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His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet,
GOVERNOR GENERAL,
&c., &c., &c.

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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 Seventh day of the month of July instant to have been commenced, and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the Thirtieth day of the month of May last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the SEVENTH day of the month of JULY instant, at which time, at Our City of Quebec, you

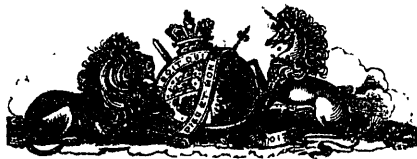
were held and constrained to appear: Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you that on THURSDAY, the SIXTEENTH day of the month of AUGUST next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of Quebec, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the great seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At QUEBEC, in our said Province, this SIXTH day of JULY, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. Chy.

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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 Sixteenth day of the month of August instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the Sixth day of the month of July last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the SIXTEENTH day of the month of AUGUST instant, at which time, at Our City of Quebec, you were held and constrained to appear : Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on SATURDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of the month of SEPTEMBER next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of Quebec, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At QUEBEC, in Our said Province, this ELEVENTH day of AUGUST, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

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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 Fifteenth day of the month of September instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the Eleventh day of the month of August last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the FIFTEENTH day of the month of SEPTEMBER instant, at which time, at Our City of Quebec, you were held and constrained to appear: Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking, and by these presents enjoining you, and each of you, that on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIFTH day of the month of OCTOBER next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at our City of Quebec, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and well-beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island

of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At QUEBEC, in Our said Province, this FOURTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

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To Our Beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of Canada, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Quebec, on the Twenty-fifth day of the month of October instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the Fourteenth day of the month of September last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the TWENTY-FIFTH day of the month of OCTOBER instant, at which time, at Our City of Quebec, you were held and constrained to appear : **AND** WHEREAS, in and by an

Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, made and passed in the Session held in the third and fourth years of Our Reign, and intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada," it is among other things enacted, that it shall be lawful for the Governor of Our Province of Canada, for the time being to fix such place or places within any part of Our said Province, and such times for holding the first and every other Session of the Legislative Council and Assembly of Our said Province, as he may think fit, such times and places to be afterwards changed or varied as the said Governor may judge advisable and most convenient with the general convenience and the public welfare, giving sufficient notice thereof; as in and by the said Act, reference being thereunto had, may more fully appear. Now KNOW YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on WEDNESDAY, the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of the month of NOVEMBER next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of Toronto, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. HEREIN FAIL NOT.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At TORONTO, in Our said Province, this TWENTIETH day of OCTOBER, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

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

To Our Beloved and Faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of Canada, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Toronto, on the Twenty-eighth day of the month of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, on the Twentieth day of the month of October last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament, to the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of the month of NOVEMBER instant, at which time, at Our City of Toronto, you were held and constrained to appear. Now Know YE, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our Loving Subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you, and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid, hereby convoking and by these presents enjoining you and each of you, that on MONDAY, the SEVENTH day of the month of JANUARY next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, at Our City of Toronto, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of Canada, and therein to do as may seem necessary. **HEREIN FAIL NOT.**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed : WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the

Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At TORONTO, in OUR said Province, this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of NOVEMBER, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

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To Our Beloved and Faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of Canada, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a Meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, at Our City of Toronto, on the Seventh day of the month of January instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A. PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, the Meeting of Our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the Seventh day of the month of January instant, NEVERTHELESS, for certain causes and considerations, WE HAVE THOUGHT FIT further to prorogue the same to FRIDAY, the fifteenth day of the month of FEBRUARY now next,

so that neither you nor any of you, on the said Seventh day of January instant, at Our City of Toronto, 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 FRIDAY, the FIFTEENTH day of the month of FEBRUARY now next ensuing, AT OUR CITY OF TORONTO aforesaid, personally you be and appear for the DESPATCH OF BUSINESS, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which in Our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of Our said Province, may by the favor of God be ordained.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of Canada to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c. At Our Government House, at Our CITY OF TORONTO, in Our said Province of Canada, the SEVENTH day of JANUARY, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. Chy.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, the Fifteenth day of February, in the Nineteenth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lady *Victoria*, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen Defender of the Faith, being the Second Session of the Fifth Provincial Parliament of Canada, as continued by several Prorogations to this day.

The Members in attendance in the Legislative Council Chamber, in the Parliament House, in the City of *Toronto*, were :

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY,

His Excellency SIR EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "it is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come,

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

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

I have thought it right to call you together at this Season, because I believed it to be the wish of the Country that your task of legislation should not be delayed until a later period of the year, and because it is at once the desire and the duty of the Executive Government, to profit by your advice and assistance when it may be most conveniently afforded.

In referring to the labors of your last Session, I cannot help congratulating you on having settled the disputed question of the Clergy Reserves. You will find I believe, a large balance of funds arising from this source, available for distribution among the Municipalities, but I think it likely that your assistance as Legislators may be required to give full effect to the fair and equal allotment of these sums.

In *Lower Canada*, the Act for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure, promises in like manner to close a long pending controversy, by an equitable adjustment of existing claims. No time has been lost by me in acting on the powers conferred by this law, and I trust that you will be satisfied with the progress which has been made.

The subject of a change in the Constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering it Elective, will again be brought before you.

A measure for the organization of a Provincial Police, capable of being applied by the Crown, for the prevention of crime, and the speedy apprehension of offenders, deserves your attentive consideration.

The increasing wealth and prosperity of the country demand increased protection for property, and the advance of civilization in *Canada*, should be marked by the strict enforcement of Law, and by the perfect sense of security from outrage.

It is to you that I must look for the power of ensuring these great objects.

I have spoken of our increasing prosperity. No mark of its existence can be stronger than that afforded by our extended lines of Railway. Nor is this progress confined to one Section of Province. Eastward to *St. Thomas*, and Westward to *Guelph* and *Hamilton*, these lines, at once the sign and cause of pro-

gress, are already completed. I may congratulate you on the fact that since your last meeting, nearly two hundred and fifty miles have been got into working order, whilst it is hoped that no less than two hundred and fifty more will be finished before next year.

Legal reforms are needed both in *Eastern* and *Western Canada*. One measure at least, will be submitted to you, having reference to this important subject. It may not be possible in the present Session to effect all that you desire: yet I trust that some progress will be made in simplifying the procedure and facilitating the working of our courts, by the adoption of practical amendments.

I should see with great satisfaction the adoption by you of any general measure which tended still more to abridge your legislative labours in providing for the incorporation, and for laying down the conditions of private institutions of every kind.

I regret to say that the Presentments of numerous Grand Juries throughout the Country, which I have directed to be laid before you, shew too clearly the want of improvement in the construction and discipline of our Gaols.

Your zeal in the cause of Education is known and appreciated by all the World. It is important to consider whether we cannot combine the reform of the juvenile offenders with the punishment of their crimes. At the very least, it is incumbent upon us to take care that such punishment does not in itself afford fresh opportunities for debasing the criminal and instructing him in vice.

The Board of Audit constituted by the Act of last Session, is already at work, and it will, I trust, contribute to ensure a satisfactory examination of the Public Accounts.

With regard to the Militia Act, the ready loyalty of the inhabitants both in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, has enabled me to authorize the formation of numerous troops and companies of Volunteers, whose conduct and discipline will undoubtedly do credit to the Province. I have moreover, with the assistance of the Adjutant General, done my best to carry out your wishes by organizing the Sedentary Militia.

The Government in pursuance of the wishes of the Legislature, has taken on itself to conclude a fresh arrangement calculated to secure a line of Ocean Steamers from the *St. Lawrence* to *England* during the approaching season.

That the timber trade has been depressed is a deep source of regret to me and to all others who have at heart the welfare of the Province. I trust that we are about to witness its revival, and that the commerce of *Quebec* and *Montreal* will have suffered but a temporary check.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

The accounts of last year and the estimates for the present, will be laid before you.

You will find that, on the whole, our finances are in a satisfactory state. The people at large have reaped the benefit of those reductions in the Customs' Duties which you made last year.

The diminution in the receipts consequent on such reductions, nearly corresponds with the calculation submitted to you by my advisers. A large decrease has been caused by the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States*, but I conceive that any such apparent loss is more than compensated by the increased commerce, and by the facility of intercourse between the two countries.

It will be the duty of my Council to ask you in the present Session for such Supplies for Her Most Gracious Majesty, as you may see fit to grant.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

The year just ended has been one of difficulty and conflict in *Europe*; on this side of the *Atlantic* we have, by the blessing of Providence, escaped the direct evils of war. In no part, however, of the Queen's Dominions, has a deeper sympathy with her arms been shewn, or more fervent prayers for their success been offered, than in *Canada*.

Our people have eagerly watched every turn of the contest, and consisting as they do, of men of French and English origin, equal members of the same free community, and loyal subjects of the same Queen, they have grieved at the sufferings, and exulted in the success of the Allied Armies.

In like manner, should it please God to establish a firm and honorable peace, *Canada* will, I doubt not, rejoice at the termination of the war. May it be my lot before the end of the present Session, to congratulate you on so auspicious an event.

At present, I have only to leave you to the discharge of your important duties.

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

The Honorable Messieurs *De Blaquière, Fergusson, Widmer, and Gordon*, came to the Table and severally took, and subscribed, the Oath prescribed by law, which was administered by *John Fennings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal, to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Tachè* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Common Schools."

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

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

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Tuesday next.

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

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

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs *Moore, Gordon, Boulton, Tachè, Mills* and *Wilson*, be appointed a Committee to Superintend the Printing of this House during the present Session.

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs *DeBlaquière, Crooks, Fergusson, Hamilton* and *Knowlton*, be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks, Moore, Goodhue, J. Morris* and *Seymour*, be a Committee to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

It was moved,

That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Tuesday next.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Tuesday, 19th February, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
GOODHUE,
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *Ira Schofield*, late Captain, commanding a flank Company of the Second Regiment of *Leeds Militia*, during the War of 1812, praying that in consideration of his services, he may receive half-pay, or such other equivalent as the Legislature may deem right.

