make legal the Assessments made in *Upper Canada* during the year 1854, and to extend the time for making Assessments, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Mr. *Sidney Smith*, Mr. *Lyon*, Mr. *Foley*, and Mr. *Angus Morrison*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Masson</i> ,	<i>Somerville</i> ,
<i>Frazier</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Smith, James</i>	<i>S. Southwick</i> .

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,
<i>Brodeur</i> ,	<i>Darche</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Holton</i> ,	<i>Pouliot</i> ,
<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Dostaler</i> ,	<i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cawley</i> ,	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Laporté</i> ,	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapuis</i> ,	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>Larwill</i> ,	<i>Spence</i> ,
<i>Chauveau</i> ,	<i>Foley</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macbeth</i> ,	<i>Thibaudeau</i> ,
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Yeildang</i> ,
<i>Crysler</i> ,	<i>Guévremont</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,	40. <i>Young</i> .

So it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Somerville*, seconded by Mr. *Masson*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 27^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House, Statement of the Affairs of the Western Assurance Company, received in pursuance of the Order of this House of the 14th of September last.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (E.E.)

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

By Mr. *Augus Morrison*,—The Petition of *George Wright* and others, of the Township of *Medontc*; and the Petition of *John Finch*, junior, and others, of the Township of *Oro*.

By Mr. *Southwick*,—The Petition of *Edward Ermatinger* and others, of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *Guéremont*,—The Petition of *William Craib* and others, School Trustees of the Dissentient School of the Borough of *William Henry*.

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Trafalgar*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Mcritt*,—The Petition of *Andrew Foster* and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*.

By Mr. *Loranger*,—The Petition of *Pierre Beaubien*, M.D., and others, Physicians and Surgeons, Professors of the School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*.

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

Of *Louis D. Blanchet* and others, practising Pilots for the Port of *Quebec*; praying that the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Port of *Quebec*, may not pass into Law.

Of the Reverend *L. Roy* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*, County of *Temiscouata*; praying aid for the establishment of a Model School in the said Parish.

Of *W. H. Anderson* and others, representatives of the several Insurance Companies, and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying the adoption of measures for the prevention of Fires and the destruction and loss of property thereat, for ascertaining their causes, and for the taxing of damages in certain cases.

Of *George B. Thomson* and others, Clerks and Bailiffs of the Division Courts of the County of *Waterloo*; praying for an increase of the Tariff of Fees prescribed for their duties.

Of the Reverend *E. Hallé* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Marguerite*, County of *Dorchester*; praying that the County Seat of the said County may be established in the said Parish.

Of *George Vandusen* and others, of the County of *Prince Edward*; of *Frontenac* Division, No. 2, and of *Charlesville* Division, No. 247, both of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; of *A. A. McLaughlin* and others, of the Township of *Mariposa*; and of *Elizurd Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Whitby*, County of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *George Webster*, of the City of *Kingston*; praying for a pension in consideration of his services as a Messenger to the Legislative Assembly, and of his present advanced age and incapacity of earning a livelihood.

Of *Joseph Sampson*, M.D., and others, Lecturers of the School of Medicine in the City of *Kingston*; praying for aid in behalf of the said Institution.

Of the Reverend *George A. Hay* and others, Catholic inhabitants of the Diocese

of *Kingston*; praying for the establishment of separate Common Schools, and that they may share in the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves.

Of the Reverend *L. Gill* and others, of the Townships of *Bagot* and *Laterrière*, County of *Chicoutimi*; praying that the Tax on Registrations and Law Proceedings may be abolished; that Squatters may be protected in their rights, and assessed as Proprietors; that aid be granted to complete the Road from *Lake St. John* to the Township of *Laterrière*, and to construct a Wharf in *Ha! Ha! Bay*, at *Bagotville* Harbour; that a Resident Crown Land Agent be appointed at *Chicoutimi*; that the works on the Road leading to *Ha! Ha! Bay*, may be continued in the spring of next year, and Commissioners and Labourers chosen from the County of *Chicoutimi*; and that the Seat of that County may be established at *Bagotville*.

Of the Council of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying for certain amendments to the Customs Duties Acts, for the encouragement of Trade and Commerce.

Of *John S. French* and others, of certain Lots in the 1st Concession of the Township of *Oxford*, County of *Grenville*; praying that the said Lots may be attached to the Township of *Marlborough*, for School and Municipal purposes.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Mariposa*; praying that the Bill to provide for the election of Wardens of Counties in *Upper Canada* by the People, may not pass into Law; that certain amendments be made to the Assessment Law; that Boundary Lines of Townships and Counties be placed under control of their respective Councils; that the rate per day of Statute labor may be under the control of Township Councils; and that provision be made for liabilities in cases of separation of Counties.

Of *Joseph Dorion* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; praying that no Legislative action may be had relative to certain pretended Subscriptions of the said County for Stock in the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, until the parties interested therein be heard relative thereto.

Of *Joseph Menard* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*; praying that the Bill to prevent burials in Churches and within the limits of Incorporated Villages, may not pass into Law.

Of *H. Taylor* and others, Trustees of the *Montreal* Turnpike Roads; praying that the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinance relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Montreal*, may not pass into Law.

Of *J. C. Chapais*, Esquire; praying indemnity for expenses incurred by him as Member representing the County of *Kamouraska* in the last Parliament, in disproving the allegations contained in the Petition complaining of his Election to represent the said County.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Joseph Dorion* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Southwold*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Elgin*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Yarmouth*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Bayham*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Malahide*; the Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Dunwich*, relative to the Southern Union Railway Company; the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *St. Thomas*, relative to a Railroad from *Niagara River* to *Detroit River*; and the Petition of the Municipality of the Village of *Vienna*, relative to a Railway from *Port Dover* to *St. Thomas*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George B. Thomson* and others, Clerks and Bailiffs of the Division Courts of the County of *Waterloo*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to extend the Jurisdiction of the Division Courts in *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *J. C. Chapais*, Esquire; and the Petition of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, of the Parish of *La Rivière Ouelle*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. Masson moved, seconded by *Mr. Laporte*, and the Question being put, That the Petition of the Reverend *William Mair* and others, Electors of the County of *Argenteuil*, complaining of the violence used to obtain the Return and Election of *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, as Member to represent the said County in this present Parliament, and praying relief in the premises, be printed, with the names of the Petitioners, for the use of the Members of this House; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition of *P. E. Adams* and others, Stockholders of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ordered, That the Return relative to Licenses for working Mines and Minerals in *Lower Canada*, which was presented on the third instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *J. S. McCuaig* and others, and find that sufficient Notice has been given.

Mr. Foley, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, informed the House, That *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

On motion of *Mr. Foley*, seconded by *Mr. Ferric*,

Ordered, That *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

Mr. Langton, from the Select Committee appointed to confer with *Mr. Speaker*, and assist him in making arrangements for the better Ventilation of this House, presented to the House the Report of the Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the arrangements for ventilating the House and find them very imperfect. The subject naturally divides itself into two branches, the means of collecting and carrying off the foul air; and those for admitting fresh air, which Your Committee will deal with separately.

In the House itself there are three ways in which it is attempted to carry off the foul air, the openings in the sky-lights, those in the ornamental cornice immediately under the ceiling, and the openings under the galleries; the two former have no immediate access to the outer air, but open into the space between the ceiling and the roof, from which there are again ventilators in the roof itself. This system is very objectionable, as the heated air escaping from the House mixes with the cold air in the large space under the roof, and being thus cooled, the force of the draught is not only impeded, but much of this cooler air, collected from all parts of the building, must necessarily flow down again into the House by the counter-current which always establishes itself in such cases. The openings under the gallery communicate by

flues immediately with the outer air, through four chimnies; but as they are situated so low in the House, they can carry off very little heated air, which is always above them, and in practice, Your Committee have ascertained that very little air escapes from the House by them, but that the current is generally the other way.

From the staircase and lobby there is no means of escape for the air, except by a hole about one foot square into the space under the roof already mentioned, an aperture totally insufficient for the purpose; and the whole arrangement is subject to the same objection before mentioned, that the air being there cooled forms a sort of reservoir, of which part only escapes out of doors, and the rest becomes the source from which much of the air admitted into the House itself is obtained.

From the kitchens again there is a sort of well between the outer walls and the lath and plaster of the staircase, through which the ventilation is established, and a tin pipe immediately over this has been carried through the roof, but it is not in direct communication with the well, which opens into the space under the roof; a great part of this air therefore mixes in the general receptacle with all the other impurities, as any one may perceive by the smell, on going under the roof about dinner time.

The Water-closets do communicate immediately with the open air by a tin pipe about four inches diameter, but as there is little hot air from that part of the building, the draught must be very inconsiderable.

These difficulties would be obviated by establishing a direct exit to the open air from all parts of the building, without communication with the space under the roof, to accomplish which Your Committee beg to make the following recommendations:—

1. That a wooden box, about four feet wide by one foot or eighteen inches in depth, should be laid over the passage between the sky-lights and that smaller boxes should communicate with it from the openings in the six sky-lights; that this box should be conducted into a chimney, to be built upon the arch over the stage, going through the roof, and covered with a cowl moveable with the wind; a draught up this chimney would be established naturally from the heated air in the House, but if the draught were not sufficient when the House is cool, it might easily be created by gas-burners within the chimney to be used when wanted, or by an air iron grating or tripod, in which fire might be made as occasion requires. The openings in the cornice may assist in ventilation, and if foul air is not sent into the space under the roof, can do no harm; and the openings under the gallery may easily be closed, if the draught of cold air down them is found unpleasant in winter.

2. To ventilate the staircase and passages Your Committee recommend, that the sky-light in the ridge of the roof be removed, which is said otherwise to be inconvenient in winter, and that a lantern be placed there instead of it, with windows at the four sides, one or more of which may be opened as occasion requires in mild weather, and with a permanent ventilator at the top for winter.

3. That the well from the kitchens be closed up from the general space under the roof, or the tin tube or a wooden one continued all the way down it, as may be found most convenient; if the latter plan is adopted, it might be advisable to turn the pipes from the Water-closets into the tube just under the roof, in order to increase the draught from them.

As to the admission of fresh air and of hot air in winter, Your Committee believe that, when furnaces are not required, sufficient air would be admitted by the windows, and by keeping the large folding doors communicating with the reading-room always open, as good ventilation would be secured in the staircase and passages. In winter, although the folding doors may perhaps still be kept open, it will be necessary to enquire into the arrangements of hot-air furnaces; they are four in number, amply sufficient for the purpose of heating, and the subjects of enquiry will there-

fore divide themselves into two,—the sources whence the air is obtained, and the manner of transmitting it into the House.

At present only two furnaces are in operation, and the external air admitted into them is taken from Mr. *Caron's* yard through tubes giving a section of 96 square inches for each furnace; and this being obviously insufficient, two other openings are made with a section of 85 inches each, or 170 inches together, into the cellar itself. Allowing therefore for the stronger draught from out of doors, still more than half of the air admitted into the Chamber comes from the cellars, which have no access to the open air, except through a back door used occasionally to bring down wood, &c., and through the refreshment rooms to the front door. In the other furnaces, which are not yet completed, there is a similar objection, the external air being drawn from the cellar window facing the street, and the rest from a cellar, with this additional disadvantage, that the cellar itself has no communication out of doors (when the small window is closed in winter) except through the kitchens. The whole of this arrangement is most objectionable. With their present dimensions the air-pipes are totally insufficient, they should be at least four or five times as large, for not only is this the main supply of air, which several hundred people have to breathe, but this evil also arises from the limited supply, that in order to obtain sufficient heat the small quantity must be unpleasantly and unwholesomely hot, instead of there being admitted a large quantity of air only moderately heated. The air indeed is so much heated occasionally, that it is impossible to bear the hand in the openings or on the floor near them, and the resin boils out of the knots in the boards.

The manner of admission is also in the opinion of Your Committee objectionable, at least now when the air is so much overheated. It comes into the House immediately amongst the seats of Members, so as to be exceedingly oppressive, and sometimes altogether unbearable to those who have the misfortune to sit just over one of the openings. The easiest remedy would be to diffuse the hot air by making more openings, and better still, to have openings in the floor where no Member would be inconvenienced.

The recommendations of Your Committee therefore upon this head, are as follow :—

4. That no air be admitted into the air chambers of the furnaces except from the outside.
5. That larger or more communications with the external air be made.
6. That the hot air be admitted into the House by more openings, and that the largest of them be made in the floor of the House.

In conclusion, Your Committee would recommend the utmost attention to cleanliness in the kitchens and cellars under the House, and that it should be the especial duty of the Serjeant-at-Arms to enforce this, and to superintend the whole of the heating and ventilating arrangements.

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

Your Committee find by their Order of reference, that the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the *Otter Creek* Navigation Company, has been referred to them by Your Honorable House. On examining the Bill, Your Committee find that the Company to which it relates is of the nature of a Canal Company, and Your Committee would humbly submit that the Bill ought rather to have been referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Order of this House of the 14th instant, which refers the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the *Otter Creek Navigation Company*, to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be discharged.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *James Smith*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, informed the House, That *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, was not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

On motion of Mr. *James Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

Ordered, That *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire, do attend in his place in this House, To-morrow.

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 enquire 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.

Ordered, That the Report of the Post Master General of *Canada*, for the year ended 31st March, 1854, presented on the 14th instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 16th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a Return shewing the receipts from every source, and the expenditure, on the *Rideau Canal* during the last two fiscal years, including the name of every officer, servant, or agent, and the salary and other emoluments received by such officers, servants, and agents, or what was severally due to them during that period; and stating what sums have been received or are due for lands sold or leased by Her Majesty's Government on the line of the said Canal, or at its lower terminus.

For the said Return, see Appendix (T.T.)

Ordered, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to incorporate the *Kingsey Slate Works*, and the Bill to incorporate the *Shipton Slate Works*.

Mr. *James Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*, and the Question being proposed, That during the remainder of this Session, this House do meet at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, and adjourn one hour, from Two to Three o'clock, and from Six to Seven o'clock in the afternoon, each day, commencing To-morrow;

Mr. *Langton* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "on Wednesday next this House do meet at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon" inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put, That on Wednesday next this House do meet at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to amend the Act of incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend and extend the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*.

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

Ordered, That on and after this day, such Orders as are not proceeded with when read, be placed at the foot of the List, unless otherwise disposed of by the House.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Aikins*, and the Question being put, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent the Executive Authority from bestowing, in all future time, upon the Judges, Chief Justices, Chancellors, and Vice-Chancellors of *Upper Canada*, enormous sums of public money as Life Pensions or Annuities, without the special sanction of the Legislature in any case whatever; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>	<i>33. Young.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Delong,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Couchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>39. Yeilding.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Evicks,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk do lay before the House for its information, a List of the Public Officers, Commissioners, Corporations, or Societies, who, under the Order of the House, of the 14th of September last, have been requested by the Clerk to make the Reports or Statements required by Law or by the Standing Orders of the House, and have failed to do so.

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Chisholm* moved, seconded by Mr. *Felton*, and the Question being put, That no person who shall have been committed by Order of this House to the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, be released from such custody, until he shall have paid a Fee of One pound to the Serjeant-at-Arms; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bellingham</i> ,	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty-Gen.	<i>Rankin</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>MacNab</i> , Sir A. N.	<i>Rhodes</i> ,
<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Matheson</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Mcagher</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> , James
<i>Chauveau</i> ,	<i>Jackson</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>Chisholm</i> ,	<i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> , Joseph C.	<i>Smith</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Church</i> ,	<i>Laberge</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> , Angus	<i>Somerville</i> ,
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Lairwill</i> ,	<i>Munro</i> ,	<i>Southwick</i> ,
<i>Crysler</i> ,	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>O'Farrell</i> ,	<i>Spence</i> ,
<i>Delong</i> ,	<i>Lumsden</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>Drummond</i> , Atty-Gen.	<i>Macbeth</i> ,	<i>Prévost</i> ,	46. <i>Young</i> .
<i>Felton</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , John S.		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Darche</i> ,	<i>Holton</i> ,	<i>Pouliot</i> ,
<i>Alley</i> ,	<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>Langton</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>De Witt</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , Sidney
<i>Blanchet</i> ,	<i>Dorion</i> , Antoine A.	<i>Lemieux</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , James
<i>Bourassa</i> ,	<i>Ferric</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> , Roderick	<i>Taché</i> ,
<i>Brodeur</i> ,	<i>Foley</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Terrill</i> ,
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> , Thomas	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Thibaudeau</i> ,
<i>Cartier</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> , Octave C.	<i>Masson</i> ,	<i>Turcotte</i> ,
<i>Casault</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,	<i>Valois</i> ,
<i>Chapais</i> ,	<i>Frazier</i> ,	<i>Niles</i> ,	43. <i>Wright</i> .
<i>Daoust</i> , Jean B.	<i>Guèvremont</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Ocean Steam Navigation Company," and the same were read, 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 binding upon all the parties thereto, and also upon the Stockholders of the Corporation hereby established."

Page 8, line 35. Leave out from "subsist" to "except" in line 36, and insert "in full force and virtuc."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House have agreed to their Amendments.

Mr. *Ferres* moved, seconded by Mr. *Alleyn*, and the Question being proposed, That the Petition of *John Maguire*, of the City of *Quebec*, Police Magistrate; the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*; the Petition of *Samuel Snell*, of the City of *London, England*, seaman; the Petition of *Jean Dion*, of the City of *Quebec*, pilot; and the Petition of *William Wright* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an investigation into the conduct of the said *John Maguire*, as Police Magistrate, or Inspector of Police at *Quebec*, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members to be named by the House, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That the words "the Petition of the Reverend *John Cook*, D.D., and others, of the City of *Quebec*" be left out;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Nils,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>McDonald; Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marehildon,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>58. Valois.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>

<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Ycilding,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	27. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Resolved, That the Petition of *John Maguire*, of the City of *Quebec*, Police Magistrate; the Petition of *Samuel Snell*, of the City of *London, England*, seaman; the Petition of *Jean Dion*, of the City of *Quebec*, Pilot; and the Petition of *William Wright* and others, of the City of *Quebec*; praying for an investigation into the conduct of the said *John Maguire*, as Police Magistrate, or Inspector of Police at *Quebec*, be referred to a Special Committee of five Members to be named by the House, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That *Mr. Ferres*, *Mr. Lemieux*, *Mr. Loranger*, *Mr. Rhodes*, and *Mr. Ferrie*, do compose the said Committee.

The Order of the House of Friday last, for the attendance of *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And *Mr. Powell* not attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire, being one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Montmagny*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee on Friday last, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain parts of the Ordinances relative to Winter Roads in *Lower Canada*, in so far as regards the District of *Montreal*, being read;

Mr. Darche moved, seconded by *Mr. Guévremont*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

Mr. Masson moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by *Mr. Terrill*, That the word “now” be left out, and the words “this day six months” added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Share,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodew,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Lobelle,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>

<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Laporté,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chanveau,</i>	<i>Larocill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Clasholm,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Cryster,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	45. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Thibaulteau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	12. <i>Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes in *Montreal*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Bellingham* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Wilson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered. That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

A Bill to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seignior of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seignior, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to amend the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seignior of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seignior.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Gill* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts to secure the independence of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the eleventh day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of Merchants, Traders, and others, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the eleventh day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the eleventh day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Argenteuil* into a separate Municipality, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the eleventh day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill in relation to the solemnization of Matrimony in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the eleventh day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to extend the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*," to *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, Mr. *Bellingham*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, Mr. *Cartier*, and Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to protect the *Employés* of the Government of this Province in certain Departments of the Public Service, from being compelled to labor on the Lord's Day, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the eleventh day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to secure the more convenient assembling of the Provincial Parliament, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday the eleventh day of December next.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 28^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Acts relating to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*," without any Amendment.

And then he withdrew.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had been unable to comply with the Order of the House of yesterday, for taking into his custody *William Frederick Powell*, Esquire, in consequence of the severe illness of that Gentleman.

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

By Mr. *Frazer*,—The Petition of *Richard Hendershot* and others, of the Village of *Thorold*, County of *Welland*.

By Mr. *Guéremont*,—The Petition of *Prisque Milette* and others, School Commissioners of *Sorel*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, of *Canada*, and of the *United States of America*.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Eugène Philippe Dorion*, of the City of *Quebec*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. *Loranger*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Lenox* and *Addington*, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That on the twenty-seventh day of November instant, the contestation of the said Election was abandoned by the Petitioners.

That *David Roblin*, Esquire, the Sitting Member, was duly elected and returned as the Representative of the said United Counties.

That the Petition of *Benjamin Seymour* and others, was not frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill to incorporate the Members of the *British American Friendly Society of Canada*, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee would at the same time respectfully recommend that this Bill be exempted from the operation of the 67th Rule, so far as regards the payment of the Fee and Expenses.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented to the House the Ninth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have examined the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company, referred to them, and have agreed to several amendments thereto, which they humbly submit for the adoption of Your Honorable House.

On motion of Mr. *James Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Megantic* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until the second day of January next, if the House be then sitting, and if the House be not then sitting, then until the second Monday after the House shall sit again, at Twelve o'clock, noon.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Sixth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

In consequence of an anticipated adjournment of Your Honorable House, Your Committee, upon the suggestion of the Clerk, recommend that a further advance of Twelve thousand pounds Currency, be made to meet demands for the Contingent Expenses of Your Honorable House.

On motion of Mr. *Jobin*, seconded by Mr. *Galt*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, the Clerk of this House, for the sum of Twelve thousand pounds Currency, towards defraying the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

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

Ordered, That the Return relative to Emigrants, which was presented on the third instant, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Papin* not attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *Foley* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Papin* to state, That on Saturday last, about a quarter past four o'clock, he received a Telegraphic communication, advising him of the serious indisposition of a member of his family at *Montreal*; that he thereupon considered it his duty to leave for *Montreal* the same day, and that he was unable to return until this morning; and the same having been verified upon oath by Mr. *Papin*;

Ordered, That *Joseph Papin*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody, without payment of Fees.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Tomorrow.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire, in his place in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Cooke* not attending in his place;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire, one of the Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Megantic*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, and not having attended in his place in the House this day, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had taken *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire, into his custody.

Whereupon Mr. *James Smith* acquainted the House, that he was desired by Mr. *Cooke* to state, That he went home to the County of *Ottawa* immediately after the adjournment of the Committee on the 13th day of November instant, intending to return in time for the meeting of the Committee yesterday, and came to *Montreal* on Saturday last, and took passage on board the *Lady Elgin* Steamer, that day, for *Quebec*, and went on board for the purpose; and that after the Mail Steamer *Saguenay* had left that evening, the order for the sailing of the *Lady Elgin* was countermanded, and she did not leave *Montreal* until Monday evening, when he left and arrived at *Quebec* this Tuesday morning, the 28th day of November, and was consequently too late for the sitting of the Committee yesterday; and further, that on the said 13th instant, leave of absence was granted to Mr. *Cooke* by this House, for two weeks; and the same having been verified upon oath by Mr. *Cooke*;

Ordered, That *Alanson Cooke*, Esquire, be discharged out of custody, without payment of Fees.

Ordered, That the Fourth and Fifth Reports of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, be taken into consideration To-morrow, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, and be then the first Order of the day.

On motion of Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*,

Ordered, That that part of the 67th Rule of this House which relates to the payment of Fees and Expenses on Private Bills, be suspended in so far as it affects the Bill to incorporate the Members of the *British American* Friendly Society of *Canada*.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Members of the *British American* Friendly Society of *Canada*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Hincks*, from the Select Committee to inquire into the effect which has been produced on the Commercial interests of this Province by the system of keeping the Public Deposits in one of the Chartered Banks, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (E.E.)

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

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day being read, for the House in Committee to consider of the Motion made on Monday the twentieth instant, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Casault* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law relating to Savings Banks, being read;

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

On motion of Mr. *Laberge*, seconded by Mr. *James Smith*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Montmagny* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until the second day of January next, if the House be then sitting, and if the House be not then sitting, then until the second day after its next Sitting thereafter, in order to allow time to the Petitioner and the Sitting Member to furnish to the Chairman of the Committee Lists of the Voters whose votes are objected to.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House to consider of the several Acts regulating the Duties of Customs in this Province, and the propriety of making certain amendments thereto, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order be discharged; and the Report recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of reconsidering the Duties imposed on Wines, Coffee, and Ground Ginger.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Terrill* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Terrill* reported the Resolutions accordingly; and the same were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal all Duties of Customs, specific and *ad valorem*, imposed by the Act 12 *Vic.* c. 1, and the Schedule A, or Table of Duties of Customs inwards, annexed to the said Act, or by the Act 16 *Vic.* c. 85, on the following articles: Sugar of all kinds, Molasses, Tea, Coffee, Tobacco of all kinds manufactured or unmanufactured, including Cigars and Snuff, Wine of all kinds in wood or in bottle, Whiskey, Rum, Geneva, Brandy, and other Spirits or Strong Waters except Rum and Whiskey, Spirits, Cordials, and Liqueurs sweetened and mixed with any article so that the strength cannot be ascertained by *Sykes'* Hydrometer, with a view to the better adjustment of the Tariff by imposing specific Duties only on the said articles.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to impose the following specific Duties of Customs inwards, on the articles mentioned in the preceding Resolution, viz:—

	£	s.	d.
Sugar, Refined, in Loaves, Crushed or Candy, or other Sugars rendered equal thereto by any process, the Cwt.....	0	12	0
White and Brown, Clayed or Yellow Bastard Sugars, or other Sugars rendered by any process equal in quality thereto.....	0	8	6
Sugar, Raw, and other kinds not being equal to White or Brown, Clayed or Yellow Bastard Sugars, the Cwt.....	0	6	6
Molasses, the Gallon.....	0	0	2
Tea, the lb.....	0	0	2
Green Coffee, the lb.....	0	0	0½
Coffee, other than Green, the lb.....	0	0	2
Tobacco, manufactured or unmanufactured, other than Cigars and Snuff, the lb.....	0	0	2
Cigars, the lb.....	0	2	0
Snuff, the lb.....	0	0	4
Wine of all kinds, in wood or other vessels, not being bottles, and not exceeding in value £15, the Gallon.....	0	1	6

	£	s.	d.
Wine of all kinds in bottles, per dozen Quarts.....	0	7	6
do do per dozen Pints.....	0	3	9
Whiskey, the Gallon.....	0	0	5
Rum, the Gallon.....	0	1	8
Brandy, the Gallon.....	0	3	0
Geneva or Gin, and other Spirits or Strong Waters not being Whiskey, Rum or Brandy, the Gallon.....	0	2	6
Cordials, Liqueurs and Spirits sweetened or mixed with any other arti- cle, the Gallon.....	0	4	0

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal the Duty of thirty per cent *ad valorem*, imposed by the said Act 12 *Vic.* c. 1, on Spices and Fruits, Nuts, Vinegar, Macaroni and Vermicelli, Sweetmeats or Fruit preserved in Sugar, Candy, or Molasses, with a view to the better adjustment of the Tariff by imposing specific Duties only on the greater part of the said articles, and by reducing the Duties on the remainder.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to impose the following Duties of Customs inwards, on the articles mentioned in the next preceding Resolution, viz:—

	£	s.	d.
Almonds, Currants, Figs, Nuts, Prunes, Raisins, and other dried Fruits, the lb.....	0	0	1
Pimento, Allspice, and Pepper, the lb.....	0	0	1
Cassia, Cinnamon, Cloves, and Ginger, the lb.....	0	0	3
Mace and Nutmegs, the lb.....	0	0	7½
Macaroni and Vermicelli, the lb.....	0	0	1
All unenumerated Spices, the lb.....	0	0	3
Vinegar, the Gallon.....	0	0	3
Sweetmeats, or Fruit preserved in Sugar, Candy, or Molasses, and other Confectionery, for every £100 value.....	12	10	0

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal the Duty of twenty per cent *ad valorem*, imposed by the said Act 12 *Vic.* c. 1, on Animals of all kinds, Meats of all kinds (except Mess Pork,) Butter, Cheese, Flour, Barley, Buckwheat, Bear and Bigg, Oats, Rye, Beans and Peas, Meal of the above Grain and Wheat not bolted, Bran in shorts, and Hops; and that the said articles be admitted Free of Duty; except only in the case mentioned in the seventh Resolution.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal the Duty of two and one-half per cent *ad valorem*, imposed by the said Act 12 *Vic.* c. 1, or the Act 16 *Vic.* c. 85, on the following articles, viz: Anchors, Chain Cables, Vencers, Hay, Pig Iron, Green Fruits, Bark, Berries, Nuts, Vegetables, Woods and Drugs used solely in dyeing, and Indigo, Bristles, Burr-Stones unwrought, Coal and Coke, Grease and Scraps, Hemp, Flax and Tow undressed, Hides, Junk and Oakum, Lard, Lead, Pig or Sheet, Marble in blocks unpolished, Oil Cocoonut, Pine and Palm only, Ores of all kinds of Metals, Pipe Clay, Resin and Rosin, Saw Logs, Ships' Water Casks in use, Teazles, Broom Corn, Wood used in making Carpenters' or Joiners' Tools, Tallow, Tar and Pitch, Type Metal in blocks or pigs, Wool, Caoutchouc, Cordage of all kinds, Sail Cloth, Copper in bars, rods, or in sheets, Yellow Metal in bars or in sheets, Bright and Black Varnish, Marine Cement, Treenails, Bunting, Felt Sheeting, Printing Presses, Printing Types, Printers' Ink, Printing Implements of all kinds, Book-Binders' Tools, Presses and Implements of all kinds, Old Nets and Ropes, Cotton and Flax Waste, Rags, Fire Clay, and *Russia* Hemp Yarn; and that the said articles be admitted Free of Duty, except in the case mentioned in the next following Resolution.

7. *Resolved*, That it is nevertheless expedient to provide, that if the Governor of this Province shall at any time, under the provisions of the Act passed during the

present Session, declare the suspension of the Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States of America*, signed on the 5th June, 1854, then, while such suspension shall continue, the several articles mentioned in the Schedule to the Act last aforesaid, being the growth and produce of the said *United States*, shall be subject to the Duties to which they are now subject, and no such article shall be admitted Free of Duty unless it was so admitted immediately before the passing of the said Act.

8. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to extend the provisions of the Act 10 & 11 *Vic. c. 31*, and of any subsequent Act, authorizing the manufacture of certain articles in Bond to the refining of Sugar, so that any Sugar may be refined in this Province in Bond.

9. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that so much of any of the Acts aforesaid as may be inconsistent with the foregoing Resolutions be repealed.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time ;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add instead thereof the words "recommitted to a Committee of the " whole House, with a view to consider of adopting the following Resolutions in " lieu thereof:—

1. " That it is expedient to repeal all Duties of Customs, specific and *ad valorem*, " imposed by the Act 12 *Vic. c. 1*, and the Schedule A, or Table of Duties of Cus- " toms inwards, annexed to the said Act, or by the Act 16 *Vic. c. 85*, on the follow- " ing Articles: Sugar of all kinds, Molasses, Tea, Coffee, Tobacco of all kinds " manufactured or unmanufactured, including Cigars and Snuff, Wine of all kinds in " wood or in bottle, Whiskey, Rum, Geneva, Brandy, and other Spirits or Strong " Waters except Rum and Whiskey, Spirits, Cordials and Liqueurs sweetened and " mixed with any article so that the strength cannot be ascertained by *Sykes' Hydro-* " *meter*, with a view to the better adjustment of the Tariff by imposing *ad valorem* " Duties only on the said articles.

2. " That it is expedient to impose the following *ad valorem* Duties of Customs " inwards, on the articles mentioned in the preceding Resolution, viz:—Sugar, " Refined, in Loaves, Crushed or Candy; Sugar, Raw, Bastard and other kinds; " Molasses; Tobacco manufactured or unmanufactured, other than Cigars and Snuff; " Cigars; Snuff; and Whiskey, thirty per cent; Tea and Coffee, ten per cent; " Wine of all kinds in wood or other vessels, forty per cent; and Rum, Brandy, " Geneva or Gin, and other Spirits or Strong Waters; and Cordials, Liqueurs and " Spirits sweetened or mixed with any other article, one hundred per cent.

3. " That it is expedient to repeal the Duty of twenty per cent *ad valorem*, im- " posed by the said Act 12 *Vic. c. 1*, on Animals of all kinds, Meats of all kinds, " Butter, Cheese, Flour, Barley, Buckwheat, Bear and Bigg, Oats, Rye, Beans and " Peas, Meal of the above Grain and Wheat not bolted, Bran in Shorts, and Hops; " and that the said articles be admitted Free of Duty, except only in the case men- " tioned in the sixth Resolution.

4. " That it is expedient to repeal the Duty of two and a-half per cent *ad valo-* " *rem*, imposed by the said Act 12 *Vic. c. 1*, or the Act 16 *Vic. c. 85*, on the follow- " ing Articles, viz: Bark, Berries, Nuts, Vegetables, Woods and Drugs used solely " in dyeing, and Indigo, Bristles, Burr-Stones unwrought, Coal and Coke, Grease " and Scraps, Hemp, Flax and Tow undressed, Hides, Junk and Oakum, Lard, " Lead, pig or sheet, Marble in blocks unpolished, Oil Cocomanut, Pine, and Palm " only, Ores of all kinds of Metals, Pipe Clay, Resin and Rosin, Saw Logs, Ship's " Water Casks in use, Teazles, Broom Corn, Wood used in making Carpenters' or " Joiners' Tools, Tallow, Tar and Pitch, Type Metal in blocks or pigs, Wool, " Caoutchouc, Cordage of all kinds, Sail Cloth, Copper in bars or in sheets, Yellow

“ Metal in bars or in sheets, Bright and Black Varnish, Marine Cement, Treenails, “ Bunting, Felt Sheeting, Printing Presses, Printing Types, Printer’s Ink, Printing “ Implements of all kinds, Book-Binders’ Tools, Presses and Implements of all kinds, “ Old Nets and Ropes, Cotton and Flax Waste, Rags, Fire Clay and *Russia* Hemp “ Yarn, Candle-Wick, Fire Bricks, Fishing Hooks, Nets, &c., Bar, Rolled, Rod, “ Sheet Iron, Bars and Sheets of Iron not otherwise manufactured, Boiler Plate, “ Chains, Cranks, Hoop, Pig, Scrap and old Iron, Railroad, Bar, Round and Square “ Iron, Steel, Roll Sulphur, Tin and Zinc, Wire, Telegraph and Bridge; and that “ said articles be admitted Free of Duty, except in the case mentioned in the sixth “ Resolution.

5. “ That it is expedient to repeal the Duty of twelve and one-half per cent *ad valorem*, now imposed by the said Act 12 *Vic. c. 1*, on Earthenware, Crockery, and “ Rice, and that the same be admitted Free of Duty.

6. “ That it is nevertheless expedient to provide, that if the Governor of this Province “ shall at any time, under the provisions of the Act passed during the present Session, “ declare the suspension of the Treaty between Her Majesty and the *United States* of “ *America*, signed on the 5th June, 1854, then, while such suspension shall continue, “ the several articles mentioned in the Schedule to the Act last aforesaid, being the “ growth and produce of the said *United States*, shall be subject to the Duties to which “ they are now subject, and no such article shall be admitted Free of Duty unless it “ was so admitted immediately before the passing of the said Act.

7. “ That it is expedient to extend the provisions of the Act 10 & 11 *Vic. cap.* “ 31, and of any subsequent Act authorizing the manufacture of certain articles in “ Bond to the refining of Sugar, so that any Sugar may be refined in this Province “ in Bond.

8. “ That it is expedient that so much of any of the Acts aforesaid as may be in- “ consistent with the foregoing Resolutions be repealed;”

Mr. *Galt* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *DeWitt*. That the *ad valorem* Duty of thirty per cent proposed to be imposed on “ Sugar, Raw ” and “ Molasses ” be reduced to ten per cent ;

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amend- ment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Guévrement.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darchie,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marney,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>32. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Casley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot.</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongeneais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>

<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>55. Terrill.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question on the Amendment to the Original Question being again proposed;

Mr. *Ferrie* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, That the *ad valorem* Duty of thirty per cent proposed to be imposed on "Sugar, Refined, in Loaves, Crushed, Candy, or Bastard," and "Molasses" be reduced to twenty per cent, and on "Sugar, Raw" to fifteen per cent;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>33. Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cascult,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol Gen.</i>
<i>Casley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>53. Terrill.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question on the Amendment to the Original Question being again proposed;

Mr. *Ferrie* moved in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, That an *ad valorem* Duty of ten per cent be imposed on "Earthen-ware" and "Crockery;"

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

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Scatcherd,</i>	30. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Donne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty-Gen.</i>	Ross, Sol. Gen.
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chapuis,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Southwick,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Niles,</i>	57. <i>Stevenson.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, with "a view to consider of adopting the following Resolution: "That it is expedient "to repeal the Duty of twelve and one-half per cent *ad valorem* now imposed by "the Act 12 *Vic.*, c. 1, on all Goods, Wares, and Merchandize not otherwise charged "with Duty, and that in lieu thereof a Duty of ten per cent *ad valorem* be imposed" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	25. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Cook,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>

<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Shorc.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chabot</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>54. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of considering whether it is expedient to add the following Resolution: "That all Woollen, Cotton, and Linen Manufactures and Threads, and all Machinery, Iron, and Hardware, now paying an *ad valorem* Duty of twelve and one-half per cent, be admitted on payment of ten per cent" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Wright,</i>
<i>Ferric,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>24. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Cryslar,</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Alley, n,</i>	<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>49. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Church,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the same, by reducing the Duty on Tea and Coffee to ten per cent, and on Tobacco to twenty-eight per cent" instead thereof;

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

And the Question being again proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Larwill* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Darche*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out; in order to add the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of leaving out the second Resolution, and inserting the following: "That all Coffee, Molasses, Salt, Raw and Bastard Sugars, Tea and Rice, be admitted Free of Duty; and that upon the following articles the Duties be doubled: Brandy, Gin, Rum, Whiskey, Choice Wines, Cordials, Snuff, and Tobacco" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Frazier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>G. Marchildon.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cavichon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagnier,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mongonais,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Turcolte,</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>58. Young.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time.

And the said Resolutions being read a second time, and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 29^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of the Committee of the *Montreal* Temperance Society.

By the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,—The Petition of Messieurs *Buchanan, Harris* and Company, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

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

Of *George Wright* and others, of the Township of *Medonte*; of *John Finch*, junior, and others, of the Township of *Oro*; and of the Municipality of the Township of *Trafalgar*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *Edward Ermatinger* and others, of the County of *Elgin*; praying for certain amendments to the general Banking Law.

Of *William Craib* and others, School Trustees of the Dissident School of the Borough of *William Henry*; praying aid for the support of the said School.

Of *Andrew Foster* and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*; praying for the passing of an Act to make Vessels passing through the Canals in this Province, liable for payment for stores and provisions furnished, although the Captains of such Vessels may be changed or removed.

Of *Pierre Beaubien*, M.D., and others, Physicians and Surgeons, Professors of the School of Medicine and Surgery of *Montreal*; praying for aid in behalf thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *Young* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to extend the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*" to *Lower Canada*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Resolved, That the Petition of *John S. French* and others, of certain Lots in the 1st Concession of the Township of *Oxford*, County of *Grenville*, be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Church*, Mr. *Delong*, Mr. *Powell*, and Mr. *Frazer*, to examine the contents thereof, and to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Mr. *Alleyn* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, and the Question being put, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill 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, and the Bill to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for taking into consideration the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House on Tuesday the seventh day of November instant, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the twentieth day of December next.

Mr. *Foley*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the mat-

ter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That in consequence of a Poll not being held in the Townships of *Harrington*, *Howard*, *Arundel*, *Montcalm*, *Wolfe*, *Salaberry*, and *Grandison*, at the last Election for the said County of *Argenteuil*, the said Election is void.

That the Poll for the Parish of *St. Hermas*, in the said County, was, as appears by the Poll Books, illegally closed at ten minutes past One of the clock of the second day of the said Election, without any adequate reason therefor; and that the conduct of the Deputy Returning Officer, *Jean George Lebel*, Esquire, of the said Parish, in so illegally closing the said Poll, was highly reprehensible.

That neither the Petition or the Defence is frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Foley*, seconded by Mr. *Ferrie*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in the present Provincial Parliament for the County of *Argenteuil*, in the room of *Sydney Bellingham*, Esquire, whose Election has been declared void.

Mr. *Terrill*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, informed the House, That the Committee had come to the following Resolutions and Determinations:—

1. *Resolved*, That *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the County of *Kamouraska*, was, at the time of the last Election for the said County, the Post Master for the Parish of *St. Denis*, in the said County of *Kamouraska*; and as such Post Master was, under the provisions of the Provincial Statute 16 Vic. c. 154, holding an office of emolument at the nomination of the Crown, and therefore ineligible as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

2. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Committee, the Evidence adduced shews conclusively that at the last Election for the said County of *Kamouraska*, the agents, representatives, and partizans of *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, the Petitioner, entered into and concocted a deep laid scheme of fraud and corruption, and in furtherance thereof, and in violation of law and the freedom of Election caused a large number of persons from Parishes without the said County of *Kamouraska*, to vote, as *usufruitiers*, without qualification at the Poll held at *Rivière Ouelle*, and also caused a large number of names to be illegally and fraudulently inscribed on the Poll Book at said *Rivière Ouelle*.

3. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of the Committee, *Joseph Magloire Hudon*, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*, has been guilty of a gross breach of duty, has acted corruptly and fraudulently, and has in violation of law and his oath of office, assented to the perpetration of frauds, by suffering a large number of persons from the Parishes of *St. Jean* and *St. Roch*, and other places without the limits of the said County of *Kamouraska*, to vote at the said Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*, as *usufruitiers*, he the said Deputy Returning Officer refusing to administer the qualification oath, as required by law.

4. *Resolved*, That the said *Joseph Magloire Hudon*, Esquire, Deputy Returning Officer for the said Parish of *Rivière Ouelle*, has been guilty of a gross breach of the privileges of the Legislative Assembly of this Province; and the Committee recommend that the said *Joseph Magloire Hudon*, Esquire, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms, to be then further punished as the Honorable the Legislative Assembly shall think proper.

5. *Resolved*, That the Evidence shews further that at the last General Election for the County of *Kamouraska*, violence and illegal practices of a glaring kind were resorted to at the several Polls held in the Parishes of *St. Anne*, *St. Denis*, *Mont-Carmel* and *Ixworth*, and to such an extent as to interfere materially with the freedom of the said Election, and to render the same an undue, illegal, and void Election.

6. *Resolved*, That the Committee are persuaded, from all the Evidence adduced, that the violence and illegal proceedings at the above named Polls of *St. Anne*, *St. Denis*, *Mont-Carmel*, and *Ixworth*, were resorted to by the friends, partizans, and electors of *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, as a means of counteracting the fraudulent and illegal proceedings at the Poll of *Rivière Ouelle*; nevertheless, the Committee is constrained to declare the said proceedings illegal and in open violation of the freedom of Elections.

7. *Resolved*, That a very considerable proportion of the names inscribed on the Poll Books for the Parishes of *St. Denis*, *St. Anne*, *Ixworth*, *Mont-Carmel*, and *Rivière Ouelle*, were fictitious names, illegally and fraudulently inscribed, and under such circumstances of fraud and violence as to render such proceedings null, illegal, undue, and absolutely void.

8. *Resolved*, That *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, is not duly elected to serve in this present Parliament as the Representative for the County of *Kamouraska*.

9. *Resolved*, That the said Election for the County of *Kamouraska* is illegal, null, and void.

10. *Resolved*, That there has been no Evidence adduced to shew that either the Sitting Member, *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, or the Petitioner, *Luc Letellier*, Esquire, participated in or promoted the said frauds, violence, and illegal proceedings, and the Committee therefore resolve that upon these points, neither the Petition or Defence thereto, is frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Resolutions and Determinations were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes in *Montreal*, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved, seconded by Mr. *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Report be now received;

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "the said Order of the day be discharged, and the "Bill recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to amend the 3rd Clause, "by leaving out the Pension of Four hundred pounds per annum, proposed to be "secured to *Edouard Martial Leprohon* during his natural life" inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. 5. Matheson.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>

<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N. Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Meagher, Terrill,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C. Whitney,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Angus 31. Young.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The Honorable Mr. *Young* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Mr. *Casault*, from the Committee to whom it was referred to consider of the Motion made on Monday the twentieth instant, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty, reported a Resolution ; which was read, as followeth :—

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

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

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

A Bill to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls* Suspension Bridge Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned, relating to Agriculture, and to provide for the remedy of abuses prejudicial to Agriculture,” being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act, intituled, “An Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies “in *Lower Canada,*” being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to vest in *Edward Shortis*, of *Toronto*, Esquire, the Road or Concession allowance between Lots fifteen and sixteen in the Sixth Concession of the Township of *Thorah*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the Rectories, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts for the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*," being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to define the boundary line between the fourth and fifth Concessions of the Township of *Cornwall*, being read ;

Mr. Roderick McDonald moved, seconded by *Mr. Chisholm*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

The Honorable *John Saulfield Macdonald* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day ten months" added at the end thereof ;

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

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of erecting an Hotel in the Town of *London*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read ;

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and after some time spent therein, *Mr. Speaker* resumed the Chair ; and *Mr. Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. Sidney Smith reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Fourth and Fifth Reports of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, being read ;

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

And the Fourth Report being again read :

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report, with the exception of that paragraph which has reference to the Fee on Private Bills.

And the Fifth Report being again read ;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law of *Upper Canada* with respect to the solemnization and registration of Marriages, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act for the incorporation of the Provincial Insurance Company of *Toronto*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to afford relief and make compensation to persons who, as Tenants under Emphyteotic Leases, improve the houses and buildings in obedience to certain By-Laws of the City of *Quebec*, passed for the prevention of accidents by fire, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish and confirm the original Survey of the Concession Lines in the Township of *Niagara*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of *Bartholomew Galvin*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Congregation of the Catholics of *Quebec* speaking the *English* language, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the *Toronto Esplanade Act*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Ordinances to incorporate the City and Town of *Quebec*, and to vest more ample powers in the Corporation of the said City and Town, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to abolish the Right of Primogeniture, and to afford relief to parties succeeding to the Real Estate of persons dying intestate in certain cases in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canada, Newfoundland, and London* Telegraph Company, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and consolidate the Laws for the prevention of damages to and deterioration of property either under seizure or hypothecation, to the prejudice of the seizing or hypothecary creditor, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain the Act 16 *Vic. cap. 184*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts and Ordinance concerning the civil erection of Parishes, and the building and repairing of Churches, Parsonage Houses and Churchyards, with respect to the levying of monies for the purposes mentioned in the said Acts and Ordinance, being read ;

Mr. *Jobin* moved, seconded by Mr. *Valois*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time ; the House divided :—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Jobin*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, Mr. *Polette*, Mr. *Prévost*, and Mr. *Thomas Fortier*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the appointment of Crown Prosecutors in the Counties of *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Casault*, Mr. *Charles Daoust*, Mr. *Dionne*, Mr. *Lemieux*, and Mr. *Gill*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize an addition to the Capital Stock of the “Commercial Bank of the Midland District, and to facilitate the transfer of “Shares in certain cases:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the several Acts incorporating the City Bank, “and to add to its Capital Stock:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Charter and increase the Capital Stock “of the Bank of *Montreal*:”

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:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to increase the Capital Stock of *La Banque du Peuple*, “and for other purposes:”

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.”