And also, a Petition from the *London Mercantile Library Association*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Quebec*, praying for a grant of Land to the *North Shore Railway Company*.

And also, a Petition from *Sœur Marie Saint Maurice Borgel*, Superior of the *Sœurs de la Présentation* at *Saint Hugues* in the County of *Bagot*, praying for aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the *St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum* of the City of *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, two Petitions from the *Quebec Board of Trade*, praying that certain alterations may be made in the present *Tariff*, and that measures may be taken to foster and protect domestic manufactures ; and praying for the construction of a Canal to connect the *St. Lawrence* with the *Upper Lakes*, viâ the valley of the *Ottawa*.

Also, a Petition from *R. Canfield* and others, of *St. Bernard de Lacolle* in the County of *St. John*, praying that for Municipal and Registration purposes the said

Parish may be separated from the County of *St. John* and attached to the County of *Napierville*.

Also, two Petitions from the Reverend *Jean Baptiste St. Germain*, of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, on the Island of *Montreal*, praying for a grant of money to enable him to assist *La Communauté des Sœurs de Saint Croix* in erecting a building for themselves and their Pupils, and praying for aid to *La Corporation de l'Académie Industrielle de Saint Laurent*.

Also, a Petition from *Gideon Brien* dit *Durocher* and others, of the Townships of *Kilkenny* and *Weaford* in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for aid to open a road through these Townships.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *P. D. Laporte*, and others of the Parish of *Saint Ambroise de Kildare* in the county of *Joliette*, praying for aid to a School in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *Louis Lecaire*, and others of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated as a benevolent Society by the name of *L'Association de l'Union St. Joseph*.

Also, a Petition from *Jacques Viger*, and another of *Montreal*, praying for aid to an Institution called *L'Association de l'Ecole St. Jacques à Mon real*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. J. Gugon* and others of the Parish of *St. Elizabeth*, in the County of *Joliette*, praying for aid to a Girls' School there.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Allard*, and others, of *Lachine*, praying for certain amendments to the Railway clauses consolidation Act.

And also, a Petition from the Sisters of Charity administering the General Hospital at *Montreal*, praying for the continuance of the allowance made to them for the support of foundlings and other objects of charity.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented a Petition from *Moses Brown*, and others of the Township of *Durham*, praying for the amendment of the Seignorial act of last Session.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *James Reid*, and others of the Parish of *Saint Armand*, East, in the County of *Missisquoi*, praying for aid towards the erection and endowments of a High School in the Village of *Frelighsburg*.

And also, a Petition from the *Institut Canadien, Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Hon. Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *James A. Henderson*, and others, of the City of *Kingston*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as "The Freemasons' Hall Association of the City of *Kingston*."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew* praying against the passing of any act to prohibit the use on certain highways of any other description of wagons than those with wheels having three and one-half inch tyres thereon.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that a commission had been issued under the Great Seal to *John Fennings Taylor*, the younger, Esquire appointing him a Master in Chancery.

The said Commission was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the same be entered upon the Journals, and it is as follows.

EDMUND HEAD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To our Trusty and Well Beloved *John Fennings Taylor*, the younger, Esquire

GREETING :

KNOW YOU, that reposing [especial trust and confidence in the fidelity ability and integrity of you the said *John Fennings Taylor*, we have nominated, constituted and appointed and by these presents Do nominate constitute and appoint you the said *John Fennings Taylor*, to be a Master in the Chancery of our said Province of *Canada*, to attend Our Legislative Council of Our said Province and to do, perform and execute all such acts services matters and things in Our Parliament as appertain to the said Office and as you shall be required and ordered to do in the said office of Master in Chancery by Us or by the said Legislative Council sitting in Our Parliament of our said Province, and *We hereby* give and grant to you power and authority to exercise and perform all the said duties of

the said Office, place and trust of *Master* in the *Chancery* of our said Province *To have, hold, exercise* and enjoy the said Office of *Master* in *Chancery* of Our said Province for and during Our Will and Pleasure, with all the rights, powers, and authorities, fees, perquisites, profits and emoluments which to the said Office do or ought to belong or appertain.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-beloved SIR EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of British North America and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward* and Vice-Admiral of the same &c., &c., &c., AT TORONTO, this FOURTEENTH day of FEBRUARY in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

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GEO. ET. CARTIER,

Provincial Registrar.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,

Atty. Genl., U. C.

By Command,

GEO. ET. CARTIER,

Secretary.

The Honorable Messieurs, *Knowlton, Moore, and Widmer* enter.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library.

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

To the Honorable the Legislative Council of the Province of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament Assembled.

The Librarian begs leave respectfully to Report, That in compliance with orders received by him in *Quebec* in September last, the books belonging to the Library of Parliament were carefully packed under his superintendence, and removed to the rooms prepared for their reception at *Toronto*, where they have been divided into two portions,—the legal and constitutional,—and miscellaneous works,—the former having been arranged in the lower, and the latter placed in the upper room, the whole amounting to nine thousand seven hundred and thirty-seven volumes in good condition, very few having received any damage in their removal and that only to the binding.

A case containing a number of books of references, seventy-seven volumes, ordered last Session by the Committee on Contingent Accounts, for the exclusive use of the Legislative Council, has been received from *England*, and the contents are now ready for inspection in the Private Library of Your Honorable House.

A classified Catalogue of all the books in the Library of Parliament is in course of preparation, but as so large an addition may be expected immediately by the arrival of the books purchased by Mr. *Todd*, in *Europe*, and presented to him by individuals and learned Bodies there, it was not deemed advisable to incur the expense of printing it, without the sanction of Parliament.

The Catalogue of legal and constitutional sections of the Library, which was prepared previous to last Session, is placed upon the table of your Honorable Council, and the Manuscript Catalogue of the remaining classes is in the hands of the Librarian and can be consulted upon application to him.

Having received from Mr. *Todd*, the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly, a copy of a detailed Report of his recent Mission to *Europe*, on behalf of the Library, and under the directions of the Honorable the Speakers of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly, the Librarian begs leave to annex the same to this Report for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council.

All which is humbly and respectfully submitted.

W. AGAR ADAMSON,
Librarian, Legislative Council.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT, TORONTO,
19th February, 1856.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

The Joint Library Committee of both Houses of the Legislature having, during the last Session of Parliament, agreed to the adoption of measures for re-organizing the Library of Parliament, upon a practical and useful scale, determined upon sending to *Europe* a Special Agent for the selection and purchase of books in *London* and *Paris*, in the various departments of law, politics, literature and science, agreeably to instructions prepared by the Honorable The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and by the Chairman of the Library Committee.

Being intrusted by the Committee with this duty, and having been furnished by His Excellency the Governor General with letters commendatory to the Colonial Office in *London*, I left *Quebec* upon my mission, on the 31st May last.

In the general instructions given by the Committee for my guidance, I was authorised to make application to the Offices of State in *England* and *France* for donations of such works, at the disposal of the respective Governments, as they might think fit to present to the Library. I was also empowered to receive from Public Institutions and from private individuals, any donations of books that might be offered, with directions to report specially thereon to the Legislature, in order that all such gifts should be suitably acknowledged.

Shortly after my arrival in *London*, I presented my credentials at the Colonial Office, and being honoured with an interview by the late lamented Right Honorable Sir *William Molesworth*, the then Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicated to him the nature of my mission and the hopes entertained by the Provincial Authorities that some assistance would be afforded by the Imperial Government in the endeavour to collect together a Library for *Canada*, suited to the wants of the Legislature, and calculated to afford the means of information to students and practical men in our rapidly improving Province.

Sir *William Molesworth* gave me assurance of his desire to afford me every aid and facility in his power to further the objects of my mission. By his order, I was afterwards furnished with a list of the various Departments of the British Government which had been requested to contribute their official publications to the Library, and with directions to put myself in communication with them for the purpose of receiving any works which it might be in the power of Her Majesty's Government to bestow.

The Offices enumerated in my letter from the Colonial Office were the following, viz :

The Admiralty,
The Board of Ordnance,
The Board of Trade,
The Board of Health,
The Treasury,
The Rolls House,
The Foreign Office, and
The British Museum.

I will now proceed to state the result of my applications to these several Offices.

From the Secretary to the Board of Admiralty, I received a most valuable collection of Maps and Charts of all parts of the Globe, selected by the Hydrographer of the Admiralty for the use of the Library. These I afterwards caused to be carefully arranged, mounted upon linen, and bound in 23 large folio volumes. From this Department I was also presented with 54 volumes of Sailing Directions, and other official publications of the Board.

From the Board of Ordnance, I was presented with the entire series, so far as has yet been published, of the Maps of the Ordnance Survey of the several Counties of *England, Scotland and Ireland*. The magnificent scale upon which this work has been executed is that of one inch to a mile. It already extends to 2,736 separate sheets, and it is still far from completion. The cost of these maps, if bought at the publisher's, would exceed £470 sterling. Finding that this series from its vast extent, would be quite unmanageable for reference, unless suitably arranged, and would be liable to injury if not properly preserved, I have caused the sheets to be mounted on linen, and classified according to Counties, and have directed presses to be made, with sliding shelves, each marked by a descriptive

letter piece, in order to insure the preservation of this important collection, and to afford every facility to those who may desire to refer to it.

By the Secretary of the Board of Trade, I was presented with the official publications of that Department, comprising a valuable series of Statistical Tables of *Great Britain* and its dependencies, from 1820 to 1853, in 46 volumes, and with various works emanating from the Museum of Practical Geology, and presented by Sir *Roderick Murchison*, Director General of that Institution.

The Board of Health presented me with copies of all their official publications, These works, though few in number, and mostly included in the annual series of the Sessional Papers of the House of Commons, are, nevertheless, very important, and form a consecutive series of much interest in sanitary investigations.