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal School of Medicine and Surgery*, being read;

Mr. *Valois* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Roderick McDonald*. That the word “now” be left out, and the words “this “day six months” added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Canley,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Wilson,</i>

<i>Chauvcau,</i>	<i>Fincks.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Chisholm,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>	<i>46. Young.</i>
<i>Church,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>LeBontillier,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>35. Valois.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time this day six months.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the prevention of Intemperance in this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the Pilotage for and below the Port of *Quebec*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the College of *Monnoir*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill further to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under "the name of the *Quebec* Friendly Society;" and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *O'Farrell* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to ascertain and determine the powers of the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads, and for other purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to give Mechanics and others a Lien on buildings for work done by them to or upon the same, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the Public Printing and Legal Advertizing, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec, Chaudière, Maine, and Portland Railway Company*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Statutes of this Province respecting Mortgages of personal property in *Upper Canada*, and to consolidate the same, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to increase the Jurisdiction of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act of last Session to extend the provisions of an Act empowering certain Municipal Councils to take Shares in certain Railroad Companies, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Oakville and Arthur Railway Company*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Papin*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Lemieux*, and Mr. *Loranger*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to extend the time for completing the *Louth Harbour*, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Provincial Statute 25 *Geo. 3*, cap. 2, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Educational and Evangelical Society established at *La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal*, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the original Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal* denominated the *German Evangelical Church*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Fergusson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent the taking of Trout with Nets in the Lakes of the County of *Saguenay*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Casault*, Mr. *Valois*, Mr. *Jobin*, Mr. *Taché*, and Mr. *Larvill*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to extend the Elective Franchise, and better to define the Qualifications of Voters in certain Electoral Divisions, by providing a system for the registration of Voters, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of this Province passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Duties of Excise so far as regards *Upper Canada*, and to vest certain powers in the Municipal Authorities of that part of the Province," being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to declare that all Township and other Municipal Councillors shall be *ex officio* Justices of the Peace, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Kingsey Slate Works*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Ship-ton Slate Works*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the Municipality of the Village of *Oshawa* to construct a Harbour on Lake *Ontario*, and to make a Tram Road therefrom to the Village, with power to extend the same to *Scugog* Lake, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to extend the Elective Franchise, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enforce Arbitration upon Litigants in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal in part an Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to provide a remedy against the Corporation of the City of *Quebec*, in case of injury to property by any Mob during Riots in the said City," being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey or demise certain Lands held by him in trust; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Stevenson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 183, intituled, "An Act to provide for the recovery of the rates and taxes intended to be imposed by certain By-Laws of the late District Councils in *Upper Canada*," being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Corresponding Committee at *Montreal* of the Colonial Church and School Society, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic.* cap. 96, to facilitate the performance of the duties of Justices of the Peace, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to allow Notaries to receive the advice of relations and friends without being thereto authorized by a Judge in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their power to Notaries; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Papin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the proceedings of forced Licitations, and to give them the effect of Sheriffs Sales (*Décrets*), being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada Bible Society*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Upper Canada Religious Tract and Book Society*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to prohibit Interments in certain Burial Grounds in "the City of *Quebec*," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Allegn*, Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, Mr. *Cauchon*, Mr. *Rhodes*, and Mr. *Casault*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the means of publishing and obtaining a correct and impartial Report of the Debates of the House, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was on Tuesday the seventh instant, proposed to be made to the proposed Amendment to the Question, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, representing to His Excellency that, in the opinion of this House, the time has arrived when a different and much more satisfactory arrangement may be made as regards the place of convening Parliament, than at present exists: That the present system of alternate Parliaments is inconsistent with a proper regard to the economical expen liture of public money, uncalled for by the necessities of the country, injurious to the preservation and methodical arrangement of the Public Archives and Library, and productive of great inconvenience and injustice to permanent Officers in the Public Departments; and that the same ought to be changed, and a permanent place selected for the assembling of Parliament, suited, as far as possible, to the convenience of all sections of the Province: and which proposed Amendment was, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "it is inexpedient

“ to interfere with the arrangement in regard to the Seat of Government adopted “ by this House in 1849, and re-affirmed in 1851” inserted instead thereof; and which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, That the words “ and “ that in accordance with that arrangement the Public Departments should be “ removed to *Toronto* in 1855” be added at the end thereof;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the fourteenth day of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Corporation of the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec* to borrow an additional sum for the construction of Water Works, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to require Educational Institutions receiving aid from the Province to lay certain Returns before the Legislature yearly, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 14 & 15 *Vic. cap. 105*, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Members “ of the Medical Profession in *Lower Canada*, and to regulate the study and practice of Physic and Surgery therein, to afford relief to certain persons who were in “ practice as Physicians and Surgeons in this Province at the time when the said “ Act became Law,” being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the International Exploring, Mining and Manufacturing Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Statute 16 *Vic. cap. 124, sec. 4*, being read;

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein; Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Laberge* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Laberge* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to legalize certain transactions and to alter the tenure of Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill 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; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Hartman* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to renew the Charter of the *Humber* Harbour Company, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to change the name of the *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, and to amend the Act incorporating the same; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cartier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Cartier* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Somerville* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, and the Question being put, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to improve the Law relating to Betterment, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to prevent the traffic in alcoholic and intoxicating Liquors, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and Saguenay* Railway Company: and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Bureau* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Bureau* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Angus Morrison*, seconded by Mr. *Felton*,

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Controverted Election for the County of *Saguenay* having reported to this House, that the facts connected with the last Election for the said County, and especially the conduct of the Deputy Returning Officers for the Parish of *St. Urbain*, the Parish of *Ste. Agnès*, the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, the Parish of *Les Eboulements*, and the Parish of *St. Etienne*, were such as to demand the serious consideration of this House; it is ordered, that *John McEwen*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, *Michael McCarty*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Urbain*, *Antoine Guay*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Ste. Agnès*, *Louis Lavoie*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Les Eboulements*, and *Edouard Tremblay*, late Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Etienne*, in the said County, respectively, do appear at the bar of this House, on Thursday the first day of March next, each severally to answer for his conduct as such Deputy Returning Officer at the said Election; and that a Copy of the present Resolution and Order, certified by the Clerk of this House, be served by the Serjeant-at-Arms, or his Deputy, on the said Deputy Returning Officers respectively.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Huntingdon* Academy: and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Shaw* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mason* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to

incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Rankin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Rankin* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of *Bedford*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Thibau-deau* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company," being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the Mutual Assurance Companies of the *Fabriques* of the Dioceses of *Quebec* and *Three Rivers*, and of *Montreal* and *St. Hyacinthe*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Alleyn* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in-Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Sorel*, *Drummondville* and *Richmond* Railway Company, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Saint Francis* Bank, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the twentieth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Eastern Townships' Bank, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mattice*

reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Mattice* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of the President, Directors, and Company of the *Fort Erie* Canal Company, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enable Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran* Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony therein; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ferres* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Copper Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Poulin* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered. That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Poulin* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange certain Concession Lines in the said Township; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cauchon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December next.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,

The House adjourned.

Jovis, 30^o die Novembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Patrick*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Prescott*.

By Mr. *Papin*,—The Petition of *John Dalrymple* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch de l'Achigan*, County of *L'Assomption*.

By Mr. *Pouliot*,—The Petition of *Marcel Fortier* and others, of *Ste. Hénédine*, and other Parishes, in the County of *Dorchester*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of *Pierre Nolin*, junior, and others, of that part of the Township of *Arthabaska* commonly called the *Gore of Arthabaska*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of *J. A. Roy* and others, of the Parish of *St. Arsène* and the Townships of *Wentworth* and *Viger*.

By Mr. *Holton*,—The Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade; and the Petition of Messieurs *Gillespie*, *Moffatt* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of *Montreal*.

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

Of *Richard Hendershot* and others, of the Village of *Thorold*, County of *Welland*; praying for the passing of an Act to make Vessels passing through the Canals in this Province liable for payment for Stores and Provisions furnished, although the Captains of such Vessels may be changed or removed.

Of *Prisque Millette* and others, School Commissioners of *Sorel*; praying aid for the erection of two School buildings.

Of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, of *Canada* and of the *United States of America*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the *Northern Pacific Railway Company*.

On motion of Mr. *Holton*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal* Board of Trade be now received and read, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying for certain amendments to the Tariff of Customs Duties now before the House.

Ordered, That the Petition of Messieurs *Gillespie*, *Moffatt* and Company, and others, Merchants and Traders of *Montreal*, be now received and read, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying that Tea and Coffee when imported direct from the places of their growth by way of the *St. Lawrence*, may be admitted Free of Duty.

Ordered, That the Petition of *George Webster*, of the City of *Kingston*, be referred to the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

Mr. *Fergusson*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of an undue Election and Return for the City of *Quebec*, informed the House, That the Committee had come to the following Resolutions, as their final determination, upon the merits of the Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, Esquire, without prejudice to the merits of the other Petition referred to the Committee:

1. *Resolved*, That *Jean Blanchet*, Esquire, one of the Sitting Members for the

City of *Quebec*, had, previous to his Election, held the Office of a Visiting Physician to the Marine and Emigrant Hospital at *Quebec*, which Office renders the person holding it ineligible as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province.

2. *Resolved*, That the said *Jean Blanchet* duly resigned his said Office in sufficient time to render him eligible as such Member of the Legislative Assembly.

3. *Resolved*, That the said *Jean Blanchet* was duly elected and returned Member to represent the said City of *Quebec* in the present Parliament, so far as relates to the matters alleged in the Petition of *George Okill Stuart*, Esquire, against his Election and Return; but without prejudice to the rights of the said *George Okill Stuart*, or any other party in regard to the Petition of *George Okill Stuart* and others, also referred to this Committee.

4. *Resolved*, That neither the Petition of the said *George Okill Stuart*, on which these Resolutions are founded, nor the Defence of the said *Jean Blanchet* thereto, is frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Resolutions and Determination were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Seventh Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have had laid before them the Account Current of the Clerk of Your Honorable House, being for the period commencing at the date of audit of the last Account Current, 21st June last, to the 30th September following; and find by the vouchers laid before Your Committee by the Accountant, correct evidence of payment of the several sums included under the following heads, viz:—

	£	s.	d.
Indemnity to Members, 2nd Session, 4th Parliament.....	1826	3	0
Salaries to Officers of the House.....	2918	18	11
Extra Translators and Writers.....	66	10	0
Messengers.....	292	17	6
Library.....	437	6	0
Printing and Binding.....	3165	6	8
Stationery.....	230	17	1
Postage.....	163	3	3
Newspapers and Advertizing.....	301	5	10
Tradesmen and others.....	3826	16	2
Miscellaneous.....	2610	13	8

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Your Committee beg further to report, that the sums acknowledged to have been received are correct, being, including the sum of Eight thousand and forty-nine pounds four shillings and two-pence as balance in the hands of the Clerk at the last audit, Twenty-two thousand eight hundred and ninety-four pounds four shillings and two-pence, leaving a balance in the hands of the Clerk on the 30th September, 1854, of Seven thousand and fifty-four pounds six shillings and one penny, to the credit of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have had their attention particularly drawn to the payment of Two thousand eight hundred and fifty-one pounds nineteen shillings and nine-pence, for various objects, which appears to have been paid upon the order of the Commissioner of Public Works, principally for the preparation of the Buildings required for the use of the Legislative Assembly. Your Committee consider such payments as not properly falling within the Contingent Expenses of Your Honorable House, and they desire to express their decided disapproval of Your Honorable

House being made responsible for expenditure incurred under the orders of the Board of Works, without the sanction of Your Honorable House. They therefore recommend, that the sums so paid be included in the ordinary Estimates, and replaced at the credit of the Contingencies of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee feel it their duty to direct attention to the payment of One thousand nine hundred and fifty-one pounds eleven shillings and three-pence, on the 11th September last, as one quarter's Salary to the Officers of Your Honorable House, which they understand to have been paid for extra compensation for the year 1853, from which date their Salaries have been increased; and among the names of those receiving such quarter's Salary, appear those of *W. B. Lindsay*, Clerk, £187 10s.; *G. B. Faribault*, Assistant Clerk, £137 10s.; and *G. W. Wicksteed*, Law Clerk, £125.

Your Committee, without reflecting either upon the character or abilities of those gentlemen, refer to the following Extract from the Journals of 1846, fixing the Salaries of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk: "*W. B. Lindsay*, £750 per annum, to be taken as in lieu of all fees, allowances, and per centage, and to be continued only during the continuance in office of the present incumbent, in consideration of his long and faithful services; and thereafter to be fixed at £600 per annum. *G. B. Faribault*, Assistant Clerk, £550 per annum, to be taken in lieu of all allowances, and to be granted to the present incumbent only, in consideration of his long and faithful services, and in collecting Historical documents for the Library of the House and other services during the recess, and thereafter to be fixed at £450 per annum;" and are of opinion that the Salaries of those gentlemen are most ample, and that they have been improperly included in the said list, and Your Committee recommend that the Clerk be directed to cause the said sums to be repaid.

Your Committee also observe the payment of Ten pounds to *E. T. Fletcher*, a Clerk in the Crown Lands Office, for tracing maps. It is the opinion of Your Committee that information or work of this kind should be supplied by the Public Departments without charge to Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have had brought under their consideration the case of the Extra Writers in the different Offices who are at present allowed Twelve shillings and six-pence per day, and they recommend that from the commencement of the present Session, such Extra Writers be allowed at the rate of Fifteen shillings per day.

Account Current of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, of the monies received and disbursed by him as Contingencies, from 21st June to 30th September, 1854, both days inclusive.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
June 21, 1854..	8040	4	2			
July 8, do ..	45	0	0			
do do do ..	3000	0	0			
do do do ..	1800	0	0			
September 27, do ..	4000	0	0			
	6000	0	0			
				October 1, 1854..		
	£					
	22894	4	2			
October 1, 1854..	7054	6	1			
	£					
	22894	4	2			

	£	s.	d.
Indemnity to Members, 2nd Session, 4th Parliament, (12 1/2 c. 33)	1826	3	0
Salaries to the Officers of the House..	2918	18	11
Extra Translators and Writers	66	10	0
Messengers	292	17	6
Library	437	6	0
Printing, Printing Paper, and Binding.....	3165	6	8
Stationery.....	280	17	1
Postage.....	163	3	3
Newspapers and Advertizing	301	5	10
Tradesmen and others.....	3826	16	2
Miscellaneous	2610	13	8
Balance in hand of the Clerk.....	7054	6	1
	£		
	22894	4	2

E. and O. Excepted.
Quebec, 1st October, 1854.

Mos. Vaur, Accountant.

Wm. B. Lindsay, Clerk, Assy.



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

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to certain amendments to each of the same, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz:—

Bill to incorporate the Educational and Evangelical Society established at *La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal*:

Bill to incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works :

Bill to incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works:

Bill to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*:

Bill to incorporate the Eastern Townships' Bank :

Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Eastern Townships' Bank, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

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

Your Committee have examined the Petition of *W. H. Ponton* and others, and find that the Notices required have been fully given.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the Educational and Evangelical Society established at *La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooke* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the Grand Division and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in *Lower Canada*. He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. *James Ross* have leave to bring in a Bill to incorporate the *Ontario and Bay of Quinté Canal Company.*

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Roderick McDonald* be added to the Special Committee to which was referred the Letter of the Clerk of the House in reference to the appointment of an additional Clerk Assistant, in the place of *Jean Charles Chapuis*, Esquire, whose Election has been declared null.

Ordered, That Mr. *Gill* have leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the Canonical erection of Catholic Parishes for civil purposes, to regulate the erection and repairing of Churches, Sacristies, Parsonage Houses, and Churchyards, and to repeal certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned.

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

Mr. *Thomas Fortier* moved, seconded by Mr. *LeBoutillier*, and the Question being put, That during the recess, the Members of this House be permitted to send to their Constituents, Postage free, all such Parliamentary documents as they may think proper; and that Orders to that effect be given to the Post Masters in both sections of the Province; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act to revive the Act authorizing the Inhabitants of the Seigniorie of *Yamaska* to regulate the Common of the said Seigniorie,” without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steam Ship Company,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Ocean Steam Ship Company;” and the same were read, as follow:—

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.”

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

A Bill to extend the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*," to *Lower Canada*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes in *Montreal*, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Young* moved, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i> ,	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty. Gen.	<i>Prévost</i> ,
<i>Blanchet</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> , Thomas	<i>MacNab</i> , Sir A. N.	<i>Rhodes</i> ,
<i>Casault</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Robinson</i> ,
<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Galt</i> ,	<i>Mcagher</i> ,	<i>Ross</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Cawley</i> ,	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>Mongenais</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Guéremont</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , Sol. Gen.
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Morrison</i> , Joseph C.	<i>Somerville</i> ,
<i>Daoust</i> , Jean B.	<i>Holton</i> ,	<i>O'Farrell</i> ,	<i>Spence</i> ,
<i>Desaulniers</i> ,	<i>Langton</i> ,	<i>Patrick</i> ,	<i>Stevenson</i> ,
<i>De Witt</i> ,	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,	<i>Valois</i> ,
<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Lemieux</i> ,	<i>Pouliot</i> ,	<i>Yeilding</i> ,
<i>Dorion</i> , Antoine A.	<i>Loranger</i> ,	<i>Powell</i> ,	50. <i>Young</i> .
<i>Felton</i> ,	<i>Lyon</i> ,		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Crysler</i> ,	<i>Lumsden</i> ,	<i>Mattice</i> ,
<i>Bell</i> ,	<i>Darche</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , John S.	<i>Merritt</i> ,
<i>Bourassa</i> ,	<i>Fergusson</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> , Roderick	<i>Munro</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Hartman</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , Sidney
<i>Burton</i> ,	<i>Jackson</i> ,	<i>Masson</i> ,	<i>Smith</i> , James
<i>Cook</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,	<i>Matheson</i> ,	24. <i>Wilson</i> .

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes."

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to 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; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mackenzie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the Town of *London* to raise Sixty thousand pounds to consolidate the Debt of the Town, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

A Bill further to amend an Act, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of the *Quebec Friendly Society*," was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Quebec Friendly Society*."

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal* denominated the *German Evangelical Church*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey or demise certain Lands held by him in trust, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey, or to demise, certain Lands held by him in trust."

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

A Bill to allow Notaries to receive the advice of relations and friends without being thereto authorized by a Judge in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Prévost* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and Saguenay Railway Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyne* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Huntingdon Academy*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Somerville* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

A Bill to incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis Mining and Exploring Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Fergusson*, an amendment was made to the Bill in Page 7, line 46, by leaving out "ten per cent" and inserting "twenty per cent."

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyne* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Statute 16 Vic. cap. 124, sec. 4, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the *Upper Canada Joint Stock Pier, Wharf, Dry Dock, and Harbour Company Act.*"

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill 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, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *James Smith* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to change the name of the *Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company*, and to amend the Act incorporating the same, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of Mr. *James Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Langton*, an amendment was made to the Bill in Page 2, line 11, by inserting after the word "award" the words "into any Chartered Bank of this Province for the party entitled to the same."

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *James Smith* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to confirm a certain Survey in the Township of *Bedford*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill 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, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Papin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*, being read;

Mr. *Powell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Yeilding*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Honorable Mr. *Robinson* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Crawford*, That all the words after "be" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words "recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of amending the same, by leaving out the word "*Ottawa*" and inserting the word "*Bytown*" instead thereof, and leaving out that part of the Bill which "gives power to change the name of "*Bytown*" to "*Ottawa*" inserted instead thereof;"

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Ferre,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>10. Stevenson.</i>
<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Yeilding,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>49. Young.</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *O'Farrell* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Fournier*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "this day six months" added at the end thereof;

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

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Powell* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to enable Ministers of the Evangelical *Lutheran* Church in this Province to solemnize Matrimony therein, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "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."

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Canada* Copper Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to empower the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to exchange certain Concession Lines in the said Township, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Township of *Otonabee* to change a Concession Road Allowance for another portion of land to be given in lieu thereof."

Ordered, That Mr. *Langton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to enable the Trustees and Members of *Zion Church* in *Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate certain property of the said Church, and for other purposes; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Roderick McDonald* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Taché* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cauchon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Cauchon* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Exchange; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Thomas Fortier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Thomas Fortier* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Coal Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Bell* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canadian* Order of Odd Fellows in connection with the *Manchester* Unity, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the fourteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act establishing a Bureau of Agriculture, and consolidating the Laws relating to Agriculture, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the fourteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke* into a separate Municipality, and to establish a Registry Office therein, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the fourteenth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of Railroad Corporations and to regulate the same, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the fourteenth day of December next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *O'Farrell* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Cryslter* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Cryslter* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Ordered, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to incorporate the International Exploring, Mining and Manufacturing Company.

Ordered, That the 71st Rule of this House be suspended as regards the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* Mining Company.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,
The House adjourned.

Veneris, 1° *die Decembris*;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Edmund P. Roche*, Catholic Pastor of *Prescott*, and others, Catholic Inhabitants of the Diocese of *Kingston*.

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

Of the Committee of the *Montreal* Temperance Society; praying that no reduction may be made in the Duties charged on the importation of intoxicating Liquors, but that a Prohibitory Liquor Law be passed.

Of Messieurs *Buchanan, Harris* and Company, and others, of the City of *Hamilton*; praying the adoption of certain measures for the prevention of Fires and the destruction and loss of property thereat, for ascertaining their causes, and for the taxing of damages occasioned thereby in certain cases.

On motion of Mr. *Fergusson*, seconded by Mr. *Casault*,

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Quebec* Election Petitions have leave to adjourn until Tuesday the sixteenth day of January next, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, if the House be then sitting and if it be not then sitting, then until the third lawful day thereafter on which this House shall sit, at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

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

Your Committee have examined the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, with certain amendments, which they beg to submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House, viz:—

Bill to incorporate the International Exploring, Mining and Manufacturing Company:

Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence* Mining Company:

Bill to amend the original Act incorporating the *Upper Canada* Mining Company:

Bill to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*:

Bill 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:

Bill to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the International Exploring, Mining and Manufacturing Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time at the next Sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the original Act incorporating the *Upper Canada* Mining Company, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* moved, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, and the Question being put, That this House will adjourn, this day, at Six o'clock in the afternoon; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, James</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Shaw,</i>

<i>Cuvachon,</i>	<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, James</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Frazer,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Thibandean,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	40. <i>Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Burcau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Masson,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Daoust, Jean B.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Vulois,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	32. <i>Young.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Honorable *A. N. Morin* and others, of *Canada* and of the *United States of America*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the next Sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Bill to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Bill to 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, as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Monday next.

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read,

And the Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill 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, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Frazer*, a Clause (And be it enacted, That this Act shall be in force for one year from the passing thereof and no longer,) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to enable the Board of School Trustees of the Town of *Chatham* to dis-

pose advantageously of a Lot of Land appropriated for School purposes in that Town, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Larwill* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill 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, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Megantic Mining Company*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Solicitor General Ross* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Toronto Exchange*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferrie* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to regulate the time of payment of Bills and Promissory Notes which may fall due on legal Holidays, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Solicitor General Smith*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend and extend the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*, being read;

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some

time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered; and is as followeth:—

Elgin and Kincardine,

The Governor General transmits to the Legislative Assembly, a Statement of the probable Revenue and Expenditure of the Province during the year 1854, together with an Estimate of the sums required for the Public Service of the same year; and in conformity with the provisions of the 57th Clause of the Union Act, he recommends these Estimates to the Legislative Assembly.

Government House,

Quebec, 1st December, 1854.

For the Statement and Estimates accompanying the said Message, see Appendix (D.)

Ordered, That the said Message and the accompanying Estimates, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 22nd ultimo, for copy of certain Correspondence relative to the *Montreal* Harbour.

For the said Return, see Appendix (G.G.)