My application at the Treasury was met, at the outset, with a difficulty arising out of certain regulations which the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury had found it needful to establish with regard to the disposal of works published at the public expense, including the Ordnance Maps, the publications of the Record Commission, and State Papers, forbidding the gratuitous presentation of these works in future; nevertheless, after an interview with *James Wilson*, Esq., M. P., one of the Secretaries of the Treasury, and in consequence of the strong recommendations in favour of the Library by the Colonial Secretary; Sir C. E. Trevelyan wrote to the Colonial Office, under date of the 17th October, 1855, in the following terms: "While the Lords of the Treasury would feel bound, in all ordinary cases, to abide by those regulations, they regarded the circumstances affecting the present application as justifying them in making an exception in favor of the Canadian Legislature, and in lending their aid to make good the losses sustained in the destruction of a large portion of the Public Library of the Province of *Canada*, during the Fire at the Parliament Buildings in *Quebec* in February, 1854, by presenting to the Houses of the Legislature the copies of any Works which have been published under the directions of the Government, and are still in its possession.

"If Sir *William Molesworth* will place Mr. *Todd*, the gentleman deputed for this purpose by the Legislature of *Canada*, in communication with this Board, My Lords will have proper arrangements made for carrying out these intentions."

I was accordingly put into communication with *W. M. Stephenson*, Esq., Principal Clerk Assistant to the Secretaries of the Treasury, who manifested a lively interest in the matter, and kindly undertook to ascertain, from the several Offices in connection with the Treasury, what they had it in their power to bestow, in order that their contributions might be made as complete as possible. Afterwards I received a letter from Sir *C. E. Trevelyan*, dated 13th November, 1855, enclosing lists of scientific and other works, and of Record publications, deposited in the Government stores, and informing me that the Master of the Rolls, and the Comptroller of the Stationery Office, were prepared to furnish me, on application, with any of the works mentioned in these lists, which might be desirable to obtain for the Library.

The active exertions of Mr. *Stephenson*, in our behalf, led however, to our receiving still larger contributions than would otherwise have been given. Through his instrumentality, I obtained from the Rolls House, all the publications of the Record Commission of *Great Britain* remaining in print, in one or two instances, the sole remaining copy in store being presented. Through my introduction from the Colonial Office, I had been furnished with a list of works from the Public Record Department, which they were willing to supply, but in the subsequent letter from Sir *C. E. Trevelyan*, that list was materially enlarged.

While on this subject, I may add, that I succeeded in procuring from various London booksellers, nearly all the volumes of the Records which the Rolls Office were unable to supply, so that we now possess a set very nearly complete of these important historical publications.

On applying at Her Majesty's Stationery Office, after the receipt of Sir *Charles Trevelyan's* letter, I received the interesting series of Historical Records of the different Regiments of the British Army, in 68 volumes, together with some Army manuals, and several valuable scientific works; a list of which will be found in the Appendix to this Report.

On writing to the Foreign Office, I received a reply, dated 19th November, 1855, from Lord *Wodehouse*, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, presenting to the Library a set of the British and Foreign State Papers, from 1812 to 1837, (in 25 volumes), a collection of the Bulletins of State Intelligence, being an abstract of the most important articles in the Official Gazette, from 1793 to 1853 (in 61 volumes), together with 8 volumes of Papers relating to State affairs between *Great Britain* and Foreign Countries.

At the British Museum I was most courteously received by Sir *Henry Ellis* the principal Librarian, and was presented with a small but valuable collection of books, printed by authority of the Trustees.

Soon after my arrival in England, I applied to *J. G. Shaw Lefevre*, Esq., Clerk of the House of Lords, in order to obtain a copy of the Lords' Journals, to replace the set destroyed at the Fire in *Quebec*, and to inquire about a set of the Sessional Papers of the House of Lords which had been promised us so long ago as 1852, when Mr. *Faribault* was sent to England, but which had never been forwarded to the Library. Parliament being then in Session, Mr. *Lefevre* undertook to have my application formally communicated to their Lordships, and shortly after he transmitted to me the following Order passed by the House on the 10th August, 1855. Ordered, "That a set of the printed Papers of the House of Lords, and "Printed Minutes of their Proceedings, from the earliest period that the same can "be made up, to the present time, be furnished to the Library of the Parliament "of *Canada*; and that in future the Parliamentary Papers, and Parliamentary "Minutes of each Session be also supplied to the said Library." The collection "furnished under this Order included the Lords' Journals complete to the present "time, in 100 volumes, and the Lords' Papers from 1790 to 1854, in 1200 volumes.

Through the kindness of *Thomas Vardon*, Esq., Librarian to the House of Com-

mons, I was presented with all the volumes of Sessional Papers of the House of Commons required to complete our series of this most useful and important work. After the loss sustained in the destruction of our former collection of these documents, orders had been given to our *London* Agent to purchase any number of volumes of the Commons Papers that might occur for sale. He had succeeded in buying a set for the year 1823 and from 1826 to 1843. All the previous volumes from 1806 to 1822, those for 1824 and 1825, and from 1844 to 1850, in all about 750 volumes, were obtained for us by Mr. *Tardon*, who manifested on all occasions his desire to further the interests of the Library, and who afforded me much assistance by the use he permitted me to make of the Catalogue of the fine collection under his charge.

I have thus stated, in order, the result of my application to the several Offices of State to which my letters from the Colonial Office gave me introduction and access. Before leaving this subject, however, I desire to make public acknowledgment of the benefit derived from the good offices of *George Mayer*, Esq., the Librarian and Keeper of the Records of the Colonial Department. The kind assistance of this gentleman to Messrs. *Paribault* and *Wicksteed*, when on a similar mission in 1852, received honorable mention from them, and was acknowledged by Resolutions in Parliament, at the time. On the occasion of my visit to *London*, Mr. *Mayer* was prompt to afford me every counsel and aid that his experience and official position could suggest, and I feel that I am largely indebted to his active zeal, and judicious advice, for the great success which attended my applications to the Imperial Offices of State, on behalf of the Library.

My attention having been directed to the valuable and comprehensive publications now issuing from the Office of the Commissioners of Patents for Inventions, I was induced to write to the Clerk of Patents, *J. Edmonds*, Esq., to solicit from the Commissioners, a donation of these important works; being persuaded that they would be found most useful in the Canadian community, where practical arts and inventions are daily becoming more developed and appreciated. I afterwards waited upon *Bennet Woodcroft*, Esq., the Superintendent of Specifications, &c., under whose fostering care the several publications of this Office have been planned, arranged and executed. By the joint liberality of these gentlemen, to whom the Commissioners have entrusted authority for the purpose, the entire series of the publications of the Department, (and which will be found enumerated in the Appendix) were placed unreservedly at my disposal for the use of the Library, and directions given for the periodical delivery to our *London* Agent, of the Specifications and Reports to be hereafter issued from this Office. The several works included in this munificent donation amount in all to upwards of 100 volumes of letter press, and 50 folio volumes of plates, the latter embracing designs and working drawings of Patents for Inventions, of every description, from an early period to the present day.

I have further to record an act of liberality on the part of Mr. *Woodcroft*,

towards the Province, which is deserving of public acknowledgment. Having made inquiries of me with regard to the state of the Patent law in *Canada*, and the progress made in recording descriptions of Inventions sought to be patented amongst us, he volunteered to present the Canadian Patent Office with a collection similar to that given to the Library, on condition of his being supplied with certain information concerning Canadian Patents, and the Law affecting the same, and of his being assured that the public should have free access, at all reasonable hours, to the books and plans he should supply. I lost no time in communicating this handsome offer to the Provincial Department, and before leaving England had the satisfaction of receiving from the Patent Office another complete series of their valuable publications, on behalf of the Province, to be deposited in the Office under the charge of Mr. *Hutton*, Secretary of the Board of Statistics. The books are now in the hands of Mr. *Rich*, our *London* Agent, awaiting directions from the Provincial Authorities with regard to their binding. The copy presented to the Library, I have directed to be suitably bound, and the immense collection of plates to be mounted upon stout cartridge paper. The cost of this will be considerable, from the very magnitude of the work, but I deemed it to be indispensably necessary to incur any needful expense, to render this important series available for reference, and to preserve it from the effects of use. The plans and drawings are published upon very thin paper, and must be mounted at once if they are to be subjected to much consultation. The directions I have given for the binding of the Library copy, are similar to those which have emanated from the Library of Congress, and other similar Institutions possessing a copy of this work.

Taking advantage of the opportunity of my being in *London*, I addressed a letter to Sir *James Melville*, Secretary of the Honorable the East India Company, soliciting the donation of any works issued under the patronage of the Company, having reference to the development of the resources of India, and to the language and literature of that country. In his answer dated 8th November, 1855, Sir *James*, after mentioning that he had laid my communication before the Court of Directors, proceeded, to state that "In reply I am commanded to inform you that the "Court will be happy to forward your object as far as lies in their power, and "that a list of the works which would be suitable for the Library of *Canada*, and "of which copies are available, is now in course of preparation, under their "orders." Up to the time of leaving *London* these books had not reached me but, shortly before my departure, I wrote to the Assistant Secretary of the Company, requesting, that, when ready, they might be forwarded to Mr. *Rich*, who was authorised to receive them for the Library. Whereupon, I was assured that the books should be sent to Mr. *Rich*, as soon as possible; but that the list of the same had not yet been completed.

Having been instructed by the Library Committee to procure versions of the Bible in the various European tongues, as auxiliary to the study of those languages, I applied to the British and Foreign Bible Society, for a selection of the versions of the Holy Scriptures issued by that body. The Society readily acceded to my

request, informing me that they would be able to make up 90 or 100 volumes of this description; and at the same time, expressing a hope that their gift might be the means of drawing attention to the important and extensive operations carried on by the Bible Society."

I also applied to the Oriental Translation Fund Society, for a copy of their interesting publications, which comprise some of the most curious works extant in Eastern Literature. I received a very kind reply from the Secretary, dated 22nd of December, informing me that he would submit my letter to the Committee at their next monthly meeting, but adding, "at the same time I fear that I do not anticipate that the Society will be able to grant the books entirely as a free gift or grant. But they will possibly offer them to you at a very considerable reduction, *i. e.* half price. I trust that this proposal will meet your wishes. The Institution is maintained in its efforts by the munificence of individuals, and therefore does not make free grants of their works, except in case where there are no means of bearing any part of the expense of their publication.

Similar applications to the Secretary of the Royal Society, and to the Librarian of the Royal Institution for the advancement of Science, with a view to obtain donations of the published Transactions of the leading Scientific Societies, were attended with less favorable results. I was informed that these learned bodies made it a rule to present their transactions to kindred Institutions only, by way of exchange for similar works; and that they felt bound to reserve their free grants of books for the benefit of poor Societies or Institutions who were unable to incur the expenses of purchasing the same.

Failing in my endeavour to obtain, without cost to the Library, any of these important collections, so indispensable to aid the researches of the student in scientific inquiries, I made every effort to purchase series, as complete as possible, of the publications of the leading learned Societies of England, Scotland and Ireland and I was fortunately enabled to effect this, to a great extent, and at a comparatively small expense.

The donations to the Library from private sources were few in number; my official position not admitting of general applications of this kind. The names of those gentlemen to whom the Library is indebted for the presentation of books, will be found in the Appendix to this Report. I would beg, however, to make special mention of a contribution received from Mr. *Vincent Brooks*, the well known lithographic artist and printer towards the formation of a small series I have collected, illustrative of the progress of the art of printing in oils and chromolithography. Having selected, from two of the principal houses engaged in such publications, a few specimens, towards the formation of a portfolio on these subjects, I called upon Mr. *Vincent Brooks*, whose productions undoubtedly excel anything of the kind elsewhere attempted. Having mentioned my object, and that I was purchasing for the Library of the Parliament of *Cawada*, Mr. *Brooks*, very liberally presented me with several of his best specimens, including one of peculiar excellence. This is a copy of the "*Lumley Portrait*" of *Shakespeare*,

which, by a process of Printing, involving 23 distinct impressions, presents in appearance and colour, a fac-simile of an old oil painting so exact as not to be detected from an original oil painting, by an ordinary observer. Mr. *Brooks* is in the employ of the Government department of Science and Art at Marlborough House; and he has recently been awarded a gold medal at the Paris Exposition.

So soon as the nature of my engagements in London permitted, I proceeded to Paris. To enable me to make formal application to the Departments of State in France, on behalf of the Library, I was entrusted, by the Right Honble. Sir *Wm. Molesworth*, and by the Earl of *Clarendon*, with letters to Lord *Cowley*, Her Majesty's Minister at *Paris*. Upon presenting these letters at the British Embassy, I was courteously received by His Excellency the British Ambassador who gave me a letter of introduction to the imperial Minister for Foreign Affairs, Count *Walewski*. He moreover undertook to see Count *Walewski* personally upon the subject, and to solicit from him the most favourable response that it might be in the power of the French Government to afford, to the recommendations of the British Authorities. But I need scarcely add, that such is the cordial feeling now happily existing in France towards this Country, that it did not require the kind intervention of Lord *Cowley* to induce the Imperial Government to act towards *Canada* with its wonted generosity. Everywhere, in all the Bureaux of State, my applications on behalf of the Library were received with favour and responded to with liberality. I regret that it is not in my power at present, to go more fully into particulars. Statements, promised by M. *Bosange*, our Agent in Paris, of all the Donations transmitted to him from the several French Departments, have not yet reached me. I am enabled to state, however, that *M. le Ministre de l'Instruction Publique et des Cultes*, has sent upwards of 160 volumes, including the very valuable *Documents en édits sur l'histoire de France*, in 65 vols. From *M. le Ministre de la Marine* has been received about 120 volumes, embracing the accounts of the principal Government exploratory and scientific voyages. From *M. le Ministre de la Guerre*, has been received a copy of the splendid *Carte de France*, large Atlases of different parts of Europe, and of the French possessions in Africa; together with other works of much interest. Other Departments of State have pledged themselves to contribute to the Library, but their donations had not been sent in when I last heard from Paris.

I will now advert to that part of my mission which concerned the purchase of books. The sum entrusted to me for this purpose was £9,621 9s. 6d. sterling, which was placed to my credit by the Receiver General of the Province, in the Bank of Messrs. *Glyn, Mills & Co., London*. By the direction of the Library Committee, one-half of this amount was to be expended upon English books, and the remaining moiety upon French works, including also a selection of works upon languages, and in Foreign tongues.

The purchases were to be effected under general instructions framed by the Library Committee, specifying the classes of literature to which preference was to be given, while every class should be more or less represented.

With a view to obtain some assistance in the difficult task entrusted to me, of choosing the books required for the Library, while at *New York*, on the way to England, I waited upon Dr. *Cogswell*, the learned and indefatigable Superintendent of the Astor Library, and by whose labours that admirable collection has been formed. Within a recent period, Dr. *Cogswell* has twice or thrice visited Europe on behalf of the Library, and his extensive knowledge of books, and pains-taking activity, enabled him to effect his purchases upon highly favourable terms. I was therefore, induced to apply to him for information to direct my own endeavours. The learned Doctor readily responded to my request, and communicated to me many valuable hints and suggestions for my future guidance.

In London, I was aided by the experience of Mr. *George Rich*, of the firm of *Rich, Brother, Booksellers*, so long favourably known as Agents for the Library. His services were most useful, and were always cheerfully rendered. From Mr. *Henry G. Bohn*, the well-known *London* publisher, I also derived much valuable aid. He holds the largest stock of books in *London*, and is remarkable for the extent and accuracy of his bibliographical information. The choicest portion of our English books, and several of the most valuable French works, were selected from his stock, which is noted for completeness in historical collections, and in works illustrative of the Fine Arts.

In *Paris*, I had the benefit of the experience and information of M. *Hector Bossange*, the leading bookseller of that city. Most Canadians who have visited *France* at this season have had proof of the urbanity and kindness of M. *Bossange* who, having formerly resided in *Canada*, has never ceased to take a lively interest in its welfare, and to endeavour, by every means in his power, to render good service to the Province; as his exertions on behalf of *Canada*, at the recent French Exposition, will testify. To myself, he afforded the most valuable aid. Aware of my deficiencies in a knowledge of the language and literature of *France*, M. *Bossange* spared no pains to supply my defects, and to render the French portion of the Library creditable and complete. He obtained for me the friendly assistance of M. *de Puibusque*, a learned Professor, who is well-known and appreciated in *Canada*. Mr. *Taché*, the Provincial Commissioner to the *Paris* Exposition, Mr. *Hunt*, of the Geological Survey, and other gentlemen from *Canada*, also contributed information and advice in the choice of the most suitable works for the French portion of the Library.

When it became necessary for me to prefer my applications to the various Departments of State, in *Paris*, for donations from the French Government, M. *Bossange's* services were of the greatest utility. He accompanied me in my visits to the Bureaux; and on my return to London, he waited repeatedly upon the several Officers of State, to ensure the due fulfilment of the generous assurances of the French Ministers, that directions should be given to all the Departments to contribute as liberally as possible towards the Canadian Library. In every respect I am bound to acknowledge that if the expectations of the Legislature, with regard to the French portion of the Library, have been satisfied, the credit is mainly, if not altogether, due to M. *Bossange*.

Notwithstanding the most strenuous efforts to complete my labours at an earlier day the length of time required to further the applications to the Governments of *England* and *France* for donations, the necessity for informing myself, by frequent visits to leading public and official Libraries, as to the most desirable works to select for the Library, and the time necessarily taken up in the book market, prevented my return to *Canada* until the beginning of January. Even then I had been unable to expend the whole of the moneys in my hands; but the near approach of the meeting of Parliament rendered my return imperative.

The books purchased in *London* and *Paris* have been all substantially bound, upon very economical terms; and the greater portion of them have already arrived either at *Toronto* or at *New York*. The remainder, including the balance of the French purchases, which were unavoidably in a less forward state, for shipment, when I left Europe, may be expected within two or three months. Meanwhile, I am preparing, for immediate publication, for the use of the Members, a Catalogue of all my purchases, which, though it will necessarily be meagre in its description of the books, will be complete, and will include also the books previously in the Library.

Before closing this Report, I have thought that it might be gratifying to many were I to point out some of the special objects of interest and literary merit, which I have been enabled to collect; particularly as owing to delay in providing suitable accommodation for the Library, it has not been possible to open even those cases of books which have reached *Toronto*. Reference has been already made to the series of Parliamentary papers, the Maps of the Ordnance Survey, and from the Board of Admiralty, the Public Records, the series of Patent Specifications, and other official publications obtained in *England*, and also to the munificent donations received from the Government of *France*; I would now call attention to a few of the most rare and curious works included in my purchases; premising, however, that the several classes of law, politics, science, and literature, have been all fully represented by selections of the best and most recent publications, and of standard writers.

The whole of the undermentioned works were bought from Mr. *H. G. Bohn*, to whose information I am chiefly indebted for the descriptive notices:

The Chronicles of *Great Britain* and *France* together with Lord *Somors'* Historical Tracts, and the *Harleian Miscellany*. 55 vols., 4to., uniformly bound.

This fine uniform series of our Pillars of History is now difficult to obtain.

Hearn's Works on early English History; comprising between twenty and thirty separate Monkish Chronicles and ancient Itineraries. 85 vols.

This is the rarest of our English Historical Collections, and very few Libraries contain the entire set. A large paper set was sold, some years since, for £500, and no copy similiair has since occurred. The present set cost £75.

Publications of the British Historical Society. 27 vols.

This Society undertook to publish inedited monuments of British History, in the manner of *Hearne*, but found the cost exceeded their subscriptions, and the Society became extinct. Their publications, are very valuable and as but few copies were printed, must soon become rare.

English Almanacks ; a consecutive series, from 1717 to 1820. 104 vols.

Each volume seems to contain all the Almanacks of the year, some of which are famous in story, such as *Parvities*, *Poor Robin*, *Gadbury*, &c. They contain much curious astrological information in addition to their general historical interest.