A Bill to amend the Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to *Guelph*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of Mr. *Fergusson*, seconded by Mr. *Jackson*, amendments were made to the Bill in Page 1, line 26, by leaving out "Act" and inserting "and;" in Page 2, lines 8 and 13, by leaving out "five" and inserting "ten;" and in Page 2, line 48, by inserting after the word "thereof" the words "Provided always that this Section shall be held to extend and be applicable only to the Railway between *Guelph* and *Galt*, and not to any extension thereof under the provisions of this "Act."

And a Clause (The said extension to *Owen Sound* shall be commenced within three years and completed within seven years; and the said extension to *Berlin* shall be commenced within three years and completed within seven years respectively, from the passing of this Act.) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Fergusson* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

And at Six o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next.

Lunæ 4^o die Decembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Prévost*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*.

By Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*,—The Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Crawford*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Catharines*.

By Mr. *Hartman*,—The Petition of *Joshua Willson* and others, of the Townships of *Whitchurch* and *East Cavilimbury*, County of *York*.

By Mr. *Gubéremont*,—The Petition of *E. C. Allen* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, County of *Richelieu*.

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

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Prescott*; praying that the Assessment Acts for *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to relieve Incorporated Towns from liability to taxation by County Councils, and from the necessity of sending Reeves and Deputy Reeves to such County Councils.

Of *John Dalrymple* and others, of the Parish of *St. Roch de l'Achigan*, County of *L'Assomption*; praying aid for the construction of Bridges over certain Ravines in the said Parish.

Of *Murcel Fortier* and others, of *Ste. Hénédine*, and other Parishes, in the County of *Dorchester*; praying that the said Parish of *Ste. Hénédine* may be made the Seat of the said County, and a Registry Office established thereat.

Of *Pierre Nolin*, junior, and others, of that part of the Township of *Arthabaska* commonly called the *Gore* of *Arthabaska*; praying that certain Ranges of the said *Gore* may be attached to the District of *Quebec*.

Of *J. A. Roy* and others, of the Parish of *St. Arsène* and the Townships of *Wentworth* and *Viger*; praying that the Seat of the County of *Temiscouata* may be established at the said Parish.

Of the Reverend *Edmund P. Roche*, Catholic Pastor of *Prescott*, and others, Catholic Inhabitants of the Diocese of *Kingston*; praying for the establishment of Separate Common Schools in *Upper Canada*, and that they may share in the proceeds of the Clergy Reserves.

Ordered, That the List of the Officers of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, with the accompanying Statement, laid before this House on the twenty-fourth of October last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. *Papin*, seconded by Mr. *Masson*,

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Argenteuil*, having animadverted on the conduct of *Jean George Lebel*, Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *St. Hermas*, in the said County, during the said Election, as having been highly reprehensible during the said Election, and having by such animadversion directed the serious attention of the House to that matter; it is ordered, that the said *Jean George Lebel*, of the said Parish of *St. Hermas*, in the said County of *Argenteuil*, Esquire, Notary, do appear at the bar of this

House, on Thursday the eighth day of March next, to give an account of his conduct as Deputy Returning Officer at the said Election; and that a Copy of the present Resolution and Order, certified by the Clerk of this House, be served on the said *Jean George Lebel* by the Serjeant-at-Arms, or his Deputy.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of imposing, for a limited time, further penalties to prevent fraud and violence at Elections in the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Saguenay*.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Fournier* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Lemieux*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Laval*, informed the House, That the Committee had determined,

That *Pierre Labelle*, Esquire, the Sitting Member for the County of *Laval*, was eligible as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province at the time of the late Election for the said County of *Laval*, and that he was and is duly elected and returned to represent the said County of *Laval* in the said Legislative Assembly.

That neither the Petition of *André Benjamin Papineau*, Esquire, nor the Defence of the said *Pierre Labelle*, Esquire, is frivolous or vexatious.

And the said Determinations were ordered to be entered on the Journals of this House.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Kamouraska*, be now read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Controverted Election for the County of *Kamouraska*, having reported to this House, that the Deputy Returning Officer for the Parish of *Rivière Ouëlle*, at the said Election, *Joseph Magloire Hudon*, Esquire, had acted corruptly, fraudulently, and in violation of Law and his Oath of Office; it is ordered, that the said *Joseph Magloire Hudon*, Esquire, do appear at the bar of this House, on the first Monday in March next, to answer for his conduct as a Deputy Returning Officer at the said Election; and that a Copy of the present Resolution and Order, certified by the Clerk of this House, be served on the said *Joseph Magloire Hudon*, Esquire, by the Serjeant-at-Arms, or his Deputy.

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Controverted Election for the County of *Kamouraska*, having reported, that acts of violence, and glaring illegal practices, were resorted to at the several Polls held in the Parishes of *St. Anne*, *St. Denis*, *Mont-Carmel*, and *Lxworth*, during the said Election; it is ordered, that the respective Deputy Returning Officers at the said Polling places, do appear at the bar of this House, on the first Monday in March next, severally to answer for their conduct at the said Election; and that a Copy of the present Resolution and Order, certified by the Clerk of this House, be served on the late Deputy Returning Officers, respectively, by the Serjeant-at-Arms, or his Deputy.

On motion of Mr. *Burton*, seconded by Mr. *Macbeth*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, the Annual Report of the Normal, Grammar and Model Schools of *Upper Canada*, for the year 1852.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of repealing the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 24, relative to the Harbour of *Montreal*, and making other enactments instead thereof.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Luberge* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, That this House will resolve itself into a Committee to consider the expediency of increasing the Salaries of the subordinate Officers of the several Departments of the Public Service, and of the Chief Justices and Puisné Judges, and Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the Superior Courts of this Province.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, a Member of the Executive Council, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, then acquainted the House, that His Excellency having been informed of the subject-matter of this Motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 18th September last, for certain information relative to the Building rented for the use of the Legislature from the Grey Nuns, and which Building was burned in May last.

For the said Return, see Appendix (E.)

On motion of Mr. *Sidney Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause the proper Officer to lay before this House, a copy of all Documents and Correspondence between the Post Office authorities and others, respecting the site lately purchased for a Post Office in the City of *Hamilton*.

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

On motion of Mr. *Brown*, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*,

Ordered, That the Return relative to the Building leased from the Grey Nuns, presented this day, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Thomas Fortier*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 5° die Decembris ;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THE following Petition was brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Peter Malcolm* and others, of the Village of *Scotland*, County of *Brant*.

Ordered, That the Proceedings and Final Resolutions of, and the Evidence taken before, the Select Committees appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petitions complaining of the undue Elections and Returns of Members for the Counties of *Saguenay*, *Kamouraska*, *Argenteuil*, and *Laval*, be laid upon the table of this House; and that One thousand Copies of the same be printed together, for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Order of this House of Wednesday last, that the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Sorel, Drummondville* and *Richmond* Railway Company be postponed until Wednesday the thirteenth day of December instant, be rescinded; and that the said Order of the day for the House in Committee on the said Bill be postponed until To-morrow.

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

Ordered, That the Report of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Saguenay*, be now read; and the same being read;

Resolved, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Controverted Election for the County of *Saguenay*, having reported to this House, that *Jean Gagné*, of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, in the County of *Saguenay*, Notary Public, was privy to the collusive dealing with the Poll Book for the Parish of *St. Fidèle*, in the said County, and to the inscribing thereon four thousand pretended names as Votes at the late Election, and was thus guilty of a gross breach of the Privileges of this House; it is ordered, that the said *Jean Gagné* do appear at the bar of this House, on the first Monday of March next, to answer for his said misconduct and breach of Privilege; and that a Copy of the present Resolution and Order, certified by the Clerk of this House, be served on the said *Jean Gagné* by the Serjeant-at-Arms, or his Deputy.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to extend 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*,” with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly, of the 14th September last, for Statement of monies in the hands of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, and for Tariff of Fees collected in his Office.

For the said Return, see Appendix (U.U.)

Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 4th instant, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, the Annual Report of the Normal, Grammar, and Model Schools for *Upper Canada*, for the year 1852.

For the said Return, see Appendix (B.)

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to 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 the same were read, 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 according 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.”

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Amendments be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

A Bill to incorporate the International Exploring, Mining, and Manufacturing Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to incorporate the “International Mining and Manufacturing Company.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to regulate the time of payment of Bills and Promissory Notes which may fall due on legal Holidays, being read ;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time ;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That all the words after “be” to the end of the Question be left out, and the words “recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to abolish all legal recognition of merely sectarian Holidays” inserted instead thereof ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

Bell,
Brown,

Frazer,
Hartman,

Lumsden,
Lyon.

Matheson,
Munro,

Ferguson,
Ferrie,

Larivell,

Mackenzie,

13. Powell.

NAYS.

Messieurs

Aikins,
Allen,
Blanchet,
Bourassa,
Brodeur,
Bureau,
Casault,
Cauchon,
Cayley,
Chabot,
Chauveau,
Coote,
Cook,
Crawford,
Crysler,
Daoust, Jean B.

Darch,
De Witt,
Dionne,
Dorion, Jean B. E.
Dorion, Antoine A.
Dufresne,
Fortier, Thomas
Fortier, Octave C.
Fournier,
Gill,
Guévremont,
Jobin,
Labelle,
Laberge,
Langton,
Laporte,

LeBoutillier,
Lennicx,
Macbeth,
Macdonald, John S.
Macdonald, Atty-Gen.
McDonald, Rodrick
MacNab, Sir A. N.
Marchildon,
Matice,
Meagher,
Merritt,
Mongenais,
Morin,
Morrison, Joseph C.
Murney,
O'Farrell,
Papin,
Patrick,
Prévost,
Rankin,
Robinson, Sol. Gen.
Ross, James
Shaw,
Smith, Sol. Gen.
Smith, Sidney
Smith, James
Spence,
Stevenson,
Thibaudeau,
Turcotte,
64. Valois.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put ;

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the House in Committee of Supply, being read ;

Ordered, That the Message of His Excellency the Governor General transmitting to this House the Estimates of the sums required for the service of the year 1854, together with the said Estimates, be referred to the said Committee.

The House then resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Patrick* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Valois*,
The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 6° die Decembris ;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—
By Mr. *Desaulniers*,—The Petition of the Reverend *E. Aubry* and others, of *St. Léon* and other Parishes, County of *St. Maurice*.
By Mr. *LeBoutillier*,—The Petition of *W. Johnston* and others, of the *Magdalen Islands*.

By Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*,—The Petition of *J. G. Beard* and others, Merchants, Traders, and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Dionne*,—The Petition of *Jean Thibault* and others, of the upper part of the Township *Viger*, County of *Rimouski*.

By Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Daniel Byrne* and others, of the Counties of *Lotbinière*, *Megantic*, and *Beauce*.

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

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*; praying that the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company may not pass into Law, or otherwise that the Parishes of the said County may be discharged from their engagements with the said Company.

Of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*; praying that the Tavern License Law may be so amended as more effectually to suppress Intemperance.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; of the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; and of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Catharines*; praying that the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to relieve Incorporated Towns from liability to taxation by County Councils, and from the necessity of sending Reeves and Deputy Reeves to such County Councils.

Of *Joshua Willson* and others, of the Townships of *Whitchurch* and *East Gwillimbury*, County of *York*; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company for the construction of a Railway from *Port Perry* on *Lake Scugog*, to some point on the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron* Railroad.

Of *E. C. Allen* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre de Sorel*, County of *Richelieu*; praying for payment of a certain amount due them for their services as School Teachers in the said Parish for and during the Scholastic year ending on the 30th June, 1846.

Mr. *Alfred Patrick*, Chief Clerk of Committees and of Controverted Elections, presented, pursuant to Order, the Minutes of Evidence and Proceedings taken and had before the Select Committees on the *Saguenay*, *Kamouraska*, *Argenteuil*, and *Laval* Election Petitions.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Lemieux* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act and Ordinance, therein mentioned relating to the Trinity House of *Montreal*, and to amend and consolidate the provisions thereof," and to make further provisions concerning Pilots.

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

On motion of Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*,
Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all the Complaints which have been made against Mr. *Maguire*, Superintendent of Police for the City of *Quebec*.

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

Ordered, That the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Bytown*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*; the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Brantford*; and the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *St. Catharines*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Brockville*.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to make legal the Assessments made in *Upper Canada* during the year 1854, and extend the time for making Assessments, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

The Order of the day being read, for taking into further consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to 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*;"

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

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

Mr. *Cauchon*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Lotbinière*, informed the House, That at the instance of the Sitting Member, the Committee have granted a Commission, and have appointed *William Pover*, Esquire, Circuit Judge, to be Commissioner to enquire as to the fact of bribery and corrupt practices having been made use of by the Petitioner, or his authorized agents, at the last Election for the said County of *Lotbinière*.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Lotbinière* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until the first day of February next, if the House be then sitting, and if not sitting, to the tenth day next after the House shall have met.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee of Supply; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had made further progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Thibaudeau*, seconded by Mr. *Lemicux*,
The House adjourned.

Jovis, 7^o die Decembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *James Smith*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*.

By Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison*,—The Petition of *James R. Gowen*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Simcoe*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petition was read:—

Of *Peter Malcolm* and others, of the Village of *Scotland*, County of *Brant*; representing that they served during the War of 1812, under Major General *Brock*, who, by Proclamation, offered two hundred acres of Land to each Volunteer, that they have received only one-half of the land so promised to them, although they performed far more than the service required by the Proclamation; and praying that the remainder of the said quantity of land may be granted to them.

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

Your Committee have examined the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Lyn Manufacturing Company*,” and have made several amendments thereto, which they respectfully submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Your Committee have also examined the Bill 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, and have agreed to report the same without any amendment.

Mr. *Langton*, from the Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

The Committee have 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 1st February last. As already made known to Your Honorable 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 Five thousand seven hundred pounds, 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 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*, Baronet, 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; the 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 consider 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 Committee, 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 would 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 Two thousand five hundred pounds 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 by 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 Department 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 One hundred and fifty pounds. 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 six-pence 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 complete 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 Twenty-five pounds 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. Your Honorable House, upon the Report of former Committees, had authorized at different times, the number of 235 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 Two hundred and fifty pounds: For this sum he would undertake to print the work and to furnish the Legislature with 1000 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 Doctor *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 on the progress of Education in *Canada*, which cannot fail to instruct 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 Doctor *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 taken into consideration at the next Sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lyn* Manufacturing Company," as reported from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for the next Sitting of the House.

Ordered, That the Bill to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery in *Upper Canada*, to admit *John Jeremy Macaulay* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein, respectively, be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. *Sidney Smith*, seconded by Mr. *Masson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all Provincial Debentures issued in aid of the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and *Huron* Railway Company, shewing in detail the amount and date of each issue, the date of the Order in Council under which each issue was made, and the Certificate of work done on which each application was granted.

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

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn

until Saturday next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon; and that this House will, on that day, adjourn at Four o'clock in the afternoon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* and Mr. *Lyon* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill 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, instead of Mr. *Wilson* and Mr. *Freeman* now absent.

Ordered, That Mr. *Stevenson* be added to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Brockville*, in the room of Mr. *Wilson* now absent.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to 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 the said Amendments, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Mongenais* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Naturalization Laws of this Province:"

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:"

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:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the North Shore Railway Company:"

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*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey, or to demise, certain Lands held by him in trust:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Quebec Friendly Society*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Act, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*," to *Lower Canada*:"

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:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Upper Canada* Joint Stock Pier, Wharf, Dry Dock, and Harbour Company:"

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:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of *Bedford*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect the Town of *Bytown* into a City, under the name of the City of *Ottawa*."

And then he withdrew.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Saturday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

Mr. *Sidney Smith* also reported, That he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Mr. *Laberge*, from the Committee to consider the expediency of repealing the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 24, relative to the Harbour of *Montreal*, and making other enactments instead thereof, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 24, by which the Harbour of *Montreal* is now governed, and to make other enactments instead thereof.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the said Harbour of *Montreal* be under the management of five Commissioners, two to be appointed by the Governor, and three to be elected yearly by the *Montreal* Board of Trade.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the Dues to be paid in the said Harbour be fixed by law, subject to the provision hereinafter mentioned.

4. *Resolved*, That for the purpose of enabling the Commissioners to extend and improve the Wharves and other accommodation in the Harbour, and among other things to construct Docks at *Hochelaga* Bay, it is expedient to authorize the Commissioners to borrow, at any rate of Interest not exceeding eight per cent per annum, such sums as may be required for the said purposes, not exceeding in the whole One hundred thousand pounds sterling, the Interest upon such sum, as well as the Interest on sums borrowed under former Acts, to be paid, without priority or preference of the one over the other, out of the proceeds of the Harbour Dues, after deducting the expenses of collection, management and repairs.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the said Commissioners should continue the work already in progress under former Acts, for the purpose of deepening the Channel of the River *St. Lawrence* through Lake *St. Peter*, and elsewhere, and should extend and complete the same, so as to secure a Channel from *Quebec* to *Montreal*, not having at low water a less depth at any place than twenty feet, and should mark out such Channels by Beacons and Buoys, from *Montreal* to *Portneuf* in the Port of *Quebec*.

6. *Resolved*, That for the purposes mentioned in the next preceding Resolution, it is expedient to authorize the said Commissioners to borrow at any rate of Interest not exceeding eight per cent per annum, such further sum as may be required for the said purposes, not exceeding in the whole the sum of One hundred thousand pounds sterling, the Interest on the sum so borrowed, and a Sinking Fund of not less than two per cent per annum on such sum, to be paid and provided out of the Tolls or Duties mentioned in the next following Resolution.

7. *Resolved*, That for the purposes mentioned in the next preceding Resolution, it is expedient to empower the said Commissioners to levy a Toll or Duty not exceeding one shilling currency per ton, for each time of passing, on all vessels drawing

ten feet water or upwards, and navigating the Channel to be made as aforesaid : and that for the said purposes, the Commissioner of Public Works should place at the disposal of the said Harbour Commissioners, the Vessels, Machinery, and Tools acquired for the purpose of deepening Lake *St. Peter*, and also an unexpended balance of the money appropriated by the Legislature for the said work.

8. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that if the proceeds of the Tolls and Dues authorized by the Act to be passed in pursuance of the foregoing Resolutions, be at any time found insufficient to enable the said Harbour Commissioners to meet all the charges upon their Revenuc, the Governor may add such per centage to all the Tolls and Dues aforesaid, as will in his opinion, be sufficient to enable the Commissioners to meet the said charges.

9. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient that the Guarantee of the Province be given for the payment of the Principal or Interest of any sum to be borrowed by the said Commissioners, for any of the purposes mentioned in the preceding Resolutions.

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

The second Resolution being read a second time, and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution:—It passed in the Negative.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* have leave to bring in a Bill to repeal the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 24, and to make other provision for the management of the Harbour of *Montreal*.

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,

The House adjourned until Saturday next.

Sabbati, 9^o die Decembris ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

Of the Reverend *E. Aubry* and others, of *St. Léon*, and other Parishes, County of *St. Maurice*; praying aid for the opening of certain Roads, and the construction of Bridges in the said County.

Of *W. Johnston* and others, of the *Magdalen* Islands; praying aid for the opening and improvement of Roads in the said Islands.

Of *J. G. Beard* and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the City of *Toronto*; praying that the Bill for the relief of Merchants, Traders, and others, may not pass into Law.

Of *Jean Thibault* and others, of the upper part of the Township of *Viger*, County of *Rimouski*; praying aid for their sustenance during the winter, and to provide them with Grain for Seed next spring, in consideration of the loss of their crops by reason of the early frosts of September last.

Of *Daniel Byrne* and others, of the Counties of *Lotbinière*, *Megantic*, and *Beauce*; praying aid for the construction of a Bridge across *Beaurivage* River, at the place called *Penny's Bridge*, in the Parish of *St. Sylvestre*.

Of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*; praying that the Municipal and Assessment Acts for *Upper Canada* may be so amended as to relieve Incorporated Towns from liability to taxation by County Councils, and from the necessity of sending Reeves and Deputy Reeves to such County Councils.

Of *James R. Gowen*, Esquire, and others, of the County of *Simcoe*; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the County of *Simcoe* Mechanics' Institute.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*, relative to the *Vaudreuil* Railway, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Port Hope*, be referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Petition of the Town Council of *Brockville*.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House on Friday the twenty-seventh day of October last, being read;

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

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of imposing, for a limited time, further penalties to prevent fraud and violence at Elections in the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Saguenay*, being read;

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

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of increasing the Salaries of the subordinate Officers of the several Departments of the Public Service, and of the Chief Justices and Puisné Judges, and Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the Superior Courts of this Province, being read;

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish Conciliation Courts, and to facilitate the settlement of Civil Actions by Arbitration in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the fifteenth day of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *DeWitt*, Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, Mr. *Lemieux*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and Mr. *Prévost*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to make the local Magistracy elective in *Upper and Lower Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Town of *Sorci*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Members of the *British American Friendly Society of Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dufresne* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Dufresne* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill 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, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 8 *Vic.* cap. 49, and to extend the provisions of the same, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate *St. Francis College*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Thomas Fortier* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Thomas Fortier* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Hoche-laga Dock Company*, and for other purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts incorporating the *Montreal and New York Railroad Company*, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company, and for other purposes, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Welland* Canal Fire and Marine Insurance Company, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from *Peterborough* to *Mud Lake*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm the City of *Toronto* in possession of the Peninsula and Marsh now held by it under License, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Port Burwell* Harbour Company, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to consolidate and amend the Laws relating to Tavern Licenses, and for the more effectual repression of Intemperance, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to avoid all doubts respecting the interpretation of an Act relative to the *Montreal* and *New York* Railroad Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the more expeditious transaction of public business in certain cases, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twentieth day of February next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the representation in the Directory of Railroad Companies of Municipalities taking Stock in or loaning Monies to such Companies under the provisions of the Municipal Loan Fund Act of *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Prerogative Writs Act, and to make new provision respecting Writs of *Scire Facias*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Felton*, Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Sanborn*, and Mr. *Polette*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the registration of Births, Marriages, and Burials in *Upper Canada*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to attach certain Lands in the Gore of *Camden* to the Township of *Dawn*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal an Act passed in the 13 & 14 *Vic.* cap. 74, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Indians in *Upper Canada* from imposition, and the property occupied and enjoyed by them "from trespass and injury," being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the bringing of Actions by or against Inspectors and Overseers of Roads, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Laberge*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, Mr. *Poulin*, Mr. Solicitor General *Ross*, and the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, to report thereon with all convenient speed; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address from the Legislative Assembly to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the 24th ultimo, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before the House, a copy of the Treaty or Treaties recently entered into with the Indians of *Saugeen* and Lake *Huron*, for the purchase of the Lands known as the Indian Reserve in that locality.

For the said Return, see Appendix (V.V.)