General Dictionary, Historical and Critical, being a translation, with additions, of *Bayley's* Dictionary ; by *Bernard*, *Birch* & *Lockman*. 10 vols. *Biographia Britannica*. 7 vols, folio. The same, enlarged by *Kippis* ; vols. 1 to 5 (all published). In all 22 vols. folio, uniform.

This is a very complete and valuable series of the older Biographies, and is rarely found together and uniform.

Aristotle's Works ; translated by *Taylor* : with his translation of the Books of *Proclus*, on the Theology of *Plato* ; together 13 vols., 4to.

This celebrated translation of Aristotle was printed at the expense of *Wm. Meredith*, Esq., and cost many thousand pounds. Not 50 complete copies exist, as of two of the volumes scarcely that number were printed. There is no other translation of the greater portion of these works.

Silvestre, Paléographic Universelle. 2 vols. Atlas folio ; with letter-press ; translated into English, with corrections by Sir *Frederick Madden*, *K. II.*, Keeper of the Manuscripts in the British Museum.

This is the grandest work of modern times, as regards its particular subject, the age and character of Manuscripts. It exhibits the best examples of every age and country, and was got up, at a cost of nearly £20,000 under the auspices of the French Government. Even the Anglo-Saxon Manuscripts are better done than previously in England. The plates are now the property of *H. G. Bohn*, who has re-produced the work even more carefully colored than at first ; and with the revised letter-press ; at less than half its original price.

Assemani Codex Liturgicus Ecclesiæ Universæ. 13 vols. 4to.

This is a work of great importance, and very rare, especially the later volumes. The 13th is so rare that it was but lately known to bibliographers. The work contains the Liturgies of the Churches of the East and West, and has been very much inquired after of late years.

Grævius et Gronovius: Thesauri Antiquitatum Romanarum Græcarum et Italicarum : with the Supplements of *Sallengre* and *Polenus*, the Lexi-

con Antiquatatum of *Piliscus* and *Gruter's* Inscriptionis. 69 vols. folio.

This great body of Greek, Roman, and Italian Topography and Antiquities has always been in request among scholars, and used formerly to command a great price. The present copy cost £29; Mr. *Bohn* remembers to have sold a copy, many years ago, for £200.

Canina, L'Architettura antica, Egiziana Græcæ Romanæ: 3 vols. folio, of plates; and 6 vols. 8vo. of letter-press.

This grand Architectural Collection, by *Canina*, is very comprehensive and complete. The present was the subscription copy of Sir *J. hn Rennie*.

D'Agincourt, Histoire de l'Art, par les monuments. 6 vols. in 3, folio.

Though this admirable work is very well known to all the lovers of art, it is chiefly through less perfect editions. It has been re-produced in *Italy*, *Germany* and *England*, but much abridged, especially the English edition.

Du Sommerard. Les Arts du Moyen Age; avec Album. 6 vols. folio, of beautifully colored plates, and 5 vols. letter-press.

This is a fine set of the most attractive work on the Decorations of the Middle Ages, ever published. Many of the objects illustrated have been dispersed, the remainder were sold to the French Government, and are deposited at the Hotel de *Clugny*. A copy of this work lately brought £120, at auction, in *London*, being double the cost of the present copy.

Musée Français: (Pictures of the Paintings in the Gallery of the Louvre, during the time of the Emperor *Napoleon I.*) Original edition. 4 vols. folio. Singularly fine impressions, equal to proofs.

Bouquet, Recueil des Historiens de la Gaule. 20 vols. folio.

I was so fortunate as to get a fine and complete copy of this rare and desirable work for 60 guineas, at an auction, in *London*. There was no perfect copy to be met with in *Paris*; and when it occurs it is very costly.

Pugin, Glossary of Ecclesiastical Ornament and Costume, 4to., superbly bound in Morocco, most elaborately tooled.

This work is a complete repertory of information upon the subject of Church ornament, decoration and costume; but I call attention to it on account of the binding, which is a perfect masterpiece, and cost its late possessor £20: besides which, he bought two copies of the work in quires, at seven guineas each, that he might select the best impressions. I paid for the book (the binding included), £9.

Ferrario, Costume antico e moderno *Europe, Asia, Africa et America*. 18 vols. 4to.; many hundred coloured plates.

This is the most extensive book extant on Costume. Only about

six complete copies are known in *England*, and it is believed there are not so many in *France*. In *America* no other copy is known.

Sibthorp. Flora Græca Sibthorpiana: sive Plantarum rariorum Historia quas in Provinciis aut Insulis Græciæ legit, investigavit et depingi curavit J. Sibthorp, &c. 10 vols. folio, containing 1,000 beautifully colored plates.

This is the most costly and perfect Flora ever published in any country. The getting up cost £30,000. Only fifty copies were printed, at 250 guineas each, but not half the number were taken up by the subscribers. No complete sets have come to auction, but the first six volumes brought 80 guineas at a sale. The cost of this copy, complete, and handsomely bound, was £45.

Asiatic Researches; or Transactions of the Society instituted at *Bengal* for inquiring into the History and Antiquities, the Arts, Sciences and Literature of Asia. 19 vols. 4to. *Calcutta* 1788—1821, and *Serampore*, 1825—1837.

This book, owing to its being printed in India, and in very limited number, hardly ever occurs for sale. There is a twentieth volume, printed in 1837, but it was not to be met with in London.

Catlin's American Indians. 2 vols. 365 plates, coloured, like drawings.

The engravings in this well-known work were not published in colours, and only twelve copies were so got up by the Artist. It took three years to produce these few sets, and he is not likely to undertake any more.

Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society, from the commencement to 1850. 141 vols.

In this fine series the transactions are abridged up to 1750, from that period they are given in full. Accompanying this collection will be found the Volumes of Abstracts, published by the Society, of the principal papers from 1800 to 1854, inclusive, in four volumes.

Philosophical Magazines; by *Nickinson*, *Tilloch*, *Taylor* and *Philips*, and *Brewster*, from 1797 to 1848: in all 5 vols. 4to. and 128 vols. 8 vo. neatly bound.

This interesting series belonged to the late Dr. Pearson, the eminent Astronomer. It was purchased of Mr. Bohn for 13 guineas.

Transactions and publications from the commencement of the following learned Societies; among other similar series:

Astronomical Society, 23 vols. 4to.

Geological Society 12 vols. 4to.

Linnæan Society, 20 vols. 4to.

Zoological Society, 3 vols. 4to.

Royal Irish Academy, 23 vols. 4to.

Royal Society of Edinburgh, 20 vols. 4to.

Royal Asiatic Society, and Literary Society of Bombay, 6 vols. 4to.

Statistical Society, 19 vols. 8vo.

Cavendish Society, 16 vols. 8vo.

Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, 21 vols. 8vo.

Siliman's American Journal of Science, 60 vols. 8vo.

Palæontographical Society, 10 vols. 4to.

Hakluyt Society, 12 vols. 8vo.

The greater number of these series of Transactions, &c., were obtained from Mr. Bohn, others of different London Booksellers. Among my purchases in the Trade, generally, I would call attention to the following Works.

Brian Walton's *Sacra Polyglotta*, or version of the Holy Scriptures in Hebrew, Chaldæan, Syriac, Sanscrit, Ethiopic and Persian, 6 vols. folio: with Lexicon, 2 vols. folio.

Collection of pamphlets, chiefly political, relating to events of the last half century. This curious collection was made by an officer of the British Museum since deceased. It is in 250 volumes.

Collections of Tracts on American History, many of great rarity and value, (1738-1833,) with a series of Tracts, respecting Canada, (1837-39.) In all 18 vols.

Rennie, (Sir John,) *Harbours of Great Britain: and Plymouth Breakwater*, 3 vols. folio. And some of the principal writers on modern Science, Architecture, Engineering, Railways, Manufactures, &c., and on Public Works in Europe and America.

N. B.—The non-arrival of expected letters from Paris prevents my giving a particular account of the most important works purchased of Mr. Bossange.

The number of Books bought in Europe, (of which invoices are now in my hands,) including also, the donations actually received in England and France amounts to 17,336 volumes. By the time the orders already given are executed, the number will probably exceed 20,000. It is estimated that about 10,000 volumes were in the Library of Parliament irrespective of these additions; the same having been securely removed from Quebec to Toronto under the superintendence of the Librarian of the Legislative Council.

The Total expenditure for books and binding in Europe, including the cost of mounting the immense collections of Ordnance Maps and Admiralty Charts, before referred to, amounts to £7,555 Os. 6d. sterling. I have prepared full state-

ments of accounts, with vouchers for every payment, to be laid before the Library committee. There still remains about £1,800 sterling to the credit of the Library, subject to accounts for orders yet unexecuted, principally relating to Books from Paris.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ALPHEUS TODD.

Librarian, Legislative Assembly.

Library of Parliament,
15th February, 1856.

Appendix.

LIST OF DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT.

From the Board of Admiralty.

A collection of Maps and Charts selected by the Hydrographer to the Admiralty, for the Library, and afterwards bound in 23 folio volumes. A series of Sailing Directions and other official publications. 54 vols.

From the Board of Ordnance.

A complete series, so far as published, of the Maps of the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain and Ireland. 2,736 sheets.

From the Board of Trade.

Statistical Tables of the United Kingdom and its dependencies, from 1820 to 1853. 46 vols. folio.

From the Museum of Practical Geology.

Reports on Geology and Fossil remains, in Devon and Cornwall, by Sir H. de la Beche, and Professor Phillips. 2 vols.

Memoirs of the Geological Survey of Great Britain. 2 vols.

British Organic Remains. 7 Decades.

Records of the School of Mines. 4 parts.

Mining Records and Mineral Statistics, for 1853-4.

Catalogue and Specimens of British Pottery and of the Fossils, and Marbles, in the Museum. 2 vols.

Reports of the Department of Science and Art.

Royle on the Fibrous Plants of India.

From the Board of Health.

Series of Reports and other publications- 10 vols.

From the Treasury.

Sopwith on Coal and Iron Mines in the Forest of Dean.

Pollock on Geology of Londonderry, Tyrone, &c.

Magnetical and Meteorological Observations at Colonial Observatories. 5 vols.

Course of Mathematics taught at Woolwich. 3 vols.

Boxer's Treatise on Artillery, and on Congreve Rockets.

Queen's Regulations of the Army, with Addenda and Infantry Manual.

Historical Records of Regiments of the British Army. 68 vols.

From the Rolls House.

Public Records of Great Britain; the whole series of these publications, excepting certain of the volumes of which no copies remain in store. In all, 91 vols.

State Papers of the reign of Henry VIII. 10 vols.

From the Foreign Office.

British and Foreign State Papers, (1812 to 1837.) 25 vols.

Bulletins of State Intelligence, (1791 to 1853.) 61 vols.

Papers on Foreign Relations. 8 vols.

From the British Museum.

Illustrations of Terra Cotta Marbles in the Museum. 7 vols. 4to.

Catalogue of Zoological Specimens in the Museum. 37 vols.

From the House of Lords.

Journals of the House of Lords, complete to the present time. 100 vols.

Sessional Papers of the House of Lords, from 1790 to 1854. 1200 vols.

From the House of Commons.

Sessional Papers of the House of Commons from 1806 to 1825, and from 1844 to 1850, and 1854, to complete a set partly purchased. 803 vols.

From the Commissioners of Patents.

Indices of Patents, chronological, alphabetical and subject matter, granted since the 14 of James I., (1617.) 4 vols.

Reference Index of Patents of Inventions, with Appendix. 2 vols.

Indices of Patents, chronological, alphabetical and subject matter, granted from 1st Oct., 1852, to 31st Dec., 1854. 4 vols.

Specifications of Patents, old series of 12,977, enrolled under the old law.

New series under the Act of 1852; Selected series of Specifications and Drawings on the subject of Fire Arms, Projectiles, &c., from 1718 to 1853; com-

plete series of Specifications and Drawings on the subject of Reaping Machines to the end of 1853.

Journal of the Commissioners of Patents from its commencement in January, 1854.

The British and Foreign Bible Society.

Copies of the different versions of the Holy Scriptures in Foreign languages, published under the direction of the Society. 90 or 100 vols.

From the Anti-Corn Law League.

A copy of their Prize Essay on the effects of Free Trade.

From the Right Honorable Sir Wm. Molesworth.

His Edition of the complete Works of Hobbes of Malmesbury. 16 vols.

From Henry Drummond, Esq., M. P.

His History of Noble British Families. 2 vols. folio.

From Joseph Amesbury, Esq., M. P.

His Work on the Treatment of Fractures. 2 vols.

From ——— Pettengall, Esq.

Papers on Kinematics.

From Mr. Vincent Brooks.

Specimens of the Art of Color Printing.

N. B.—Complete Lists have not yet been received of the donations presented to the Library, by order of the Imperial Government of France. Hereafter fuller particulars thereof will be laid before the House.

DONATIONS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES.

From Peter Force, Esq., of Washington.

His Collection of Historical Tracts. 4 vols.

From the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.

History of General Braddock's Expedition against Fort DuQuesne, in 1755: by Winthrop Sargent.

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

Which being read by the Clerk,

It was moved to resolve,—

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

To assure His Excellency that although this House is at all times prepared, as in duty bound, to afford its advice and assistance to the Executive Government, we are grateful to His Excellency for calling Parliament together at this most convenient season, instead of delaying the task of legislation to a later period of the year.

To reciprocate with His Excellency in his congratulations on the settlement of the disputed question of the Clergy Reserves; to express to His Excellency the satisfaction of this House at the intelligence that a large balance of funds arising from this source is believed to be available for distribution among the Municipalities; and to assure His Excellency that the earnest attention of this House will be bestowed upon any measure for giving full effect to the fair and equal allotment of these sums which may be submitted for its consideration.

To convey to His Excellency an expression of the gratification with which this House learns that in Lower Canada the Act for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure promises in like manner to close a long pending controversy by an equitable adjustment of existing claims,—that no time has been lost by His Excellency in acting on the powers conferred by this Law, and that there is reason to believe that the progress which has been made under it will be found to be satisfactory.

To assure His Excellency that the subject of a change in the Constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering it elective, when again brought before this House, will receive its respectful attention,

To assure His Excellency that the attentive consideration of this House will also be given to any measure which may be laid before it for the organization of a Provincial Police capable of being applied by the Crown for the prevention of Crime and the speedy apprehension of Offenders.

To express agreement with His Excellency in the opinion that the increasing wealth and prosperity of the country demand increased protection for property, and that the advance of civilization in Canada should be marked by the strict enforcement of Law and by the perfect sense of security from outrage; and to assure His Excellency that, so far as this House is concerned, he shall not look in vain to the Legislature for the power of ensuring these great objects.

To concur also in the opinion of His Excellency, that no mark of increasing prosperity could be stronger than that afforded by our extended lines of Railway; to rejoice with His Excellency that this progress is not confined to one Section of the Province, but that eastward to Saint Thomas and westward to Guelph and Hamilton, these lines, at once the sign and the cause of progress, are already completed; and to accept with thanks His Excellency's congratulations on the fact that since the last meeting of Parliament, nearly two hundred and fifty miles have

been got into working order, whilst it is hoped that not less than two hundred and fifty more will be finished before next year.

To assure His Excellency that this House will carefully consider any measure which may be submitted to it with reference to the important subject of the legal reforms which are needed both in Eastern and Western Canada, and to express our hope that although it may not be possible in the present Session to effect all that is desired, some progress will be made in simplifying the procedure and facilitating the working of our Courts, by the adoption of practical amendments.

To promise His Excellency a like careful consideration on the part of this House of any measure tending still more to abridge the legislative labours of Parliament in providing for the incorporation, and for laying down the conditions of private institutions of every kind which may be proposed for our adoption.

To express to His Excellency the regret with which this House learns that the Presentments of numerous Grand Juries throughout the Country, which he has directed to be laid before Parliament, shew too clearly the want of improvement in the construction and discipline of our Gaols.

To thank His Excellency for his assurance that the zeal of this Legislature in the cause of Education is known and appreciated by all the world, and to agree with him that it is important to consider whether we cannot combine the reform of the juvenile offenders with the punishment of their crimes, and that at the very least it is incumbent upon us to take care that such punishment does not in itself afford fresh opportunities for debasing the criminal and instructing him in vice.

To concur with His Excellency in hoping that the Board of Audit, constituted by the Act of last Session, which this House rejoices to learn is already at work, will contribute to ensure a satisfactory examination of the Public Accounts.

With regard to the Militia Act, to congratulate His Excellency on the circumstance that the ready loyalty of the inhabitants, both in *Upper* and *Lower Canada* has enabled him to authorize the formation of numerous Troops and Companies of Volunteers, whose conduct and discipline will undoubtedly do credit to the Province, and to thank His Excellency for the information that, with the assistance of the Adjutant General, he has done his best to carry out the wishes of the Legislature by organizing the Sedentary Militia.

To acknowledge with thanks His Excellency's intimation that the Government, in pursuance of the wishes of the Legislature, has taken on itself to conclude a fresh arrangement calculated to secure a line of Ocean Steamers from the *St. Lawrence* to *England* during the approaching season.

To condole with his Excellency and with all others who have at heart the welfare of the Province on the depression of the timber trade and to join with His Excellency in trusting that we are about to witness its revival, and that the commerce of *Quebec* and *Montreal* will have suffered but a temporary check.

To agree with His Excellency that the year just ended has been one of difficulty and conflict in *Europe*—and that although on this side of the *Atlantic* we have, by the blessing of Providence, escaped the direct evils of war, in no part of the

Queen's dominions has a deeper sympathy with her arms been shewn, or more fervent prayers for her success been offered than in *Canada*; that our people have eagerly watched every turn of the contest, and consisting as they do of men of French and English origin, equal members of the same free community, and loyal subjects of the same Queen, they have grieved at the sufferings and exulted in the success of the Allied Armies;—and that in like manner, should it please God to establish a firm and honorable peace, *Canada* will, we doubt not, rejoice at the termination of the war; and to join with His Excellency in hoping that it may be his lot before the end of the present Session to congratulate Parliament on so auspicious an event.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

The first and second paragraphs of the said Resolution being then again severally read,

It was moved to adopt the same.

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put on each, and

The same was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

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

It was moved to adopt the same.

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

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

It was moved to adopt the same.

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

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

It was moved to adopt the same,

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

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

It was moved to adopt the same,

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

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

It was moved to adopt the same.

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put on each, and

The same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs. *DeBlaquière*, *Knowlton*, and *Goodhue*, be appointed a Committee, to draft an Address founded on the foregoing Resolutions.

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

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session; and we beg leave to assure Your Excellency, that although we are at all times prepared, as in duty bound, to afford our advice and assistance to the Executive Government, we are grateful to Your Excellency for calling Parliament together at this most convenient season, instead of delaying the task of legislation to a later period of the year.

We beg leave to reciprocate with Your Excellency in Your congratulations on the settlement of the disputed question of the Clergy Reserves; we experience satisfaction at the intelligence that a large balance of Funds arising from this source is believed to be available for distribution among the Municipalities; and we assure Your Excellency that the earnest attention of this House will be bestowed upon any measure for giving full effect to the fair and equal allotment of these sums, which may be submitted for its consideration.

This House is also gratified to learn that, in *Lower Canada*, the Act for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure promises in like manner to close a long pending controversy by an equitable adjustment of existing claims,—that no time has been lost by Your Excellency in acting on the powers conferred by this Law, and that there is reason to believe that the progress which has been made under it will be found to be satisfactory.

The subject of a change in the constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering it elective, when again brought before this House, will receive its respectful attention.