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to indemnify Inspectors and Overseers of Roads in certain cases, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate *St. Michael's* College in the City of *Toronto*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the Election of Mayors of Cities and Towns, and Wardens of Counties in *Upper Canada*, directly by the Electors, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the appointment of Crown Prosecutors in each District, and of Associate Coroners in each County in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Hamilton and Toronto Railway Company*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Act to establish Mutual Insurance Companies in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Sydenham Harbour Company*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts relating to Building Societies, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Laberge*, Mr. *Papin*, Mr. *Alleyn*, Mr. *Cartier*, and Mr. *Casault*, to report thereon with all convenient speed ; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to enable the Great Western Railway to construct a Branch Railroad to the Town of *Brantford*, and to increase its Capital Stock, and for other purposes, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to continue an Act, intituled, "An Act for the better regulating the Common of the Seigniorship of *Laprairie de la Madeleine*," being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act to regulate the Duties between Master and Servant in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to reform the Municipal system of *Lower Canada*, and to establish County, Parish, and Township Municipalities therein, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 4 & 5 Vic. cap. 27, consolidating the Laws relative to Offences against the person, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Committee to which was referred the Bill to amend the Criminal Law of *Canada*.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for better securing the Independence of the Legislative Assembly, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to prevent Burials within Churches, and within the limits of Incorporated Villages, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to limit the Guarantee of the Province to any Railway Company to Three thousand pounds per mile, and for other purposes, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confer a Charter on the Millers' Association of *Canada West*, with Banking privileges, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Charter of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Locomotive Marine and Steam Forge Works Company, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts respecting certain Marriages in *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate *L'Hospice de St. Joseph de la Maternité de Québec*, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Eastern Townships' Bank, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Casault* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Casault* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Educational and Evangelical Society established at *La Grande Ligne*, in the District of *Montreal*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Saturday the twenty-third day of December instant.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ferrie* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Ferrie* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Crawford* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Crawford* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Gill* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gill* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, “An Act to regulate the time of payment of Bills and Promissory Notes which may fall due on legal Holidays:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Megantic* Mining Company:”

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis Mining and Exploring Company*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec and Saguenay Railway Company*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable Trustees and Members of *Zion Church* in *Montreal*, to alienate and hypothecate certain property of the said Church, and for other purposes:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the appropriation of monies arising from the Lands heretofore known as the Clergy Reserves, by rendering them available for Municipal purposes": And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal*, denominated the *German Evangelical Church*," with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada Copper Company*," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of a Religious Congregation at *Montreal*, denominated the *German Evangelical Church*;" and the same was read, as followeth:—

Page 2, line 32. Leave out from "within" to "then" in line 33, and insert "the City of *Montreal* as a site for."

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Holton* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada Copper Company*;" and the same were read, 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, were agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. *Hartman* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendments.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time on Monday next.

Mr. *Sidney Smith*, from the Committee of Supply, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salaries of two Deputy Adjutants General of Militia, for the year 1854.

2. Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred and fifty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salaries of three Clerks in the Offices of the Deputy Adjutants General of Militia, for the year 1854.

3. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Messenger in the Offices of the Deputy Adjutants General of Militia, for the year 1854.

4. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Contingent Expenses of Printing, Postages, Stationery, &c., for the Offices of the Deputy Adjutants General of Militia, for the year 1854.

5. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of one Provincial Aide-de-Camp, for the year 1854.

6. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

7. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

8. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Assistant Clerk and *French* Translator of the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

9. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Law Clerk of the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

10. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Chaplain and Librarian of the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

11. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, for the year 1854.

12. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Serjeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

13. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Head Messenger to the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

14. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Door-keeper to the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

15. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and thirty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salaries of three Messengers to the Legislative Council, at Forty-five pounds each, for the Session, for the year 1854.

16. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixteen thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.

17. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Indemnity to Members of the Legislative Council for their attendance, at Twenty shillings per diem, including Travelling Expenses at six-pence per mile, for the distance between the place of residence of such Members and the place at which the Session is held, for the year 1854.

18. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, for the year 1854.

19. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for the year 1854.

20. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Assistant Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, for the year 1854.

21. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Law Clerk and *English* Translator of the Legislative Assembly, for the year 1854.

22. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the *French* Translator of the Legislative Assembly, for the year 1854.

23. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the year 1854.

24. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Serjeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly, for the year 1854.

25. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-six thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Contingent Expenses of the Legislative Assembly, (exclusive of Indemnity to Members,) for the year 1854.

26. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Contingent Expenses of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, for the year 1854.

27. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and sixteen pounds thirteen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Salary of the Deputy Provincial Registrar and *French* Translator to Government, for the year 1854.

28. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of an additional Clerk in the Eastern Branch of the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the year 1854.

29. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to the Post Master General, for the year 1854.

30. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, for the year 1854.

31. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to the Honorable *H. H. Killaly*, for Engineering Services on the *Welland* Canal, for the year 1854.

32. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty-five pounds eleven shillings and four-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salaries to the Clerks in the Provincial Secretary's Office, for the year 1854.

33. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and eighty-three pounds six shillings and eleven-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salaries to the Clerks in the Provincial Registrar's Office, for the year 1854.

34. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salaries to the Clerks in the Receiver General's Office, for the year 1854.

35. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salaries to the Clerks in the Inspector General's Office, for the year 1854.

36. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Ninety-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salaries to five Messengers, viz: one in the Receiver General's Office, one in the Inspector General's Office, two in the Provincial Secretary's Office, and one in the Governor General's Secretary's Office, at Nineteen pounds each, for the year 1854.

37. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of a Messenger in the Provincial Registrar's Office, for the year 1854.

38. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Clerk attached to the Inspector General's Department to look after the interests of the Crown in respect to the *Quebec Fire Loan*, for the year 1854.

39. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Secretary to the Board of Registration and Statistics, for the year 1854.

40. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and eighty-two pounds ten shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Clerk arranging the Public Archives, &c. at *Montreal*, at ten shillings per diem, for the year 1854.

41. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to the Chief Clerk of the Crown Law Department, for the year 1854.

42. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds twelve shillings and seven-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to *M. A. Higgins*, late Clerk in the Office of the Attorney General West, from the 1st July to the 10th September, 1854, at Eighty-five pounds per annum.

43. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of a Clerk in the Customs Branch of the Inspector General's Department, for the year 1854.

44. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salaries of two Check Clerks in the Customs Branch of the Inspector General's Department, at Two hundred and fifty pounds each, for the year 1854.

45. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred and seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salaries of two Clerks in the Bureau of Agriculture, for the year 1854.

46. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of a Messenger in the Bureau of Agriculture, for the year 1854.

47. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Contingent Expenses of the Bureau of Agriculture, for the year 1854.

48. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-two pounds ten shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Gratuity to *W. R. Wright*, late Clerk in the Bureau of Agriculture, for the year 1854.

49. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and thirty-eight pounds eighteen shillings and four-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as additional Salary to *W. Kent*, Clerk in the Provincial Registrar's Office, from the 1st January, 1848, to the 31st December, 1852, at Twenty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and eight-pence, per annum.

50. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand six hundred and forty-five pounds sixteen shillings and three-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Gratuity of one quarter's Salary to the several Officers, Clerks, Messengers, &c., in the various Departments of Government, for the year 1854, in consequence of the high price of all necessaries of life.

51. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty-six pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *William Ginger*, as late Serjeant-at-Arms to the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

52. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *Samuel Waller*, as late Clerk of Committees to the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

53. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and thirty-three pounds six shillings and eight-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *William Coates*, as late Writing Clerk to the House of Assembly of *Upper Canada*, for the year 1854.

54. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *John Bright*, as late Messenger to the Legislative Council of *Upper Canada*, for the year 1854.

55. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *Louis Noreau*, as late Messenger to the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

56. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *Pierre Lacroix*, as late Messenger to the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

57. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *Louis Rodrigue*, as late Messenger to the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

58. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *Louis Gagné*, as late Messenger to the House of Assembly of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

59. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of *Jacques Brien*, for wounds received in the Public Service, for the year 1854.

60. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for an Allowance to Mrs. *McDonell*, on her claim for Dower on a certain property taken by the late *Welland Canal Commissioners*, for the year 1854.

61. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of Mrs. Widow *Antrobus*, for the year 1854.

62. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of Mrs. *Catherine Smith*, Widow of the late Mr. Justice *Pyke*, for the year 1854.

63. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Pension of Widow *McCormick*, for the year 1854.

64. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Commissioners for the relief of Indigent Sick at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

65. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Commissioners for the relief of Indigent Sick at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

66. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Commissioners for the relief of Indigent Sick at *Three Rivers*, for the year 1854.

67. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Corporation of the General Hospital at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

68. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Managers of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

69. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Ladies Benevolent Society of *Montreal*, for Widows and Orphans, for the year 1854.

70. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum, Quebec*, for the year 1854.

71. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal Protestant Orphan Asylum*, for the year 1854.

72. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Male Orphan Asylum, Quebec*, for the year 1854.

73. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Charitable Association of the Ladies of the *Roman Catholic Asylum at Montreal*, for the year 1854.

74. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Protestant Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society at *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

75. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the University Lying-in Hospital at *Montreal* for the year 1854.

76. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the University Lying-in Hospital at *Montreal*, under the care of the *Sœurs de la Miséricorde*, for the year 1854.

77. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Asylum of the Good Shepherd at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

78. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Asylum of the Good Shepherd at *Quebec*, towards their Building, for the year 1854.

79. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Hospice de la Maternité* at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

80. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the General Hospital *des Sœurs de la Charité* at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

81. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

82. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of a temporary Lunatic Asylum at *Beauport*, near *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

83. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Hamilton Hospital*, for the year 1854.

84. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Toronto General Hospital*, for the year 1854.

85. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Toronto House of Industry*, for the year 1854.

86. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the relief of Indigent Sick at *Kingston*, for the year 1854.

87. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Six hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Kingston* General Hospital, for the year 1854.

88. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Kingston Hotel-Dieu* Hospital, for the year 1854.

89. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Protestant Hospital at *Bytown*, for the year 1854.

90. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Roman Catholic* Hospital at *Bytown*, for the year 1854.

91. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Hamilton* Orphan Asylum, for the year 1854.

92. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Hamilton Roman Catholic* Orphan Asylum, for the year 1854.

93. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *St. Patrick's* Hospital at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

94. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Protestant Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society at *Toronto*, for 1853.

95. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and eleven pounds eighteen shillings and six-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the expense of supporting Shipwrecked and destitute Mariners through the past winter.

96. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Gratuity to *Jonathan Noble*, for relief.

97. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Gratuity to *Pierre Brochu*, for relief.

98. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for temporary relief to Ten Masters of Vessels who in consequence of having suffered Shipwreck, are in a destitute condition, at Ten pounds each.

99. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for compensation to *Archibald Campbell*, Esquire, for expenses in attending destitute Seamen for several winters back.

100. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Faculty of Medicine of the *Laval* University at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

101. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Medical Faculty of *McGill* College, for the year 1854.

102. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the School of Medicine at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

103. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the School of Medicine at *Kingston*, for the year 1854.

104. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Literary and Historical Society at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

105. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Literary and Historical Society at *Quebec*, for their Building, and Library Collection, for the year 1854.

106. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Natural History Society at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

107. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Natural History Society at *Montreal*, for their Collection, for the year 1854.

108. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

109. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

110. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Kingston*, for the year 1854.

111. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

112. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *London, Canada West*, for the year 1854.

113. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Niagara*, for the year 1854.

114. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Hamilton*, for the year 1854.

115. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Belleville*, for the year 1854.

116. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Brockville*, for the year 1854.

117. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Bytown*, for the year 1854.

118. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Cobourg*, for the year 1854.

119. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Perth*, for the year 1854.

120. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Picton*, for the year 1854.

121. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute of *Guelpf*, for the year 1854.

122. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *St. Thomas*, for the year 1854.

123. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Brantford*, for the year 1854.

124. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *St. Catharines*, for the year 1854.

125. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Goderich*, for the year 1854.

126. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Whitby*, for the year 1854.

127. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Three Rivers*, for the year 1854.

128. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Berthier, Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

129. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Simcoe*, for the year 1854.

130. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Woodstock*, for the year 1854.

131. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute in the County of *Peel*, for the year 1854.

132. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Port Sarnia*, for the year 1854.

133. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Chatham*, for the year 1854.

134. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute in the County of *Halton*, for the year 1854.

135. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute in the County of *Ontario*, for the year 1854.

136. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Port Hope*, for the year 1854.

137. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Stratford*, for the year 1854.

138. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Peterborough*, for the year 1854.

139. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Iberville*, for the year 1854.

140. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Renfrew*, for the year 1854.

141. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Mitchell*, in the County of *Perth*, for the year 1854.

142. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Berlin*, for the year 1854.

143. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Fonthall*, for the year 1854.

144. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Dundas*, for the year 1854.

145. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Oakville*, for the year 1854.

146. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Waterdown*, for the year 1854.

146. A. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Mechanics' Institute at *Galt*, for the year 1854.

147. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the maintenance of a Nautical College at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

148. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Canadian Institute* at *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

149. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Canadian Institute* at *Toronto*, towards their Building, for the year 1854.

150. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Canadian Institute* at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

151. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Athenæum* at *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

152. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Huron Library Association* and *Mechanics' Institute*, for the year 1854.

153. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Teachers' Association* at *Quebec*, for their Library, for the year 1854.

154. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Experimental Farm* near *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

155. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal Home and School of Industry*, for the year 1854.

156. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Library Association* at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

157. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *National Institute* at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

158. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Canadian Institute* at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

159. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Canadian Institute* at *Bytown*, for the year 1854.

160. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Mechanics' Institute* at *St. Hyacinthe*, for the year 1854.

161. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Mechanics' Institute* at *Sorel*, for the year 1854.

162. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Contingent Expenses* of the Administration of Justice in *Upper and Lower Canada*, not otherwise provided for, for the year 1854.

163. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the support of the *Provincial Penitentiary* at *Kingston*, for the year 1854.

164. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three thousand eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Salaries* of four Judges in *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

165. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and ninety-four pounds nine shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to the Judge in the District of *St. Francis*, for the year 1854.

166. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to *John Black*, Clerk in the Registrar's Office of the Court of Chancery, for the year 1854.

167. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additional Salary to *William Stanley*, Clerk in the Master's Office of the Court of Chancery, for the year 1854.

168. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred and eleven pounds one shilling and ten-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Salary to *J. Radenhurst*, late Clerk in the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, Court

of Queen's Bench, in *Upper Canada*, from the 15th December, 1849, to the 10th May, 1853, at One hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

169. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and twelve pounds nineteen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Salary to Mr. *William Innes*, as Clerk in the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Pleas, Court of Queen's Bench, in *Upper Canada*, from the 15th December, 1849, to February, 1852, at One hundred pounds per annum.

170. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for allowances to Keepers of Depots of Provisions on the River *St. Lawrence*, with the view to the relief of Shipwrecked persons, for the year 1854.

171. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for providing Provisions for the Depots, for the year 1854.

172. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an allowance to *Pierre Brochu* for residing on *Kempt Road* to assist Travellers thereon, for the year 1854.

173. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an allowance to *Jonathan Noble* for residing on *Kempt Road* to assist Travellers thereon, for the year 1854.

174. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an allowance to a Resident at the foot of Lake *Metapedia* to assist Travellers, for the year 1854.

175. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an allowance to a Resident at *Assametyquagan* to assist Travellers, for the year 1854.

176. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for printing the Laws and other Printing for the Public Service, for the year 1854.

177. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for distributing the Laws, for the year 1854.

178. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to meet unforeseen Expenses in the various branches of the Public Service, for the year 1854.

179. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the proportion of this Province of the expense of keeping up Light Houses on the Isles of *St. Paul* and *Scatterie*, in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, for the year 1854.

180. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the *Quebec Observatory*, for the year 1854.

181. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the Expense of the Observatory at *Toronto*, for the year 1854.

182. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and eighty-one pounds ten shillings and six-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of transporting Troops in aid of the Civil Power, for the year 1854.

183. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an additional sum for the Post Office at *Hamilton*, for the year 1854.

184. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to meet the expense of printing and publishing the *Edits et Ordonnances*, and for the preparatory work of copying, &c., for the year 1854.

185. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *British North American Electric Telegraph Association*, towards establishing a Station at *St. Thomas* during the season of navigation, for the year 1854.

186. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Expenses of Commissioners appointed to enquire into matters connected with the Public Service, under the Act 9 *Vic.* cap. 38, for the year 1854.

187. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand one hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for new Indian Annuities, for the year 1854.

188. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand four hundred and ninety-eight pounds seven shillings and three-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Expenses of protecting the Fisheries in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, for the year 1854.

189. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the building or purchase of a Vessel for the protection of the Fisheries in the Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, for the year 1854.

190. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Parliamentary Library, for the year 1854.

191. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Nine thousand six hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the temporary maintenance of the *Rideau* and *Ottawa* Canals, from the 1st April, 1854, to the 31st March, 1855.

192. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty pounds two shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the repayment to the Imperial Treasury of the amount disbursed by the Colonial Government of the Isle of *Mauritius*, for the relief of two *Canadian* Emigrants, passengers in the *American Bark Peytonia*, and forwarding them in another Vessel to *Melbourne*.

193. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and twenty-one pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the expenses of Mr. *DeRottermund* in procuring in *Paris*, Books, Maps, and Scientific objects for the use of the Province.

194. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eighteen pounds twelve shillings and four-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to defray the expense of advertising in certain *London* Newspapers, for a Medical Superintendent for the Provincial Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*.

195. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-three pounds five shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for one year's Rent of the Protestant Burying Ground in *St. John's* Suburbs.

196. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Board of Agriculture of *Upper Canada*, for the year 1854.

197. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Board of Agriculture of *Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

198. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Expenses of the Boundary Line between *New Brunswick* and *Canada*, for the year 1854.

199. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-three thousand two hundred and eighteen pounds eight shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to make good various indispensable Expenses of the Civil Government incurred during the year 1853, as detailed in Statement No. 35, of the Public Accounts laid before the Legislature.

200. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven hundred and seventy-nine pounds five shillings and two-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the

Expenses of the Central Board of Health, under the Act 12 Vic. for the year 1854.

201. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to Sufferers by Fires about the *Saguenay*.

202. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty-eight pounds twelve shillings and five-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for repairs made in *London* to the Instruments used by Major *Robinson* in the Survey of the proposed Line of Railway to connect the Lower Provinces with *Canada*.

203. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the Expenses of the Industrial Exhibition at *Paris*.

204. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Eight hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, being so much paid to Commissioners appointed to form Rules of Practice for Division Courts, &c. in *Upper Canada*, required by Act.

205. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand seven hundred pounds two shillings and two-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Expenses for the services of One hundred and fifty of the Embodied Pensioners on permanent duty in *Upper Canada*, from the 15th October to the 31st December, 1854.

206. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Ninety-six pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a Fire-proof Safe for the Office of the Provincial Secretary.

207. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Geological Survey of the Province, in addition to the former grant.

208. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Expenses of the Honorable Attorney General *Drummond* to *Washington*.

209. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as Compensation to *Thomas Rigney*, Esquire, in full of all disbursements, expenses, &c. in disseminating information respecting Reciprocity of Trade with the *United States*, during the last six years.

210. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, to enable *Robert Thomas*, Master Mariner, to attest the efficiency of an Apparatus that he has invented for the protection of Life, in cases of Shipwreck.

211. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-seven pounds seventeen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a balance due *David Armstrong*, as Contractor for certain Roads in the Township of *Emily*, in 1837.

212. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand one hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and two-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Upper Canada* College, for the year 1854.

213. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Victoria* College, for the year 1854.

214. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Queen's* College, for the year 1854.

215. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Regiopolis* College, *Kingston*, for the year 1854.

216. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to Grammar Schools of the Counties of *Brant*, *Elgin*, *Grey*, *Lambton*, and *Victoria*, at £100 each, for the year 1854.

217. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as Salary of the Secretary of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, for the year 1854.

218. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty-seven pounds fifteen shillings and seven-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an allowance to the Secretary of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning, for a Messenger and Contingencies, for the year 1854.

219. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and eighty-two pounds four shillings and six-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the High School at *Montreal*, in consideration of their teaching thirty Free Scholars, for the year 1854.

220. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and eighty-two pounds four shillings and six-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the High School at *Quebec*, in consideration of their teaching thirty Free Scholars, for the year 1854.

221. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and three-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the National School at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

222. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and three-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the National School at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

223. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and eighty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Society of Education at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

224. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *British and Canadian* School at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

225. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Education Society at *Three Rivers*, for the year 1854.

226. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *British and Canadian* School at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

227. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Andrew's* School at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

228. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Jacques* School at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

229. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Jacques* School at *Montreal*, towards rebuilding, for the year 1854.

230. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *St. Hyacinthe*, for the year 1854.

231. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *St. Hyacinthe*, towards the debt incurred for their Building, for the year 1854.

232. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *L'Assomption*, for the year 1854.

233. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *L'Assomption*, towards their Building, for the year 1854.

234. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Chambly*, for the year 1854.

235. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Chambly*, towards their Building, for the year 1854.

236. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *Berthier*, for the year 1854.

237. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *Charlestown*, for the year 1854.

238. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal American* Presbyterian Free School, for the year 1854.

239. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, for the year 1854.

240. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*, for their Building, for the year 1854.

241. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Shefford* Academy, for the year 1854.

242. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Stanstead* Seminary, for the year 1854.

243. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and eleven pounds two shillings and two-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Sherbrooke* Academy, for the year 1854.

244. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Granby* Academy, for the year 1854.

245. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Bedford* School, for the year 1854.

246. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Compton* School, for the year 1854.

247. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Barnston* School, for the year 1854.

248. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Huntingdon* Academy, for the year 1854.

249. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Huntingdon* Academy, for their Building, for the year 1854.

250. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Three Rivers* Academy, for the year 1854.

251. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *British North American* School Society at *Sherbrooke*, for the year 1854.

252. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the High School at *Durham Village, Missisquoi*, for the year 1854.

253. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty-five pounds eleven shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Infant School at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

254. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Infant School at *Quebec, Lower Town*, for the year 1854.

255. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female School at *Indian Lorette*, for the year 1854.

256. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Thirty-seven pounds ten shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Male School at *Indian Lorette*, for the year 1854.

257. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Indian School at *Caughnawaga*, for the year 1854.

258. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Indian School at *St. Regis*, for the year 1854.

259. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Indian School at *St. Francis*, for the year 1854.

260. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Ste. Thérèse*, for the year 1854.

261. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Ste. Thérèse*, for Building, for the year 1854.

262. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Nicolet*, for the year 1854.

263. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Nicolet*, for Building, for the year 1854.

264. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Joliette* College, for the year 1854.

265. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Bishops' College at *Lennoxville*, for the year 1854.

266. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Clarenceville* Academy, for the year 1854.

267. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Masson* College at *Terrebonne*, for the year 1854.

268. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Masson* College at *Terrebonne*, for Building, for the year 1854.

269. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Rigaud* College at *Vaudreuil*, for the year 1854.

270. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Rigaud* College at *Vaudreuil*, for Building, for the year 1854.

271. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Deaf and Dumb Institution, near *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

272. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Male School at *Yamachiche*, for the year 1854.

273. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female School at *Yamachiche*, for the year 1854.

274. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Montmagny*, below *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

275. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Beauharnois* Academy, for the year 1854.

276. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Mascouche* Academy, for the year 1854.

277. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. John's* Academy, for the year 1854.

278. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Education, at *Bytown*, of Pupils from the County of *Ottawa*, for the year 1854.

279. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the University of *McGill* College, for the year 1854.

280. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the University of *McGill* College, towards liquidating their Debt, for the year 1854.

281. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female School at *St. Michel*, for the year 1854.

282. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy of *Sainte Foye*, for the year 1854.

283. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Pointe Levi* College, for the year 1854.

284. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Pointe Levi* College, for their Building, for the year 1854.

285. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Kamouraska* Academy for Males, for the year 1854.

286. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Kamouraska* Academy, for Building, for the year 1854.

287. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Kamouraska* Academy for Females, for the year 1854.

288. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Rimouski* Academy, for the year 1854.

289. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Pointe Claire* Model School, for the year 1854.

290. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Pointe Claire* Model School, for Building, for the year 1854.

291. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to Mr. *Bonin's* Academy at *St. Andrews*, for the year 1854.

292. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Louis Vincent*, an infirm Indian School Master, for the year 1854.

293. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy or School at *Knowlton*, Township of *Brome*, for the year 1854.

294. *Resolved*. That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy of *East Farnham*, for the year 1854.

295. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Stanbridge* Academy, County of *Missisquoi*, for the year 1854.

296. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Stanbridge* Academy, County of *Missisquoi*, for completing their Building, for the year 1854.

297. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Mary's* College, *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

298. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Mary's* College, *Montreal*, for their Building, for the year 1854.

299. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Chambly*, for the year 1854.

300. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Chambly*, for Building, for the year 1854.

301. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Nicolet*, for the year 1854.

302. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Nicolet*, for their Building, for the year 1854.

303. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Laval*, for the year 1854.

304. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Laval*, for Building, for the year 1854.

305. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Male Academy at *Montmagny*, for the year 1854.

306. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Aylmer* Academy, for the year 1854.

307. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *St. Michel*, for the year 1854.

308. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *St. Michel*, for Building, for the year 1854.

309. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Pointe Levi*, for the year 1854.

310. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Pointe Levi*, for Building, for the year 1854.

311. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *L'Islet*, for the year 1854.

312. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid for the College at *St. Marie, Beauce*, towards Building, for the year 1854.

313. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Félix Juneau*, for services rendered to Education, and to assist him in re-opening his Academy, for the year 1854.

314. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *St. Charles de L'Industrie*, for the year 1854.

315. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Model School at *Deschambault*, for the year 1854.

316. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, for the year 1854.

317. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, for Building, for the year 1854.

318. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, for the year 1854.

319. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Ste. Marie de Monnoir*, for their Building, for the year 1854.

320. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *Verrières*, for the year 1854.

321. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Academie Industrielle* at *St. Laurent*, for the year 1854.

322. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *St. Jean*, Isle of *Orleans*, for the year 1854.

323. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *St. Hugues*, for the year 1854.

324. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *St. Hugues*, for Building, for the year 1854.

325. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Dunville* Academy, for the year 1854.

326. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the College at *Côteau du Lac*, towards their Building, for the year 1854.

327. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Beauharnois*, for the year 1854.

328. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Georgeville* High School, for the year 1854.

329. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Male Academy at *Sorel*, for the year 1854.

330. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Sorel*, for the year 1854.

331. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *Vaudreuil*, for the year 1854.

332. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Academy at *St. Marthe*, for the year 1854.

333. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Isle Verte* Academy, towards their Building, for the year 1854.

334. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal* Committee of the Colonial School and Church Society, for the year 1854.

335. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal* Committee of the Colonial School and Church Society towards establishing Normal and Model Schools, for the year 1854.

336. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Francis* College, for the year 1854.

337. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *Sherbrooke*, for the year 1854.

338. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Dudswell* Academy, for the year 1854.

339. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Pointe aux Trembles* Academy, (*Montreal*), towards their Building, for the year 1854.

340. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Cap Santé* Academy, for the year 1854.

341. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *St. Eustache* Academy, for the year 1854.

342. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Malbaie* Academy, for the year 1854.

343. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seventy-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Female Academy at *St. Elizabeth*, for the year 1854.

344. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifteen thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an additional aid to the Common School Fund of *Upper and Lower Canada*, for the year 1854.

345. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal* House of Refuge, for the year 1854.

346. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifty-eight thousand three hundred and forty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Welland* Canal, for the year 1854.

347. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Sixty-six thousand three hundred and sixty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *St. Lawrence* Canals, for the year 1854.

348. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a Survey towards improving the *St. Lawrence* Rapids, for the year 1854.

349. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three thousand five hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improving the *St. Anne's* Rapids, for the year 1854.

350. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fourteen thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improving the *Scugog* River, *Bobcagegan*, &c., for the year 1854.

351. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty thousand three hundred and seventy-two pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Slides, Booms, Dams, &c., on the *Ottawa*, for the year 1854.

352. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-one thousand nine hundred and six pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Slides, Booms, Dams, &c., on the *St. Maurice*, for the year 1854.

353. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for *Port Stanley* Harbour, for the year 1854.

354. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty thousand four hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Light Houses below *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

355. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Forty-three thousand six hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Light Houses on the Lakes and Inland Waters, for the year 1854.

356. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and nine thousand six hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Landing Piers below *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

357. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifteen thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Harbours, &c., on *Lake Huron*, for the year 1854.

358. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand six hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Burlington Bay Canal*, for the year 1854.

359. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand eight hundred and fifty pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Tug Boats on the Upper *St. Lawrence*, for the year 1854.

360. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-five pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Tug Boats on the Lower *St. Lawrence*, for the year 1854.

361. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Surveys in *Canada East and West*, for the year 1854.

362. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for repairs to the *Temiscouata Road*, for the year 1854.

363. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two hundred and eighty-two pounds one shilling and ten-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for advertizing Works, &c., in *Canada West*, for the year 1854.

364. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred and thirty-three pounds thirteen shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for advertizing *Atlantic Steamers*, for the year 1854.

365. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand five hundred and eighty-two pounds fourteen shillings and seven-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the balance due on the purchase of *Spencer Wood*, for the year 1854.

366. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand two hundred and ninety-two pounds thirteen shillings and four-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the purchase of property on the *St. Lewis Road*, for the year 1854.

367. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand three hundred and fifty pounds eighteen shillings and four-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the *Côteau and Cornwall Road*, for the year 1854.

368. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Twenty-five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Arbitrations on the purchase of and damage to Property for and by Public Works, for the year 1854.

369. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, towards the construction of the *Quebec Post Office*, for the year 1854.

370. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Fifteen thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the purchase of Ground and the construction of the Custom House at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

371. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additions to the *Montreal Gaol*, for the year 1854.

372. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four hundred and ninety-seven pounds three shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for repairs to the old Custom House Wharf at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

373. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred and eighty-eight pounds seventeen shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for alterations to the Geological Museum at *Montreal*, for the year 1854.

374. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improvements, repairs, &c., to *Spencer Wood*, for the year 1854.

375. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for additions, alterations and repairs for the Nautical College at *Quebec*, for the year 1854.

376. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand five hundred and fifty pounds nine shillings and nine-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for alterations, additions, &c., to the Old Parliament Buildings, in 1852 and 1853.

377. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand two hundred and six pounds eighteen shillings and seven-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Expenses in consequence of the Fire at the Old Parliament Buildings.

378. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Six thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine pounds twelve shillings and eleven-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Expenses in fitting up the Nunnery Building for the Legislature.

379. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand four hundred and forty-five pounds eleven shillings and three-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for fitting up Buildings to accommodate the Legislature, for the year 1854.

380. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand seven hundred and twenty-three pounds nineteen shillings and one penny, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for alterations, additions, fittings, &c., to the *Quebec* Court House, for the year 1854.

381. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for repairs, care of, rents, &c., of Public Buildings, for the year 1854.

382. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Two thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for rent, &c., of Buildings to accommodate the Legislature, for the year 1854.

383. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for repairs to the *Montreal* Custom House, for the year 1854.

384. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand two hundred and nine pounds nine shillings and two-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for improvements to *Durham* Terrace, Chateau Garden Wall, Railing, &c., for the year 1854.

385. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred and twelve pounds twelve shillings and five-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Provisions sent down to relieve Emigrant Ships, &c., detained in the Ice.

386. *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred and two pounds fifteen shillings, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for a Steamer conveying His Excellency the Governor General to *Quebec*, and Staff and Guard of Honor from and to *Quebec*.

The Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* moved, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, That it is the undoubted privilege of this House, and the highest security for the rights and liberties of the Subject, that no expenditure of Public Monies shall be made by the Executive, until the express sanction of Parliament shall have been obtained; that in defiance of this undoubted Constitutional safeguard, this House learns with alarm, that during the year about to expire, not only have Monies been taken from the Public Chest to defray the necessary Expenses of Government, but works and enterprises involving large liabilities, have been undertaken and carried on with the Public Money, on the sole responsibility of the Executive; and that in the opinion of this House, such unauthorized expenditure of the Public Monies is unconstitutional, and a dangerous violation of the Rights of the People;

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the expenditure which has been incurred during the present year on certain Public Works on the River *St. Lawrence*, and the *Welland* and *St. Lawrence* Canals, and for which an appropriation is now sought, could not have been delayed without detriment to the public interests, and serious injury to works of vast utility which had been commenced under the authority of a former Parliament; and that in sanctioning the expenditure which has thus been made in anticipation of the approval of Parliament, this House does not waive, nor is it assumed that the Executive have desired to trench upon, the undisputed privileges of Parliament, and the constitutional Rights of the People" instead thereof;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

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

And at Four o'clock in the afternoon, Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until Monday next.

Lunæ, 11° die Decembris;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Thibaudeau*,—The Petition of the Reverend *G. S. Derome* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Anne de la Pérade*, *St. Casimir*, *Deschambault*, and *Gron-dines*.

By Mr. *Marchildon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *A. Dupuis* and others, School Commissioners for the School Municipality of *Ste. Anne de la Pérade*, County of *Champlain*.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, informed the House, That *John Wilson*, *Robert B. Somerville*, and *John Scatcherd*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Somerville*, and Mr. *Scatcherd*, do attend in their places in this House To-morrow.

Mr. *Casault* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Petition of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, relative to the *Vaudreuil* Railway Act, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, from the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee; which was read.

For the said Report, see Appendix (J.J.)

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read.

And the Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to incorporate *St. Francis* College, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Felton* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the Members of the *British American* Friendly Society of *Canada*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

A Bill to incorporate the *Kingsley* Slate Works, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, an amendment was made to the Bill in Page 5, line 6, by inserting after the word "fifteenthly" the words "and the twelfth Section of the said last Act under the head "Highways and Bridges."

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Ferres* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works, was, according to Order, read the third time.

On motion of Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, a Clause (So much of the ninth Clause of the "Railway Clauses Consolidation Act" under the head "Powers," as is included in the Sections sixthly, seventhly, ninthly, tenthly, eleventhly, thirteenthly, and fifteenthly; and the twelfth Section of the said last Act, under the head "Highways and Bridges," and Sections one, two, and three of the Act passed in the sixteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act "in addition to the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act," shall apply to and form, and be held to form part hereof, as fully as if the provisions therein contained were specially included therein,) was thrice read; and added to the Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Act imposing Duties of Customs, was, according to Order, read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs;" the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to 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:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huntingdon Academy*."

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was, on Saturday last, proposed to be made to the Question, That it is the undoubted privilege of this House, and the highest security for the rights and liberties of the Subject, that no expenditure of Public Monies shall be made by the Executive, until the express sanction of Parliament shall have been obtained; that in defiance of this undoubted Constitutional safeguard, this House learns with alarm, that during the year about to expire, not only have Monies been taken from the Public Chest to defray the necessary Expenses of Government, but works and enterprizes involving large liabilities, have been undertaken and carried on with the Public Money, on the sole responsibility of the Executive; and that in the opinion of this House, such unauthorized expenditure of the Public Monies is unconstitutional, and a dangerous violation of the Rights of the People; and which Amendment was, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the expenditure which has been incurred during the present year on certain Public Works on the River *St. Lawrence*, and the *Welland* and *St. Lawrence* Canals, and for which an appropriation is now sought, could not have been delayed without detriment to the public interests, and serious injury to works of vast utility which had been commenced under authority of a former Parliament; and that in sanctioning the expenditure which has thus been made in anticipation of the approval of Parliament, this House does not waive, nor is it assumed that the Executive have desired to trench upon, the undisputed privileges of Parliament, and the constitutional Rights of the People" instead thereof;

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

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen. Lyon,</i>		<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Ross,</i>	<i>Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>

<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gil,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Craceford,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibardeau,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	48. <i>Turcottc.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Cookc,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	26. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put, That the expenditure which has been incurred during the present year on certain Public Works on the River *St. Lawrence*, and the *Welland* and *St. Lawrence* Canals, and for which an appropriation is now sought, could not have been delayed without detriment to the public interests, and serious injury to works of vast utility which had been commenced under authority of a former Parliament; and that in sanctioning the expenditure which has thus been made in anticipation of the approval of Parliament, this House does not waive, nor is it assumed that the Executive have desired to trench upon, the undisputed privileges of Parliament, and the constitutional Rights of the People; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding Division.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the Resolutions which were reported from the Committee of Supply, on Saturday last, be now taken into consideration.

And the first to the fifth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The fifth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

6. “*Resolved,* That a sum, not exceeding Eight hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for the Salary of the Speaker of the Legislative Council, for the year 1854.”

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Jobin*, That the words “Eight hundred pounds” be left out, and the words “Five hundred pounds” inserted instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	13. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Allcyn,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>

<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>45. Young.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

The sixth Resolution was then agreed to.

The seventh to the seventeenth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The seventeenth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth :

17. “ *Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three thousand five hundred pounds, “ currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for Indemnity to Members of the Legislative “ Council for their attendance, at Twenty shillings per diem, including Travelling “ Expenses at six-pence per mile, for the distance between the place of residence of “ such Members and the place at which the Session is held, for the year 1854.”

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, That all the words after “ That ” to the end of the Resolution be left out, in order to add the words “ the question of a change in the Constitu- “ tion of the Legislative Council being still under consideration, it is totally inex- “ pedient to make any appropriation for the payment of the Members of that “ Honorable Body, for their attendance during the present Session ” instead thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Thibauudeau,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>26. Young.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodcur,</i>	<i>Desautviers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>39. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the seventeenth Resolution, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the words “ Provided that no part of the said sum of Three “ thousand five hundred pounds shall be paid to any Legislative Councillor who is “ in the receipt of the Public Money either as Speaker of the said House, or as “ holding an Office of profit under Her Majesty ” be added at the end thereof ;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guvèremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	15. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gall,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	35. <i>Taché.</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The seventeenth Resolution was then agreed to.

The eighteenth to the twenty-ninth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The twenty-ninth to the thirty-first Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The thirty-second to the thirty-eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The thirty-eighth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The thirty-ninth and fortieth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The forty-first Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The forty-second to the forty-fifth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The forty-fifth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The forty-sixth to the forty-eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The forty-eighth and forty-ninth Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The fiftieth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

50. “*Resolved,* That a sum, not exceeding Five thousand six hundred and forty-five pounds sixteen shillings and three-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as a Gratuity of one quarter’s Salary to the several Officers, Clerks, Messengers, &c., in the various Departments of Government, for the year 1854, in consequence of the high price of all necessaries of life.”

Mr. *Hartman* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That the words "Five thousand six hundred and forty-five pounds sixteen shillings and three-pence" be left out, and the words "Four thousand four hundred and seventy-nine pounds twelve shillings and eleven-pence" inserted instead thereof; and that the words "with the exception of the following, namely: the Assistant Secretary East, who gets £600 per annum; the Assistant Secretary West, who gets £500 per annum; the Deputy Inspector General, who gets £666; the Commissioner of Customs, who gets £500; the Deputy Adjutant General West, who gets £500; the Deputy Adjutant General East, who gets £500; the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works, who gets £900; and the Secretary of the Board of Works, who gets £500" be added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>18. Valois.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Cryslér,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>31. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Cryslér,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>31. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>18. Valois.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The fifty-first to the sixty-first Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution,

being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixty-first Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cusault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Lubelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>36. Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>16. Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixty-second Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding Division.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixty-third Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Broudeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cusault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>37. Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>15. Valois.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixty-fourth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

64. "Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding One thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Commissioners for the relief of Indigent Sick at Quebec, for the year 1854."

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *De Witt*, That the words "Provided, that a full and particular account of the sum granted for 1853, to the said Commissioners, its application, shall be delivered to the Secretary of the Province and laid before the Legislature at its next meeting" be added at the end thereof;

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

Then the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixty-fifth to the sixty-eighth Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixty-eighth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

68. "Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding One hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the Managers of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum at *Quebec*, for the year 1854."

Mr. *Larwill* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Brown*, That all the words after "That" to the end of Resolution be left out, in order to add the words "the appropriation of Public Monies for the support of Charitable Institutions under the exclusive control of Religious Sects, is wrong in principle, is productive of invidious preferences, and entails a constantly increasing charge on the Public Revenue; and that with this view, the Report of the Committee of Supply be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to leave out all grants to Institutions of a Sectarian character" instead thereof;

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

Then the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The sixty-ninth to the seventy-seventh Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The seventy-seventh and seventy-eighth Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The seventy-ninth and eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The eighty-first Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

81. "Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Ten thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid towards the support of the Lunatic Asylum at *Toronto*, for the year 1854."

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the words "Provided, that the Asylum Tax directly levied from the Towns, Cities, Townships, and Counties of *Upper Canada*, and not levied on *Lower Canada*, be abolished" be added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

Brown,
Ferrie,

Hartman,
Larwill,

Lumsden,

G. Mackenzie.

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>34. Valois.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The eighty-first Resolution was then agreed to.

The eighty-second Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The eighty-third to the one hundred and fifty-fourth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The one hundred and fifty-fourth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The one hundred and fifty-fifth to the one hundred and sixty-third Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The one hundred and sixty-third Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The one hundred and sixty-fourth to the one hundred and sixty-eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The one hundred and sixty-eighth and the one hundred and sixty-ninth Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The one hundred and seventieth to the one hundred and seventy-sixth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The one hundred and seventy-sixth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:

176. “Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding Seven thousand pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for printing the Laws and other Printing for the “Public Service, for the year 1854.”

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the words “Provided, that the Public Printing and Advertizing shall, after the “first day of March next, be given out by contract, and the Office of Queen’s “Printer abolished” added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>6. Papin.</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn.</i>	<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet.</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Meagher.</i>	<i>Smith. Sol. Gen.</i>

<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	31. <i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

The one hundred and seventy-sixth Resolution was then agreed to.

The one hundred and seventy-seventh to the one hundred and eighty-eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The one hundred and eighty-eighth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Meagner,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C. 27.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>S. Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The one hundred and eighty-ninth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding Division.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The one hundred and ninetieth Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

The one hundred and ninety-first Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The one hundred and ninety-second to the one hundred and ninety-sixth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The one hundred and ninety-sixth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The one hundred and ninety-seventh and one hundred and ninety-eighth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The one hundred and ninety-ninth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The two hundredth to the two hundred and fifth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The two hundred and fifth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>29. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>10. Valois.</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The two hundred and sixth to the two hundred and ninth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The two hundred and ninth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>	<i>25. Thibaudeau.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>10. Valois.</i>
<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>		

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The two hundred and tenth and two hundred and eleventh Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The two hundred and twelfth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The two hundred and thirteenth Resolution, being read a second time, as followeth:

213. “*Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Five hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to *Victoria College*, for the year 1854.”

Mr. *Ferrie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That all the words after “That” to the end of the Resolution be left out, in order to add the words “it is inexpedient to appropriate the Public Money for the support of Sectarian Schools; and that with this view, it is expedient to recommit the Report of the Committee of Supply to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of granting one year’s allowance as a final payment to such Sectarian Educational Institutions as have heretofore received aid from the Public Chest, and of leaving out all grants for such Institutions placed upon the list this year for the first time” instead thereof:

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>7. Mackenzie.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Powell,</i>		<i>34. Valois.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The two hundred and thirteenth Resolution was then agreed to.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Papin*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>18. Valois.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chobot,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>O' Farrell,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Powell,</i>		<i>25. Taché.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

The two hundred and fourteenth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The two hundred and fifteenth to the two hundred and twenty-third Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, seconded by Mr. *Papin*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Pocell,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	13. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley, .</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	32. <i>Turcotte.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

The two hundred and twenty-third to the two hundred and ninety-seventh Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The two hundred and ninety-seventh Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodeur.</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Guévremont.</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Desaulniers.</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	39. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	5. <i>Powell.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The two hundred and ninety-eighth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as in the last preceding Division.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The two hundred and ninety-ninth to the three hundred and thirty-fifth Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and thirty-fifth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth:—

335. "*Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Three hundred pounds, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, as an aid to the *Montreal* Committee of the Colonial School and Church Society towards establishing Normal and Model Schools, for the year 1854."

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Hartman*, That the words "Provided always, that the said Schools shall be non-sectarian in their teaching and management, and shall be placed under the control of the Department of Education" be added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>S. Valois.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>36. Thibaudeau.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>36. Thibaudeau.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Hartman,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>S. Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and thirty-sixth to the three hundred and forty-fourth Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and forty-fourth and three hundred and forty-fifth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the further consideration of the remaining Resolutions be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*,
The House adjourned.

Martis, 12^o *die Decembris* ;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THE Clerk laid before the House,—List of Returns required from Public Officers, Commissioners, and Corporations, by Order of the House of the 14th September last, which have not been made in pursuance of such Order.
For the said List, see Appendix (W.W.)

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

By Mr. *Octave Cyrille Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. Pouliot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, of the County of *Bellechasse*.

By Mr. *Felton*,—The Petition of *Thomas Steel*, of the Township of *Shipton*, District of *St. Francis*.

Mr. *De Witt* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill 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, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, informed the House, That *John Wilson*, *Robert B. Somerville*, and *John Scatcherd*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* reported from the Select Committee on the Bill 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, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House, for To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. *Roderick McDonald* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act of *Upper Canada*, intituled, “An Act to regulate the expenditure of District Funds in this Province.”

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

On motion of Mr. *Lyon*, seconded by Mr. *Galt*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a copy of the Contract entered into with the Board of Works for the construction of the *Chats Canal*, and also, a copy of the Specification or Estimate for the said Work, made by the Engineer on the order of the said Department, with the dates.

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

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

The Order of the House of yesterday, for the attendance of *John Wilson*, *Robert B. Somerville*, and *John Scatcherd*, Esquires, in their places in this House, this day, being read:—And Mr. *Wilson*, Mr. *Somerville*, and Mr. *Scatcherd*, not attending in their places;

Ordered, That the 84th Section of “The Election Petitions Act of 1851” be now read:—And the same being read;

Ordered, That *John Wilson*, *Robert B. Somerville*, and *John Scatcherd*, Esquires, being Members of the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, and not having been present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the Committee, yesterday, be taken into the custody of the Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, for such neglect of duty.

The Order of the day for taking into consideration the Reasons of absence of such Members as were not present at the call of the House on Friday the twenty-seventh day of October last, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Acts to secure the Independence of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for the relief of Merchants, Traders, and others, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Municipal Corporations Act, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Argenteuil* into a separate Municipality, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill in relation to the solemnization of Matrimony in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to protect the *Employés* of the Government of this Province in certain Departments of the Public Service from being compelled to labor on the Lord's Day, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to secure the more convenient assembling of the Provincial Parliament, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Toronto* Coal Company, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to restrain Railway Companies from carrying Passengers for hire on their Roads until the same or portions thereof are fully completed, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned which provide for the amalgamation of Railway Companies, and for other purposes, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Law as to Dormant Equities, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill further to amend the Ordinance for the erection of Parishes and building of Churches in *Lower Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to require that all By-Laws of the Township Councils in *Upper Canada* for raising money not required for the ordinary expenditure of such Townships shall be approved by a majority of the Municipal Electors before they come in force, and for other purposes relating to Township Municipalities, being read :

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to exempt the Homesteads of families, when under the value of £——, from forced sales under execution to pay debts, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate a Company for the erection of an Hotel in the Village of *Windsor*, being read :

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to protect the Forest and to prevent the setting of fire to woods with the view of clearing lands, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to establish Courts of Conciliation in *Upper Canada*, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the ; for the House again in Committee on the Bill to exempt the Tools or Implements of any Debtor's 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, being read ;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Assessment Laws of *Upper Canada* in so far as they prejudice the interests of Agriculture, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to repeal the Acts regulating the summoning of Jurors in *Lower Canada*, and to provide for the election of Jurors by the Municipal Councils, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the property qualification of Members of the Legislative Assembly, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to abolish the right of Appeal to Her Majesty's Privy Council in certain cases, being read ;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday the twenty-sixth day of December instant.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into further consideration the remaining Resolutions which were reported from the Committee of Supply, on Saturday last.