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We agree with Your Excellency in the opinion that the increasing wealth and

prosperity of the country demand increased protection for property, and that the advance of civilization in Canada should be marked by the strict enforcement of law and by the perfect sense of security from outrage; and we assure Your Excellency that, so far as this House is concerned, you shall not look in vain to the Legislature for the power of ensuring these great objects.

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We assure Your Excellency that this House will carefully consider any measure which may be submitted to it with reference to the important subject of the legal reforms which are needed both in Eastern and Western Canada, and we hope that although it may not be possible in the present Session to effect all that is desired, some progress will be made in simplifying the procedure and facilitating the working of our Courts, by the adoption of practical amendments.

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

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

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

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* reported, That he had according to order waited on His Excellency the Governor General, to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to appoint to be attended with the Address of this House, and that His Excellency had appointed Thursday next at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government House, in this City for that purpose.

It was moved,

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

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

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

Wednesday, 20th February, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERGUSON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODEUE,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
WILSON,
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable *Mr. Wilson*, presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Protestant Industrial House of Refuge, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

And Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the Dissident Schools of the Borough of Sorel, in the County of Richlieu, praying for an annual pecuniary grant towards the support of a Model School.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable *Mr. Moore* presented a Petition from James Edwards and others, of the Township of Oxford, in the County of *Grenville*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved,

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

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

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

Thursday, 21st February, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

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The Honorable Messieurs

FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Horace Capron* and others of the Township of *South Dumfries*, praying that a certain allowance of road between Lots Thirty and Thirty-one, in the Second Concession of the Township of South Dumfries, may be vested in *Horace Capron*, and *Myron Ames*, as an equivalent for certain land belonging to them which has been used for a public Highway, commonly called Spragge's Road, and for which the said owners have received no compensation.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a petition from the *Milton Mechanics' Institute and Library Association*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Tache* presented a petition from the North Shore Railway Company praying for a Grant of land.

Also, a Petition from *H. J. Noad* and others of the City of *Quebec*, praying for aid in money or land to the said North Shore Railway Company.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *François Boucher* and others of the County of *Quebec*, praying that the *Route de la Misère* in that County may be macadamized at the expense of the Province.

Also, a Petition from *Michael Scott* and others, Commissioners of the School Municipality of the Village of *Cap Rouge*, praying for aid towards the completion of a School in the said Municipality.

Also, a Petition from *Louis Paradis* and others, of the County of *Quebec*, praying that the *Route du Bourg Royal*, in that County, may be Macadamized at the expense of the Province.

And also, a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *St. Anne de la Pocatière*, praying for aid towards the enlargement of their buildings.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* enters.

Pursuant to Notice

It was moved to

Resolve, That a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Messieurs *De Blaquière*, *Fergusson*, *Moore*, and *Taché* be appointed to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act in behalf of this House as Members of a Joint Committee of Both Houses.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the College of *St. Anne de la Pocatière*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the day being read for moving pursuant to notice.

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General praying for a Statement of the Expenses occasioned to the Province by the removal of the Seat of Government from *Quebec* to *Toronto*, it was

Ordered That the same be discharged until this day fortnight.

The House was adjourned during pleasure

And after some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable the Speaker, reported that the House did this day wait on His Excellency the Governor General with their Address, in answer to His Excellency's

Speech from the Throne, to which His Excellency was pleased to return the following most gracious Reply.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :—

I accept with much satisfaction the assurance of your readines to afford me your advice and assistance, I thank you for your Address, and I rely fully on your loyalty to Our Gracious Queen.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented to the House a Bill, intituled : "An Act to amend the Act to modify the Usury Laws."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Municipality of *Moulton* and *Sherbrooke* ; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the *Buffalo, Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company to lease in perpetuity their said Railway to the "*Lake Huron and Buffalo* Railroad Company," and also that the last mentioned Company may be incorporated.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Friday, 22nd February, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *Jean Langevin*, of the City of *Quebec*, praying to be remunerated for his services as Clerk of the Municipal Council of the late Municipal District of *Quebec*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. A. Bourret* and others, of the County of *L'Islet* and *Kamouraska*, praying for aid to open a road from Lake *St. John* to the *Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *J. W. Wilson* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying to be incorporated as "The Ontario Hotel Company."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Justices of the Peace of the County of *Elgin*, in General Quarter Sessions assembled, praying that the rate of compensation paid to the different County Officers connected with the Administration of Justice, may be increased.

And also, two Petitions from the Municipal County of *Kent*, praying that the Fees paid to the medical men, when called upon to give evidence at Coroners' Inquests, be defrayed out of the funds appropriated to the administration of Justice;

And praying that some change may be made in the manner of conducting the Crown Lands Agency in the said County;

And also, that all the Crown, Clergy, and School Lands, may be disposed of at once.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from *William Thackeray* and others;

Also a Petition from *William Brown* and others;

Also a Petition from *Thomas Solomon* and others, all of *Alnwick*;

Also a Petition from *M. Dooley* and others, of *Cobourg*;

Also, a Petition from *Henry Ingersoll* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Hugh Hilligan* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Hugh Watt* and others;

Also, a Petition from *S. Vanderburg* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Neil* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *W. T. McKenzie* and others, all of the Township of *Hamilton*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *York* and *Peel*, praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate and amend the Municipal Laws of *Upper Canada* ;

Also, that the said Council should not be charged with the duty of providing Prison accommodation for the City of *Toronto* ;

And also, praying for the repeal of the Act, which authorises the establishment of Separate Schools ;

And also, two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, praying for such an amendment of the Act eleventh Victoria chapter eleven, as will enable County Agricultural Societies to hold their Annual Exhibitions at such time and place, as a majority of the Directors, at their Annual Meetings, may determine ;

And also, praying for such amendments to the Revenue Laws as will establish the principle of Reciprocity into the Trade between *Canada* and the *United States*, not alone in the products of Agriculture, but also in Manufactures and Shipping.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a petition from *John Watson*, of the Village of *Ayr*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize him to acquire certain land in the said village, through which Smith's Creek flows, and that he may thus be enabled to build a Dam, and complete certain works necessary to the carrying on of his trade and business of Iron Founder and Machinist.

And also, a Petition from *Thomas Chisholm* and others, of the said Village of *Ayr*, praying that the rights sought to be acquired by the said *John Watson* may be granted, and that upon payment by him of an adequate amount, he may possess himself of certain land in the vicinity of *Smith's Creek* for the purpose of erecting a Dam and of otherwise extending his said business.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, praying that no action may be taken on a certain Resolution of the said Council which authorises Government to loan to the *Cobourg* and *Port Hope* Railway Company, the amount arising from

Clergy Reserve Fund to which the said Municipality would be entitled, but that the said sum may be divided amongst the several Municipalities, according to their population respectively.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Income and Expenditure of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum from the 1st April 1854 to the 31st December 1855.

And also, the Report of the Medical Superintendent of the said Provincial Lunatic Asylum, made up to the 16th February 1856.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to the Fourth Standing Order, the House was called :—

The Honorable

JOHN ROSS, Speaker.....	Present.
PETER BOYLE DE BLAQUIÈRE.....	Absent.
PETER MCGILL.....	Absent.
RENÉ E. CARON.....	Absent.
WILLIAM MORRIS.....	Absent.
JAMES CROOKS.....	Absent.
ADAM FERGUSSON.....	Present.
JOHN MACAULAY.....	Absent.
JOHN HAMILTON.....	Present.
ADAM FERRIE.....	Present.
PAUL H. KNOWLTON.....	Present.
PHILIP H. MOORE.....	Present.
JOSEPH DIONNE.....	Absent.
GEORGE J. GOODHUE.....	Present.
WILLIAM WALKER.....	Absent.
CHRISTOPHER WIDMER.....	Absent.
J. ÆMELIUS IEVING.....	Absent.
PIERRE BOUCHER DE BOUCHERVILLE.....	Absent.
JAMES MORRIS.....	Present.
JAMES GORDON.....	Present.
HAMNETT PINHEY.....	Absent.
JAMES FERRIER.....	Absent.
RODERICK MATHESON.....	Absent.
GEORGE S. BOULTON.....	Present.
DENIS B. VIGER.....	Absent.
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ.....	Present.
JAMES LESLIE.....	Absent.
FREDÉRIK A. QUESNEL.....	Absent.

JOSEPH BOURRET.....	Absent.
GEORGE SAUVEUSE DEBEAUJEU.....	Absent.
LOUIS MÉTHOT.....	Absent.
JOSEPH O. TURGEON.....	Absent.
SAMUEL CRANE.....	Absent.
SAMUEL MILLS.....	Present.
LOUIS PANET.....	Absent.
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU.....	Absent.
CHARLES WILSON.....	Present.
BENJAMIN SEYMOUR.....	Present.
DAVID M. ARMSTRONG.....	Absent.
EBENEZER PERRY.....	Present.
EUSÈBE CARTIER.....	Absent.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 22nd February, 1856.

The Select Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, beg leave to report, in obedience to the fourth standing Order of this House, that the Honorable *Thomas McKay* and the Honorable *Joseph Légaré*, Legislative Councillors, have died since the last Session.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ROSS,

Chairman.

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

Monday, 25th February, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
FERGUSON,
HAMILTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,

GOODHUE,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,

WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented a Petition from *John Mc. Millan*, and others of the Townships of *Tuckersmith* and *Stanley*.

Also, a Petition from *David Morgan*, and others of the Township of *Townsend*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality, of the Township of *Tremblay*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the erection of a Bridge over the *River Valin*.

And also, a Petition from *Daniel Burritt*, of *Burritt's Rapids*, praying that the Government allowance for a road through the broken front and first Concession between lots twenty-four and twenty-five in the Township of *Marlborough*, may be granted to him in consideration of a road now used and occupied by the the public and which was forcibly made at the west side of his Lot, number twenty five, in the said Township.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, presented a Petition from the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*.