And the three hundred and forty-sixth to the three hundred and fifty-sixth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The three hundred and fifty-sixth Resolution being read a second time ; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i> , <i>Blanchet</i> , <i>Brodeur</i> , <i>Brown</i> , <i>Bureau</i> , <i>Cartier</i> , <i>Cusault</i> , <i>Cayley</i> , <i>Chabot</i> , <i>Chauveau</i> , <i>Cooke</i> , <i>Crawford</i> , <i>Desaulniers</i> , <i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i> <i>Dostaler</i> , <i>Dufresne</i> , <i>Felton</i> , <i>Ferres</i> , <i>Fortier, Octave C.</i> <i>Fournier</i> , <i>Galt</i> , <i>Gill</i> , <i>Guéremont</i> , <i>Hincks</i> , <i>Holton</i> , <i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>Laberge</i> , <i>LeBoutillier</i> , <i>Lemieux</i> , <i>Lumsden</i> , <i>Lyon</i> , <i>Macdonald, John S.</i> <i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i> <i>McDonald, Roderick</i> <i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i> <i>Meagher</i> , <i>Merritt</i> , <i>Morin</i> , <i>Poulin</i> ,	<i>Pouliot</i> , <i>Rankin</i> , <i>Rhodes</i> , <i>Robinson</i> , <i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i> <i>Ross, James</i> <i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i> <i>Smith, Sidney</i> <i>Spence</i> , <i>Taché</i> , <i>Thibaudeau</i> , <i>Turcolte</i> , <i>53. Young</i> .
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NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell</i> , <i>Bourassa</i> , <i>Darche</i> , <i>De Witt</i> ,	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i> <i>Ferrie</i> , <i>Jobin</i> ,	<i>Larvill</i> , <i>Mackenzie</i> , <i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Murney</i> , <i>Papin</i> , <i>13. Valois</i> .
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and fifty-seventh to the three hundred and sixtieth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The three hundred and sixtieth Resolution being read a second time ; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution ; the House divided : and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley</i> , <i>Bell</i> , <i>Blanchet</i> , <i>Brodeur</i> , <i>Bureau</i> , <i>Burton</i> , <i>Cartier</i> , <i>Casault</i> , <i>Cayley</i> , <i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Desaulniers</i> , <i>Dionne</i> , <i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i> <i>Dostaler</i> , <i>Dufresne</i> , <i>Felton</i> , <i>Ferres</i> , <i>Fortier, Octave C.</i> <i>Fournier</i> , <i>Gill</i> ,	<i>Labelle</i> , <i>Laberge</i> , <i>Langton</i> , <i>Lemieux</i> , <i>Lumsden</i> , <i>Lyon</i> , <i>Macdonald, John S.</i> <i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i> <i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i> <i>Meagher</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> , <i>Pouliot</i> , <i>Rankin</i> , <i>Rhodes</i> , <i>Robinson</i> , <i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i> <i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i> <i>Smith, Sidney</i> <i>Spence</i> , <i>Stevenson</i> ,
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<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Guévreumont,</i>	<i>Mongenaix,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	52. <i>Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	12. <i>Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and sixty-first to the three hundred and sixty-sixth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The three hundred and sixty-sixth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenaix,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	45. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Lumsden,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guévreumont,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	20. <i>Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and sixty-seventh and the three hundred and sixty-eighth Resolutions being read a second time; and the Question, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution, being separately put upon each; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and sixty-ninth to the three hundred and seventy-fourth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The three hundred and seventy-fourth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and seventy-fifth Resolution being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>

<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Fulton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Curtier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Pourol,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>	<i>48. Young.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guèreumont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>11. Valois.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and seventy-sixth to the three hundred and eighty-fourth Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

The three hundred and eighty-fourth Resolution being read a second time, as followeth :

384. "*Resolved*, That a sum, not exceeding Four thousand two hundred and nine pounds nine shillings and two-pence, currency, be granted to Her Majesty, for "improvements to *Durham Terrace, Chateau Garden Wall, Railing, &c.*, for the "year 1854."

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Larwill*, That the words "Provided, that no part of this expenditure shall be paid or allowed until the Government are prepared to put in an Estimate for an Esplanade to be built up at *Toronto*, at the expense of the Province; and also, after the Government House at *Toronto*, for which Ten thousand pounds were voted, in 1851, shall be finished,—the foundations thereof not having been yet laid" be added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>2. Mackenzie.</i>
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NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. A.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Guèreumont,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	<i>56. Young.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Resolution; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down. as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemicux,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Spencez,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Crauford,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>39. Turcott c.</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Guévrement,</i>	<i>McDonald, Rod'k.</i>	<i>20. Valois.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The three hundred and eighty-fifth and three hundred and eighty-sixth and last Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for certain purposes for which a Supply is required.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and ordered to be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Fournier*, from the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of imposing, for a limited time, further penalties to prevent fraud and violence at Elections in the Counties of *Kamouraska* and *Saguenay*, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved,* That it is expedient to impose further penalties, during a limited time, to secure freedom of Elections.

2. *Resolved,* That Deputy Returning Officers or others charged with properly certifying any Poll Book or to insert therein a declaration of the number of votes, and with duly transmitting the same to the Returning Officers, and wilfully failing to do so, ought to be liable to a penalty of One hundred pounds, currency, or imprisonment for a term of not less than six months nor more than one year, or of imprisonment and fine together.

3. *Resolved,* That the penalties already provided for stealing or destroying any Writ, Poll Book, or other Election document, ought to apply to making unlawful additions to the same.

4. *Resolved*, That all persons refusing to appear and give evidence on offences against the Laws of Elections, ought to be liable to a penalty of Fifty pounds, currency, or to imprisonment not exceeding three months.

5. *Resolved*, That the penalty of Ten pounds for voting without qualification, and the penalty of Twenty-five pounds for voting under fraudulent conveyance, ought to be replaced by imprisonment for a term not less than three months nor more than six months, or a fine not less than Twenty-five pounds, nor more than Fifty-pounds, currency, or by imprisonment and fine together; which penalties ought also to apply to persons wilfully voting under false or assumed name or designation.

6. *Resolved*, That the penalty of Ten pounds for voting more than once at any Election, ought to be replaced by imprisonment for a term not less than six months, nor more than one year, for every additional vote so given.

7. *Resolved*, That the above penalties should continue until the first day of January, in the year 1856, and no longer.

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* have leave to bring in a Bill further to provide for the freedom of Elections.

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

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

The House adjourned.

Mercurii, 13^o die Decembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THE Serjeant-at-Arms attending this House, informed the House, that he had been unable to comply with the Order of the House of yesterday, for taking into his custody *John Wilson, Robert B. Somerville, and John Scatcherd, Esquires*, in consequence of their absence from this City.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the table:—

By the Honorable Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *William Lyon Mackenzie, Esquire, of Toronto*.

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

Of the Reverend *G. S. Derome* and others, of the Parishes of *Ste. Anne de la Pérade, St. Casimir, Deschambault, and Grondines*; praying aid for the construction of a Wharf on the River *St. Lawrence*, opposite the Church of *Grondines*.

Of the Reverend *A. Dupuis* and others, School Commissioners for the School Municipality of *Ste. Anne de la Pérade, County of Champlain*; praying aid for the establishment of an Academy.

Mr. *Langton*, from the Select Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, presented to the House the First Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have prepared certain Resolutions, expressing the thanks of Your Honorable House to those who by their active exertions were instrumental in preserving the Library at the time of the late fire at the Parliament House, and also to the Gentlemen of the Seminary for their kindness in receiving the Books, and providing accommodation for them for several months, which they recommend to the consideration of Your Honorable House.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration at the same time as the Second Report of the Joint Committee appointed by both Houses for the regulation and management of the said Library.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to establish a Registry Office in the County of *Arthabaska*.

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

Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Papin*, and the Question being put, That when the Public Accounts of 1854 are printed, five thousand copies thereof shall be printed in the *English* and *French* languages respectively, besides the number now required, to be distributed in every Electoral College in the Country, as follow:—1st. Each Representative shall receive three copies for each Rural Parish or Township, and for each Ward in the Towns represented by him. 2nd. The copies remaining after such distribution shall be addressed to the Municipal Councils of the Parishes, Townships, Counties, Towns, and Villages then in existence, according to their population, in order that the people may be informed respecting the state of the Financial Affairs of the Country; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jolin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Mcdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>23. Valois.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Edton,</i>	<i>Mcdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Clabot,</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>33. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cooke* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the *Cullers' Act* (8 *Vic. cap. 49.*) by establishing a Board for the better settlement of disputes between the first purchaser and seller of any Lumber.

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

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, a Return of all Tenders made and all Contracts entered into with any parties for the construction of Landing Piers below *Quebec*, and the three Light Houses, for which an appropriation was made in 1853, specifying the dates, names of parties and securities, amount of Contract or Tender, and description of Work done; and also, the Plans of the said Works.

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

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Young*, seconded by Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all Contracts, Petitions, Correspondence, Papers, and Reports to Council, in possession of the Public Works, or of other Public Departments, having reference to the construction of the *Montreal* Court House, from the commencement of that work to the present time.

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

Ordered, That five hundred copies of the Bill to provide for the relief of Bankrupts and the administration of their Estates, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Mr. *Jobin*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the United Counties of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*, informed the House, That *John Wilson*, *Robert B. Somerville*, and *John Scatcherd*, Esquires, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

Ordered, That the Select Committee on the *Drummond* and *Arthabaska* Election Petition have leave to adjourn until Thursday the first day of March next, in consequence of the continued absence of *John Wilson*, *Robert B. Somerville*, and *John Scatcherd*, Esquires.

The House proceeded, according to Order, to take into consideration the Seventh Report of the Standing Committee on Contingencies.

And the same being again read;

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money for defraying certain Expenses of the Civil Government of this Province, for the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for certain purposes for which a Supply is required, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be discharged.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be discharged.

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

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee further to consider of Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty:

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sidney Smith* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Mr. *Sidney Smith* also reported, That he was directed by the Committee to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House to consider the expediency of increasing the Salaries of the subordinate Officers of the several Departments of the Public Service, and of the Chief Justices and Puisné Judges, and Chancellor and Vice-Chancellors of the Superior Courts of this Province, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend an Act, 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, being read;

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

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Sanborn* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Sanborn* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to authorize the County of *Middlesex* to negotiate a Loan of One hundred thousand pounds to consolidate the County Debt, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Wednesday the twenty-seventh day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes, being read;

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Felton* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, “An Act to change the name of the *Peterborough and Port Hope Railway Company*, and to amend the Act incorporating the same:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Toronto Exchange*:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the International Mining and Manufacturing Company:” And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, “An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of relations and friends without being thereto authorized by a Judge in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries,” with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to allow Notaries to receive the advice of relations and friends without being thereto authorized by a Judge in all cases in which the Judges may delegate their powers to Notaries;” and the same was read, as followeth:—

Page 1, line 33. Leave out from “Act” to the end of the Bill.

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

Ordered, That Mr. *Prévost* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville and Ottawa Railway Company*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Ferres* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Ferres* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*,

The House adjourned until To-morrow at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Jovis, 14^o die Decembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

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

By Mr. *Vulois*,—The Petition of *James Shuter* and others, of the Parishes of *Montreal* and *Lachine*.

By Mr. *Brodeur*,—The Petition of *Emanuel Brunelle* and others, of the Township of *Acton*, District of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Bradford Division*, No. 146, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

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

Of the Reverend *P. Pouliot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Gervais*, County of *Bellechasse*; praying for aid in behalf of an Academy for Girls in the said Parish.

Of *Thomas Steel*, of the Township of *Slipton*, District of *St. Francis*; praying that the Bill to incorporate the *Slipton* Slate Works may not pass into law, and that he be heard by Counsel at the Bar of the House with reference thereto.

Ordered, That the Documents from the Bureau of Agriculture, presented on the twentieth of October last, which have been ordered to be printed for the Appendix to the Journals, be printed for the use of the Members of this House, together with the Report of Mr. *McDougall* on *American* Agricultural Implements.

On motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson*,

Ordered, That the Fee of Fifteen pounds, deposited with the proper Officer of this House, on the Bill to enable the Reverend *William Ritchie* to sell and convey, or to demise, certain Lands held by him in trust, be refunded to the Petitioner.

Mr. *Sidney Smith*, from the Committee further to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply granted to Her Majesty, reported several Resolutions; which were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of Four hundred and eighteen thousand eight hundred and forty-one pounds fifteen shillings and eleven-pence, currency, be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province not otherwise appropriated.

2. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of Nine thousand seven hundred and sixty-five pounds, currency, be granted out of the Jesuits' Estates.

3. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of Seven thousand five hundred pounds, currency, be granted out of the unexpended balance of that part of the Common School Fund belonging to *Lower Canada*.

4. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty, the sum of Three hundred and fifty thousand pounds, currency, be raised by Debentures for the service of the year One thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

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

The third Resolution being read a second time;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by the Honorable *John Saulfield Macdonald*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Resolution be left out, in order to add the words "the Report from the Committee of "Ways and Means be recommitted to provide that the sum of Seven thousand five hundred pounds, currency, shall not be taken from the Common School Fund as proposed, but shall be taken from the surplus Fund of the Jesuits' Estates" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Popin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Marchildon.</i>	<i>21. Young.</i>
<i>De Witt.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Langton.</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>37. Turcotte.</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

The third Resolution was then agreed to.

The fourth Resolution being read a second time;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Resolution be left out, in order to add the words "no notice has been given to this House, " that a proposition would be made to authorize the Government to add another " Three hundred and fifty thousand pounds to the Public Debt; that the Govern- " ment are already empowered by law to borrow Two hundred and fifty thousand " pounds; that the Public Debt, payable in July, 1855, is only about Five hundred " thousand pounds; that the Government estimate the amount of the Consolidated " Revenue Fund, for 1855, at One million four hundred and twenty-three thousand " five hundred and twenty pounds; that in October last there were about Six hun- " dred thousand pounds deposited in the Bank of *England* towards liquidating a " Debt, no part of which is due till 1863, and which yields only three per cent of " interest; also, more than Three hundred thousand pounds with the Agents of the " Province in *London*, for general purposes; and, that in the same month, over Six " hundred thousand pounds were on deposit in the Banks, a part yielding three per " cent, a part four, and another part yielding nothing; that about sixty-six of the " Members are absent from *Quebec*, not knowing of this proposition; and that this " House considers it inexpedient to authorize a further Loan of Three hundred and " fifty thousand pounds, in the absence of any further hopes held out that the " Tariff will be materially reduced" instead thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>10. Valois.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodour,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cruchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>

<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	54. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle.</i>		

So it passed in the Negative.

The fourth Resolution was then agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* have leave to bring in a Bill 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 Consolidated Revenue Fund.

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

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "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;" the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Charveau,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Brodcur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fortier, Thomas</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibaudreau,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	45. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Chabot.</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	3. <i>Marchildon.</i>
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So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

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

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs," without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have passed the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of feudal rights and duties in *Lower Canada*," with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

A Bill 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, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

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

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Act, by extending the said Road from *Thorold* to *Port Colborne*, and for other purposes, being read;

The Honorable Mr. *Merritt* moved, seconded by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr. *Joseph Curran Morrison* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Sidney Smith*, That the word "now" be left out, and the words "on Thursday the first day of March next" added at the end thereof;

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyr,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibautreau,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>32. Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>25. Valois.</i>

Dorion, Jean B. E.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the third reading of the Bill to amend the Act incorporating the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to constitute the Electoral County of *Sherbrooke* into a separate Municipality, and to establish a Registry Office therein, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of Railroad Corporations, and to regulate the same, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Canadian* Order of Odd Fellows in connection with the *Manchester* Unity, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the House again in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Provident Life Assurance and Investment Company, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the twenty-eighth day of December instant.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act establishing a Bureau of Agriculture, and consolidating the Laws relating to Agriculture, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act relative to Savings Banks in this Province, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Casault*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee: and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Brodeur* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Brodeur* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cauchon* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the Act of last Session relative to the enregistration of the Articles of Clerkship of Law Students, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until Thursday the first day of March next.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the Grand and Subordinate Divisions of the Sons of Temperance in *Lower Canada*, being read;

Mr. *Cooke* moved, seconded by Mr. *Sanborn*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

Y.R.S.

Messieurs

<i>Allegn.</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Blanchet.</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Laberge.</i>	<i>Précost,</i>
<i>Bourassa.</i>	<i>De Witt.</i>	<i>Laporte.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Bureau.</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Burton.</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon.</i>	<i>Félon,</i>	<i>Merritt,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mongee's,</i>	<i>Thibaulteau,</i>
<i>Chabot.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	39. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Cooke.</i>	<i>Jolin,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	

NAV.

1. Mr. *Blackenzie.*

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

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

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to incorporate the *Ontario and Bay of Quinte Canal Company*, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to confirm the Canonical erection of Catholic Parishes for civil purposes, to regulate the erection and repairing of Churches, Sacristies, Parsonage Houses and Churchyards, and to repeal certain Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, being read;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday the twenty-eighth day of December instant.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Blanchet* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Valois* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Mr. *Alleyn* moved, seconded by Mr. *Casault*, and the Question being put, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*;" the House divided:— And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill 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; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Burton* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an amendment thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend and extend the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*: and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dufresne* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be received To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *Sorel, Drummondville, and Richmond* Railway Company; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Taché* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make legal the Assessments made in *Upper Canada* during the year 1854, and to extend the time for making Assessments; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Bell* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Bell* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "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."

Ordered, That Mr. *Sidney Smith* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Second Report of the Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library.

And the said Report being again read;

Resolved. That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Joint Committee on the Library, with the exception of the fifth paragraph thereof.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the First Report of the Select Committee appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament so far as the interests of this House are concerned.

And the said Report being again read;

On motion of Mr. *Langton*, seconded by Mr. *Cauchon*,

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this House are due and are hereby given to the Most Reverend the Archbishop of *Quebec*; to the Right Reverend *C. F. Buillargeon*, Coadjutor Bishop of *Quebec*; to the Very Reverend *L. J. Casault*, DD., Superior of the Seminary of *Quebec*; and to the Reverend *Joseph Auclair*, Curé of the Parish of *Notre Dame de Québec*, for the zealous and timely assistance rendered by them in saving so large and valuable a portion of the Books of the Library of Parliament, at the destruction, by fire, of the Parliament Buildings, on the first day of February last; as also, for their prompt liberality in placing at the free disposal of the Officers in charge, apartments in the Palace of His Grace the Archbishop, in the premises attached to the Cathedral, and in the Seminary Buildings, sufficiently ample and secure for the reception of the Books and appurtenances of the Library, under the sudden emergency of the conflagration.

2. *Resolved*. That this House desires to express its high approval of the zeal and activity displayed by the Reverend Clergy, the Ecclesiastics, and Collegians of the Seminary of *Quebec*, in co-operating, under the direction of their Superiors, in rescuing the Books of the Library from the flames, and conveying them to places of safety; and that the same be communicated to them, on behalf of this House, by their Ecclesiastical Superiors, the Reverend Gentlemen above mentioned, who are requested to thank them for their gallant behaviour.

3. *Resolved*, That this House desires furthermore, to record its obligations to the Very Reverend the Superior of the Seminary, for the spacious accommodation generously provided by him within the walls of the Seminary Building for the reception and safe-keeping, for a period of more than eight months, of the Books saved from the fire; and for the free access and ample conveniences which were afforded during the whole of that time, both to the Officers in charge, and to all those who have had occasion, from time to time, to consult the Books.

4. *Resolved*, That a certified Copy of the foregoing Resolutions be transmitted, by Mr. Speaker, to the Reverend Gentlemen named in the first Resolution.

5. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this House are also due to Lieutenant Colonel *Grubbe*, Commandant of the Garrison; to Lieutenant Colonel *Thorndike*, of the Royal Artillery; to Lieutenant Colonel *Wulff*, of the Royal Engineers; to Lieutenant Colonel *Stack*, of the 71st Regiment, and to the Officers and Men under

their command, for their active exertions for the rescue and preservation of the public property from the effects of the disastrous conflagration above mentioned.

6. *Resolved*, That certified Copies of the foregoing Resolution be transmitted, by Mr. Speaker, to the several Officers therein named.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, That the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intitled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of feudal rights and "duties in *Lower Canada*," be now taken into consideration;

And Mr. Speaker having acquainted the House, that he had examined the said Amendments, and that he considered they came under the Rules of the House as to Money claims and charges upon the People, and as affecting the Privileges of this House;

The Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Amendments being in furtherance of the intention of the Legislative Assembly, this House doth waive its Privileges with regard to the same;

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Galt*, That all the words after "Amendments" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "be laid aside;"

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, That the said Amendments being in furtherance of the intention of the Legislative Assembly, this House doth waive its Privileges with regard to the same; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
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<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fincks,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Tacké,</i>
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Messieurs

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<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Burcau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Thibcaudezu,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>24. Young.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House then proceeded to take the said Amendments into consideration; and the same were read, 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 necessary 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 Seignioriy or Seigniorics 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 Seignioriy which shall be assigned to him as
“ aforesaid, by the Governor, and to draw up in tabular form.
“ in triplicate, a Schedule of such Seignioriy, shewing:—

- “ 1. The total value of the Seignior, 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 Seignior,
 “ 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
 “ Seignior, and any difference between the absolute value
 “ in *franc-aleu roturier* of all unconceded Lands, Waters,
 “ and Water Powers in the Seignior, 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 Seignior for which the Schedule is made
 “ may be held, if the Seignior 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 *tods et ventes*,—the yearly value, (if any)
 “ of the *droit de banalité*, and of the exclusive right to build
 “ Mills in the Seignior, 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 the same as
 “ hereinafter provided, but not otherwise,—the yearly value
 “ of the *cens et rentes* 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 Seigniorly of the same class; and the Com-
 “ missioners in estimating the yearly value of the *lods et ventes*
 “ in any Seigniorly, 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
 “ Seigniorly, (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 net 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 reve-
 “ nue 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 Seigneur thereof, and the
 “ total amount of such *rentes constituées* on any land, after the
 “ deduction to to be made therefrom as hereinafter provided,
 “ shall be paid to the Seigneur yearly, at the time and place
 “ where the *cens et rentes* on such land are now payable,
 “ unless it be otherwise agreed between the Seigneur 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 Seigneur *dominant* in any
 “ *arrière-fief* shall form the capital of a *rente constituée*, payable
 “ yearly by the Seigneur 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 date 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 Seigniorly, during four consecutive Sundays, at the conclusion of Divine Service in the forenoon, or by placards, in both languages, posted during four consecutive weeks, in the most frequented place in any Seigniorly 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 Seigniorly, 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 examination, 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 produce before them or any of them, any Book, Paper, Plan, Instrument, Document, or thing mentioned in such summons, 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 before 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 calendar 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 Seigniorly 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 res-
“ pect 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* refus-
“ ing 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 Seignio-
“ rial 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, ap-
“ point 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 man-
“ ner hereinbefore prescribed, upon or among the lands sub-
“ ject to such rights; and the Commissioner shall mention
“ in the Schedule that the value was determined by *exper-*
“ *tise* :

“ 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 Seigniori, 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 Seigniori, 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 Seigniori
 “ 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 Seigniori may ap-
 “ pear, either in person or by his agent, before the Commis-
 “ sioner, 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 Seigniori may appear before
 “ the said Commissioner by their agent, to be appointed by a
 “ majority of the *Censitaires* of the Seigniori 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 sub-
 “ mitted 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 forming
 " 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 Seigniori 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 triplicate in his hands until it shall be otherwise provided by law; and he shall give public notice of his having so deposited 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 Province, and in at least one newspaper published in the District 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 Seignior of the Seigniorship 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 *primâ 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 Seigniorship as aforesaid, every *Censitaire* in such Seigniorship 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 whatever, except the *rente constituée* which will be substituted for all Seigniorial duties and charges; and every Seignior shall thereafter hold his domain, and the unconceded lands in his Seigniorship, and all Waters, Water Powers, and Real Estate now belonging to him as Seignior, 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 Seignior of whose Fief or Seigniorship he is the Seignior *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 Seignior *dominant* of whom his Fief or Seigniorship is now held; subject always, both as regards Seignior and *Censitaire*, to the provisions of this Act; nor shall the Seignior as such after the said time be subject

“ to any onerous obligation towards his *Censitaires*, or be entitled 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 Seigneur 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 to such Seigneur,
 “ 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 Seigneur, 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 Seigneur 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 Seigneur, 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 Seigneur 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 Seignories 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 practicable 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 Counsel 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 Seigneur, and may submit supplementary or counter
“ Questions or propositions to those of the Crown or of any
“ Seigneur; 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 *instante*
“ 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 become
“ necessary to suspend the sittings of such Special Ses-
“ sion, 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 Debent-
 “ ures 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 Seigniorics 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
 “ Seigniorics 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 Seigniorics 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 Seig-
 “ niories 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-*
 “ *tuéés* 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 Seigniorie shall be-
 “ long to the Seignior thereof, subject always to the right of
 “ the Seignior *dominant*, and shall be dealt with in every res-
 “ pect as moneys paid in redemption of the *rentes constituées*
 “ mentioned in the Schedule of such Seigniorie, 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 Seigniorie 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 Seig-

" niory, 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 Seignior or part thereof is situate,
 " must, for the preservation of his privileges, within six
 " months from the date of the notice in the *Canada Gazette*,
 " of the deposit of the Schedule of such Seignior, file an op-
 " position to the distribution of all moneys arising, or which
 " may arise from the redemption of the Seigniorial Rights
 " in such Seignior; 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 case of dower not yet open, (*non encort ouvert*),
 " and all who have entailed or contingent rights, by them-
 " selves, or their tutors, curators, husbands, or others who
 " may act for them, shall be also required, for the preserva-
 " tion of their privileges, to file their opposition to the dis-
 " tribution 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 Sche-
 " dule of the Seignior in which such land is situate, the pos-
 " sessor of such Seignior 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
 " Seignior, or a triplicate thereof, is deposited, stating that
 " there is no opposition to the payment of the redemption
 " moneys in such Seignior, 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 Sei-
 " gnior out of the Special Fund hereinbefore mentioned,
 " with interest thereon at six per cent per annum, to be com-
 " puted 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 Seigniorly 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 ascer-
“ tained the amount of money coming to any Seignior out of
“ the Special Fund hereby appropriated in aid of the *Censi-*
“ *taires*, 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 Seigniorly 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 Seigniorics 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 SEIGNIORIES.

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 preservation whereof an opposition shall have been filed 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 Seigniorial 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 in respect of all rights thereafter to accrue, or for the preservation whereof no opposition shall have been filed within the delay aforesaid, all such lands, rights, *rentes* and monies, 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 previous 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 moveables 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 AA.

XXVIII. " Every *rente constituée* established by virtue of this Act, shall always be redeemable by consent of the owner of land and of the Seignior, in cases where the Seignior 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 be filed 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 BB.

XXIX. “ Provided always, that it shall not be lawful to
 “ redcem any such *rente constituée* except by the consent of
 “ the Seignior 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 Seignior 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 redcem 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 Seignior, if
 “ there be then no opposition filed as aforesaid, and in force;
 “ and if there be such opposition, then it shall be paid to the
 “ Receiver General, and shall be dealt with in all respects as
 “ money coming to the Seignior 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 Seignior having the right to
 “ such redemption money for his own use.”

Clause CC.

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 Seignior, due before the completion of the Schedule
 “ of the Seignior 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 Seignior to make an opposition for the said purpose
 “ before the sale.”

Clause DD.

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 EE.

Being the forty-second Clause of the Bill, amended.

XXXII. " The Seignior 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 FF.

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 Seignior 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 Sched-
 " ules 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 GG.

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 Seignior, 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 Seig-
 " niorial 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 HH.

Clause HH.

“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 consideration of the great advantages which must result to the Province 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 immediately redeemable without grievous hardship and injustice in many cases.”

In the Title of the Bill.

Leave out from “ Act ” to “ for.”

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That the said Amendments be now read a second time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty.Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>39. Stevenson.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>

<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	33. <i>Young.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the first Amendment being read a second time;

Mr. *Holton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Mackenzie*, and the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Privost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guéremont,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>Valois,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	30. <i>Young.</i>
<i>DeWitt, -</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Craxford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Larivell,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenaïs,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	41. <i>Taché.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,

The House adjourned.

Veneris, 15° die Decembris;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Loranger*.—The Petition of the Very Reverend *A. T. Truteau*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*.—The Petition of the Reverend *L. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Cécile du Bic*.

By Mr. *Sidney Smith*.—The Petition of *John Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petition was read:—

Of *William Lyon Mackenzie*, Esquire, of the City of *Toronto*; praying for the payment of certain amounts which he alleges are due him by this Province.

Ordered, That the said Petition be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until To-morrow at Ten o'clock in the forenoon; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Ferres* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Young*, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will direct the proper Officer to lay before this House, a Statement containing a nominal List of the Vessels registered in the Province, the Ports at which registered, and the old and new names of the Vessels to which new registers have been granted, the Ports at which new registers have been issued, or stated to apply, and the reason for the issue of such new registers; and also, for a Return shewing, in detail, the seizures made and penalties inflicted for contravention of the Customs Laws, in terms of the provisions of the 19th Section of the Customs Management Act; such Return to extend from the date of the said Act, until the 31st December, 1854; the House divided:—And it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by Mr. *Ferres*, and the Question being put, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to make provision for the Expenses of the Commission of Enquiry appointed on the sixth instant by the Committee to decide the Contested Election for the County of *Lotbinière*, should Parliament be dissolved before final Judgment be rendered by the Committee; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Blanchet</i> ,	<i>Drummond</i> , Atty.Gen.	<i>Labelle</i> ,	<i>Poulin</i> ,
<i>Brodeur</i> ,	<i>Felton</i> ,	<i>Laporte</i> ,	<i>Pouliot</i> ,
<i>Casault</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> , Thomas	<i>LeBoutillier</i> ,	Ross, Sol. Gen.
<i>Cauchon</i> ,	<i>Fortier</i> , Octave C.	<i>Loranger</i> .	<i>Smith</i> , Sidney
<i>Chabot</i> ,	<i>Fournier</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , Atty.Gen.	<i>Spence</i> ,
<i>Charveau</i> ,	<i>Gill</i> ,	<i>Meagher</i> ,	<i>Thibaudeau</i> ,
<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>Hincks</i> ,	<i>Morin</i> ,	29. <i>Turcotte</i> .
<i>Desaulniers</i> ,			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa</i> ,	<i>Dufresne</i> ,	<i>Macdonald</i> , John S.	<i>Prévost</i> ,
<i>Brown</i> ,	<i>Ferres</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> , Roderick	<i>Rhodes</i> ,
<i>Darche</i> ,	<i>Galt</i> ,	<i>Mackenzie</i> ,	<i>Taché</i> ,
<i>De Witt</i> ,	<i>Guèvremont</i> ,	<i>Marchildon</i> ,	<i>Valois</i> ,
<i>Dionne</i> ,	<i>Holton</i> ,	<i>Papin</i> ,	21. <i>Young</i> .
<i>Dostaler</i> ,			

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Order of the day for receiving the Report of the Committee of the whole House on the Bill to amend and extend the Act to establish a Consolidated Municipal Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be discharged; and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the 2nd Clause: "Provided always, that it shall not be lawful for any Municipality to pass any By-Law for the purpose of raising a Loan under this Act, for an amount exceeding twenty per cent on the aggregate valuation of property affected by such By-Law in the said Municipality, according to the last Assessment Roll thereof."

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Galt* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, and the Question being put, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Galt* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Prévost*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House for the purpose of adding the following Proviso at the end of the 5th Clause: "Provided also, that in any case where a By-Law imposing a Tax upon the rate-payers of any Municipality, has not been approved by a majority of the said rate-payers, it shall not be lawful for the Receiver General to issue any money or debentures to be raised under the authority of this Act, until such By-Law has been approved by a majority of such rate-payers in the manner provided by law in respect to By-Laws passed for the purpose of raising Loans under the authority of this and preceding Acts;"

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Grièremont,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	28. <i>Valois.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Caulhon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	37. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Charveau,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Report be now received;

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Galt*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the Bill be again recommitted to a Committee of the whole House, to provide against any doubts that may have arisen, or that may arise, as to the liability of the Province for the payment of Bonds to be issued hereafter, under authority of Municipal Loan Fund Acts;"

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put;

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Stevenson* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Desautniers,</i>	<i>LeBouillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Fincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Thibardeau,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>52. Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

Mackenzie,

2. Murney.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, "An Act to extend and amend the Act to establish a Consolidated Loan Fund for *Upper Canada*, by applying the same to *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cayley* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the University Lying-in Hospital in the City of *Montreal*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal* Dispensary:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Shipton* Slate Works:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Kingsey* Slate Works:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *Saint Francis* College:"

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."

And then he withdrew.

A Bill to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt, was, according to Order, read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. *Burton* reported the Bill 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; and the amendment was read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Alleyn* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded, according to Order, to take into further consideration the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the abolition of feudal rights and duties in *Lower Canada*."

And the first Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Page 1, line 32, the next Amendments, being read a second time;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*, and the Question being put, That the whole of the said Amendments be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:

"It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to raise such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary for the just indemnification of parties entitled to the same in consequence of the abolition of the Feudal Tenure, and for aid to the *Censitaires* as herein provided, by Debentures to be issued on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, in such form, and at 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 Governor in Council shall think most advantageous for the public interest; and the moneys so raised as aforesaid shall form part of the said Consolidated Revenue Fund of this Province:

"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 purpose 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 all arrears of such dues:

"All moneys arising from the Revenues of the Seigniorie of *Lauzon*, or from the sale of any part of the said Seigniorie which may hereafter be sold, and all arrears of such Revenues:

"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, allowing interest 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, and under such further Act as may be hereafter passed for the same purpose, 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*: Provided always, that the total amount of moneys to be paid for the abolition of the said Feudal Rights and Duties, whether in money or debentures, under this Act, and under such further Act as aforesaid, 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 hereinbefore mentioned, (upon an average of the last five years,) would be the yearly interest at six per cent per annum;”

The House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Samborn,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>McDonald, Roderick</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Guèvremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	27. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Larvill,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty Gen.</i>	<i>Lemaux,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Caruchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Stevenson,</i>
<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	48. <i>Taché.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the said Amendments, as far as Clause E, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Clause E, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, an Amendment was made thereunto, in line 32, by leaving out the word “extent” and inserting 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.”

Mr. *Turcotte* moved, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be further amended, by adding after the word “exist” at the end of the fifth paragraph thereof, the words “Provided always that such *Censitaire* shall not in any case be compelled to pay annually to such Seigneur any portion of such *rente constituée* greater than the amount of the sum which he now annually pays to such Seigneur for *cens et rentes* ;” the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Prévost,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Daoust, Charles</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaulteau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guvremont,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	25. <i>Valois.</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley, n,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Larwill,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Brodcur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cascalt,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	39. <i>Stevenson.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Langton,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Clause E, the said Amendment, so amended, was then agreed to.

Then the said Amendments, as far as Clause J, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Clause J, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Amendments were made thereunto, in line 22, by inserting after the word “Judges” the words “of the Special Court,” and in line 24, by adding after the word “mentioned” at the end of the said Clause, 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.”

And the said Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the said Amendments, as far as Clause M, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Clause M, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, Amendments were made thereunto, in line 11, by leaving out “Waters,” and in line 12, by leaving out “as Seigneur,” and also in line 24, by adding after the word “does” at the end of the said Clause, the words “Provided always that no Seigneur shall concede or alienate any part of the unconceded lands in his Seigniorly, 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.”

And the said Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Clause N, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, Amendments were made thereunto, in line 2, by inserting after the word "Act" the words "by any deed subsequent to the deed of concession," and in line 9, by leaving out the word "owned" and inserting the words "so acquired."

Mr. *Cooke* moved, seconded by Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion*, and the Question being put, That the said Clause be further amended, by leaving out from "Provided" in line 7, to the end of the said Clause, and inserting "always that the owner of any land adjoining any Water Powers not occupied by the Seigneur, shall be the property of the *Censitaires*, without any price or cost whatsoever;" the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Clause N, the said Amendment, so amended, was then agreed to.

Then the said Amendments, as far as Clause R, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Clause R, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, an Amendment was made thereunto, in line 6, by inserting between the words "aforesaid" and "shall" the following words: "and the difference between the absolute value *en franc-aleu roturier* of all unconceded Lands, Waters, and Water Powers in the Seigniories, and the value of the Seigneur's rights therein."

And the said Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the said Amendments, as far as Clause CC, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Clause CC, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, an Amendment was made thereunto, in line 3, by leaving out the word "arrears."

And the said Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Then the said Amendments, as far as the Amendment in Page 25, line 29, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, and the Question being put, That the Original Bill be amended by leaving out in Page 25, line 20, from "extend" to "nor" in line 29, and inserting "to the lands lying within the City and Parish of *Montreal*, forming part of the Seigniorie held by the Ecclesiastics of the Seminary of *St. Sulpice* of *Montreal*;" the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the said Amendments, as far as Page 25, line 37, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Page 25, line 37, the next Amendment, being read a second time;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved in amendment thereunto, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, and the Question being put, That all the words from "and" inclusive, in the first line, to the end of the said Amendment, be left out; the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

The said Amendment was then agreed to.

Mr. *Laberge* moved, seconded by Mr. *Bourassa*, and the Question being put, That the Original Bill be amended by inserting after "*Sherrington*" in Page 25, line 37, the words "nor to the Seigniories situated in the Counties of *Iberville* and *St. Johns*;" the House divided:—And it passed in the Negative.

Then the said Amendments, as far as Page 1, line 1, in the Preamble, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Page 1, line 1, in the Preamble, the next Amendment, being read a second time; and the Question being put, That this House doth concur with the Legislative Council in the said Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alcyn,</i>	<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crawford,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Morrison, Joseph C.</i>	<i>40. Stevenson.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Guevremont,</i>	<i>Marchaldon,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Murney,</i>	<i>19. Valois.</i>
<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Papin,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Then the subsequent and last Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendments, with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to amend the original Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining Company*, being read;

Ordered, That the said Order of the day be postponed until To-morrow, and be then the first Order of the day.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by Mr. *Brown*,

The House adjourned until To-morrow at Ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Sabbati, 16° die Decembris;

ANNO 18° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

THE following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Cooke*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the County of *Ottawa*, Division No. 2.

By Mr. *Larwill*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Harwich*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of *Winchester* Division, No. 156, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance.

By Mr. *Cauchon*,—The Petition of the Reverend *G. H. Besserer* and others, of *St. Pierre* and other Parishes in the Island of *Orleans*, County of *Montmorency*.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *James Shuter* and others, of the Parishes of *Montreal* and *Lachine*; praying that the Act 16 *Vic. c. 127*, may be so amended as to provide a remedy against the Corporation of the City of *Montreal* for any damages done to their property by the Agents, Contractors, or Employés of the said Corporation in the construction of a Canal for the conveyance of water to the said City.

Of *Emanuel Brunelle* and others, of the Township of *Acton*, District of *Montreal*; praying for the passing of an Act to facilitate the sale of lands of absentees for arrears of taxes.

Of *Bradford Division*, No. 146, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the Order of the day for the House in Committee on the Bill to incorporate the Eastern Townships Bank, be postponed until Monday the fifth day of March next, and be then the first Order of the day.

The Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Spence*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, expressing our sincere regret at His Excellency's retirement from the Government of this Colony, which he has for so many years administered with honor to himself and advantage to the Country; and to congratulate His Lordship on the improvement in the happiness and prosperity of the Province which have attended the able discharge of the high trusts reposed in His Excellency by Our Gracious Sovereign, and on the dignities which Her Majesty has been pleased to confer upon His Lordship as marks of Her distinguished favor, and in appreciation of the services rendered by His Excellency to Her Majesty's Crown. And further to assure His Excellency that we shall ever feel the highest esteem and respect for his exalted character, an anxious solicitude for his future welfare and happiness, and that we sincerely hope His Excellency may long live to enjoy the favor of his Sovereign, and the approbation of his Country;

Mr. *Galt* moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "expressing" to the end of the Question be left out, in order to add the words "the sincere regret of this House at His Lordship's approaching retirement from the Government of this Colony; and to assure His Excellency that we shall ever feel the highest esteem and respect for his exalted character, an anxious solicitude for his future welfare and happiness, and that we sincerely hope His Excellency may long live to enjoy the favor of his Sovereign, and the approbation of his Country."

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Popin,</i>
<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S. 15.</i>	<i>Sanborn.</i>
<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Guévremont,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>LeBontillier,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>

<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Broueur,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	41. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put, the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Laporte,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Dostaler,</i>	<i>LeBoutillier,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>
<i>Broueur,</i>	<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Casault,</i>	<i>Fortier, Octave C.</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Givremont,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	43. <i>Turcotte.</i>
<i>Chauveau,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Dorion, John B. E.</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Darce,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Loberge,</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>DeWitt,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	12. <i>Papin.</i>

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

And the said Address, as engrossed, is as followeth:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova-Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in 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.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors, that this House hath adopted a Valedictory 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 the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Members of the *British American Friendly Society of Canada*:”

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:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act relative to Savings Banks in this Province:”

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:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the City of *Quebec* to raise a Loan to consolidate their Debt:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Corporation of the Mayor and Councilors of the City of *Quebec* to borrow an additional sum for the construction of the Water Works:”

Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*:”

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:” And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to their Amendments to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the abolition of feudal rights and duties in *Lower Canada*,” without any Amendment: And also,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*,” with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *St. Lawrence Mining Company*,” and the same was read, as followeth:—

Page 1, line 23. Leave out the word “Count.”

The said Amendment, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* do carry back the Bill to the Legislative Council, and acquaint their Honors, that this House hath agreed to their Amendment.

Mr. *O'Farrell* moved, seconded by Mr. *Pouliot*, and the Question being put, That the Accountant of this House be authorized to pay out of the Contingent Fund, and as Contingencies of this House, the sum of Ten shillings per day to each Member of the Legislative Assembly for the time they shall have respectively

attended at the Seat of Government during the present Session of the Legislature, until the adjournment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down as follow :

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Felton,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rhodes,</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacNab, Sir A. N.</i>	<i>Ross, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Sanborn,</i>
<i>Chabot,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Mongenais,</i>	<i>Smith, Sol. Gen.</i>
<i>Cooke,</i>	<i>Hincks,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Spence,</i>
<i>Crysler,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>O'Farrell,</i>	<i>Taché,</i>
<i>Drummond, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Pouliot,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lyon,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>32. Turcotte.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Cartier,</i>	<i>Dorion, Jean B. E.</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>
<i>Brodeur,</i>	<i>Cascault,</i>	<i>Dorion, Antoine A.</i>	<i>Marchildon,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Darche,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>15. Papin.</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>De Witt,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, adjourn until Monday next at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to provide for the freedom of Elections, being read ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Gill* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Gill* reported the Bill accordingly ; and the amendments were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Morin* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery :—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have agreed to the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on His Excellency's retirement from the Government of this Province, by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and : " And also,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed Monday next 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.

And then he withdrew.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the original Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining Company*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Thibaudeau* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, and the Title be, “An Act to amend the Act “incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining Company*.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Sanborn* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Spence*,

Resolved, That this House will attend His Excellency the Governor General with the Honorable the Legislative Council, on Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon, to present the Joint Address of both Houses on the subject of His Excellency's retirement from the Government of this Province.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Marchildon* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same without any amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended as regards the same.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Casault* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*,

The House adjourned until Monday next.

Lunæ, 18^o die Decembris;

ANNO 18^o VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1854.

PURSUANT to the Order of the day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Very Reverend *A. F. Truteau*; praying for aid on behalf of the Catholic School for Deaf and Dumb Girls in the Parish of *Longue Pointe*.

Of the Reverend *L. Marceau* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Cécile du Bic*; praying aid for the improvement of *Bic Harbour*.

Of *John Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*; and of *Winchester Division*, No. 156, of the Order of the Sons of Temperance; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of the Municipality of the County of *Ottawa*, Division, No. 2; praying that the Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the *Vaudreuil* Railway Company may not pass into Law.

Of the Municipality of the Township of *Harwich*; praying that all Companies of Railways exceeding twenty-five miles in extent, may be compelled to construct double tracks for the prevention of accidents such as that which recently occurred on the Great Western Railway.

Of the Reverend *G. H. Besserer* and others, of *St. Pierre* and other Parishes in the Island of *Orleans*, County of *Montmorency*; praying for aid in behalf of a Female Educational Establishment under the care of the *Sœurs de la Congrégation de Notre Dame*, in the Parish of *St. Famille*.

Mr. Thomas Fortier, from the Standing Committee on Contingencies, presented to the House the Eighth Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:

In consequence of the Vote of Your Honorable House on Saturday last, increasing the Allowance of Indemnity to Members during the present period of the Session, Your Committee find it necessary, as the Act authorizing the payment of Indemnity does not contemplate such increase, to submit that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting the placing in the hands of the Clerk of Your Honorable House a sum to cover the amount occasioned by the said Vote.

On motion of *Mr. Thomas Fortier*, seconded by *Mr. Galt*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to issue his Warrant in favor of *William Burns Lindsay*, Esquire, Clerk of this House, for a further sum of Eight thousand pounds, currency, on account of the Contingencies of this House; and assuring His Excellency that this House will make good the same.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

Mr. Langton, from the Joint Committee appointed by the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly for the regulation and management of the Parliamentary Library, presented to the House the Third Report of the said Committee; which was read, as followeth:

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 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 Legislaturc. 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.

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the Committee in the said Report.

Ordered, That the Supervisor of Culliers' Accounts for the year 1853, laid before the House on the twenty-fifth day of September last, be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

Ordered, That the Petition of the Municipality of the County of *Ottawa*, Division No. 2, be referred to the Standing Committee on Railroads, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Ordered, That the said Petition be printed for the use of the Members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery to make out a new Writ for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County of *Kamouraska*, in the room of *Jean Charles Chapais*, Esquire, whose Election has been declared void.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House the following Letter:—

Government House, *Quebec*, 18th December, 1854.

Sir,—I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to inform you that it is His Excellency's intention to proceed to the Legislative Council Chamber, to-day at One o'clock, P.M., to assent, in Her Majesty's Name, to certain Bills passed by the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

L. Olyphant.

The Honorable The Speaker
of the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Morin*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*,

Resolved, That this House will, at the rising of the House this day, after the presentation of the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, adjourn until Friday the twenty-third day of February next.

Ordered, That all the Orders of the day fixed for any day anterior to the said twenty-third day of February next, do stand on the Orders for that day.

The Honorable Mr. *Chauveau*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly of the 30th October last, for copies of the two last Reports of Mr. *Bruce*, Inspector of Schools for the City and District of *Montreal*.

For the said Return, see Appendix (B.)

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fenning's Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council have passed the following Bills, without Amendment; viz:—

Bill, intituled, "An Act further to provide for the freedom of Elections:—"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Upper Canada Mining Company*:"

Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to make better provision for the establishment of Municipal Authorities in *Lower Canada*."

And then he withdrew.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor General, by *René Kimber*, Esquire, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:—

Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this Honorable House in the Legislative Council Chamber.

Accordingly Mr. Speaker, with the House, went to the Legislative Council Chamber:—

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, That agreeable to the commands of His Excellency the Governor General, the House had attended upon His Excellency in the Legislative Council Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased to give, in Her Majesty's Name, the Royal Assent to the following Public and Private Bills:—

An Act to 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 *Victoria*, chapter 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 Monies 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.

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 Seigniory of *Yamasha* to regulate the Common of the said Seigniory.

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.

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 Elections.

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*.

And afterwards, that he had addressed His Excellency the Governor General, as followeth:—

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 hun-

“dred 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 Bill the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her loyal Subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.”

Mr. Speaker reported, That both Houses had attended His Excellency the Governor General, this day, with their Address; to which His Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer:—

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 which powers of self-government may be turned by an enlightened and high-minded people.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Chabot*, seconded by Mr. *Casault*,
The House adjourned until Friday the twenty-third day of February next.