Also, a Petition from the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

And also, a Petition from *Robert D. Rogers*, and others of *Otonabee*, commonly called the *Scotch Village*, praying the passing of an act to incorporate the Village of *Otonabee*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry*, presented a Petition from *James Cockburn*, and others of the seventh Concession of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*, praying that the act of last Session intituled an act to confirm a Survey of the Line between the sixth and seventh Concessions of the Township of *Hamilton*, may be repealed.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson*, presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Martin*, in the County of *Terrebonne* praying for an inquiry into the affairs of the *Montreal* and *Bytown*, Railway Company and that the people of that Parish may be relieved from the engagements made with it on their behalf by the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverends *L. E. A. Dupuis*, and *J. A. Lacoursière*, of the Parish of *St. Anne de la Pérade*, in the County of *Champlain*, praying for a grant of £350 to a Girls school under the care of *Les Reverendes Dames de la Congrégation* in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catechistes de Saint Viateur* in the Village of *Industry*, in the County of *Berthier*, praying for aid.

Also, a Petition from *Alfred Faulkenburgh*, of *Quebec*, praying to be naturalized.

Also, a Petition from the Ladies of the *Quebec*, Infant School praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of that Institution.

Also, a Petition from the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying for the repeal of the Act tenth and eleventh Victoria, establishing the Shipping Master's Office at *Quebec*, and that the masters and owners of Vessels may be allowed to choose whom they shall employ to ship their sailors.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Perrault*, and others of the Parish of *St. Jacques de L'Achigan* ;

Also, a Petition from *Peter Skelly* and others, of the Townships of *Rawdon Chertsey* and *Wexford*, in the County of *Montcalm* ;

And also, a Petition from *Louis Beauvoïn* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Paul*, in the County of *Joliette*, severally praying for the amendment of the Act of last Session, incorporating the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company and that the said Company may be authorized to construct dams and locks on the said River *L'Assomption*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Norbert Bourassa* and others, of *Pointe Levy* ; praying that priests and physicians visiting the sick, and children going to School may be exempted from the payment of tolls on the Turnpike Roads in that neighborhood.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. Provancher* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Tite des Caps*, in the County of *Montmorency* ; praying for aid towards a School House in that Parish.

Also, two Petitions from the Reverend *L. J. Fortier* and others of *Saint Jean Baptiste de Nicolet*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for aid towards completing the purchase of a house and grounds for a female school in that Parish, and praying for a grant for the support of the same.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. D. Déziel* and others, of the Parish of *Notre Damede la Victoire*, in the County of *Dorchester*, praying for aid to the College of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *N. Pelletier*, and others, of the Parish of *Saint Eusebe de Stanfold*, in the County of *Arthabaska*, praying for aid to a girl's school in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the *Montreal City and District Savings Bank*, made up the 1st January 1856.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Statement of the Affairs of the *Quebec Savings Bank*, for the year ending on the first day of March 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers*.)

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

Tuesday, 26th February, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the *Quebec Board of Trade*, praying for the alteration of the existing Tariff, so that the duty on certain articles may be changed from specific to *ad valorem* rates, and also that encouragement and protection may be afforded to domestic manufactures.

Also, a Petition from *Gideon Poivier* and other school commissioners for the School Municipality of the Parish of *Saint Esprit*, in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for aid to a School in that Parish,

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *M. Carrier* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Antoine de la Baie*, praying for a grant of fifty pounds to the principal Professor of a superior school in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the Session of the Free Presbyterian Church, at Port *Dalhousie* ;

Also, a Petition from the Free Presbyterian Church, at *St. Catharines*, severally praying that measures may be taken to prevent the desecration of the Sabbath, and that all labour in the Post Office Department, on the *St. Lawrence* Canals and certain Railways, may be suspended on that day.

Also, a Petition from the Free Presbyterian Church at Port *Dalhousie* ;

And also, . Petition from the Free Presbyterian Church of *St. Catharines*, severally praying for the enactment of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *W. W. Colborne* and others, of *Brockville*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Also, a Petition from the *Ontario* Division, No. 26, of the Sons of Temperance, located in the City of *Toronto*, praying for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Prescott*, praying that Legislative aid may be granted to the *Prescott* and *Ottawa* Railway Company to enable them to complete the said Undertaking.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Henry Augustine Fitzgerald MacLeod*, praying for the passing of an Act to allow him to practice as a Provincial Land Surveyor.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Haldimand*, praying for such an alteration of the Law regulating the amount payable for commutation of statute labour, as will enable the Municipal Councils from time to time to fix and determine the rate of the tax to be so levied by way of substitution for labour on the roads.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from *D. T. Hughes* and others, of *St. Thomas*, in the County of *Elgin*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Ezra Bray* and others, of school section, number fifteen, in the Township of *Trafalgar*, in the County of *Halton*, praying that a certain portion of the allowance for Road not required for public use may be vested in them for the purpose of erecting a school house thereon.

And also, a Petition from *C. L. Hurley* and others, of the Village of *Wilton*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Peter Carroll* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to establish and carry on the business of Banking in the said City of *Hamilton*, under the name and designation of the "Union Bank of *Canada*."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *Les Sœurs de la Congrégation*, Directresses of the Convent of *St. Hyacinthe* ;

Also, a Petition from *Les Dames Administratrices de l'Hôpital ou Hôtel-Dieu de St. Hyacinthe* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *F. P. Porlier* and others, of the Parish of *La Pointe-aux-Trembles*, on behalf of an Academy in that Parish ;

And also, a Petition from the last mentioned Reverend Gentlemen and others, of the said Parish of *La Pointe-aux-Trembles*, on behalf of *Les Dames de la Congrégation* in that Parish, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying that the Locks on the *Welland* and *Chambly* Canals may be enlarged, that measures may be taken to encourage reciprocal trade with such of the West India Islands as may desire the same, that tidal docks may be constructed on a large scale, that light houses may be erected in the River and Gulf of *St. Lawrence*, and the amount annually paid to the contractors for carrying the mail during the season by steamships may be increased, and that agents may be appointed by the Government in various British and Foreign Ports to supply reliable information to Emigrants embarking for *America*.

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the Seminary of *Nicolet* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Harper* and others, of the Parish of

Saint Grégoire, in the County of *Nicolet*, on behalf of a school for girls, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

And also, a Petition from the Directors of the *Montreal* City and District Savings Bank, praying to be authorized to acquire and hold real estate, and to pay the President or managing Director of the said Bank an annual salary.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Village of *Buckingham* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *Lochabar* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *Wakefield* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *Eardely* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *Masham* ;

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

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Village of *Aylmer*, all in the County of *Ottawa*, severally praying that a detailed survey may be made in order to ascertain the feasibility and cost of the construction of a Ship Canal or Railway, between the *Ottawa* River and the Tide Waters of the *St. Lawrence*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Bruce*, praying that *Penatangore* may be appointed the County Town of the County of *Bruce*.

And also, a Petition from *James Dandy* and others, of *Hawkesbury*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Annual Return from *L'Hospice Saint Joseph de la Maternité de Québec*, made up to the 1st January, 1856.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

It was moved to

Resolve, That the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report on the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

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

 Wednesday, 27th February, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs.

CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
J. MORRIS,
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs.

BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PEREY,
CAETNER.

PRAYERS.

It was moved, to

Resolve, That doubts having arisen whether the call of this House prescribed in Rule four, ought not to take place on Friday the twenty-ninth instant, instead of the call made on Friday last the twenty-second instant, the Session having been opened on Friday, the fifteenth instant, it is therefore necessary that the matter should be referred for consideration and Report to the Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and also, that especial reference be had to the precedents and practice of the House of Peers.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was
Resolved, in the affirmative and
Ordered, accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson*, presented a Petition from the Library Association and Mechanic's Institute of *Sorel*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town and Borough of *William Henry*, complaining that although the Seigniorie of *Sorel*, is excepted from the operation of the Seigniorial Act of 1854, the said Council has been deprived under that Act of the moneys arising from Tavern Licenses in that Seigniorie and praying relief.

And also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Board of Trade praying that measures may be taken for the establishment of a Line of Telegraphs from *Quebec*, to *Forteau Bay*, in the Straits of *Belle Isle*.

Ordered That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *John Dodsworth*, and others of *London, Canada West* praying for the passing of an act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented a Petition from *Robert Blackburn*, and others, of the Township of *Dawn*, praying that the portion of the said Township south of the line between lots twenty and twenty-one in that Township, be united to the County of *Kent*.

Also, a Petition from *Ingram Taylor*, and other householders, and freeholders of the County of *Kent* praying for the amendment of the Act 16 Victoria, Chapter 190 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" by making it compulsory upon all Companies to commute for Toll with parties residing on the line of their roads.

Also, a Petition from *C. Bothwell*, and others of the Township of *Drummond*.

And also, a Petition from *John Hunt*, and others of the Township of *King*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry*, presented a Petition from *Edward Packard* and others.

Also, a Petition from *Lewis Card* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Gilbert Paler* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *John W. Wilson* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Gibson* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Philinda Peters* and others, all of the Township of *Haldimand*.

Also, a Petition from *Richard Thompson* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Richard Bales* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *George Weeks* and others, all of *Port Hope* ; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from *William Weller* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg* praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate: "the International Telegraph Company."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying that measures may be taken to secure and legalize a loan made by the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland and Durham*, to the *Cobourg and Peterborough Railway Company*, or to grant such other aid, in the premises, as the nature of the case may merit.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a petition from *William Leonard*, formerly a Schoolmaster in the Town of *New Carlisle*, in the County of *Bonaventure*, praying that his salary for four years, from 1836 to 1840, may be paid to him.

Also, a Petition from the *Rev. P. Gastineau* and other School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Eustache*, in the County of *Two Mountains*, praying for aid towards the erection of a College in that Parish.

And also, a Petition from *La Communauté des révérendes Sœurs de la Charité de l'Hôpital-General*, at *Ottawa*, praying that the annual grant to this Hospital may be increased.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. Speaker, presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Kinloss*, in the County of Bruce praying that measures may be adopted for promoting the actual settlement of the said Township by re-selling the Lands of non residents or otherwise.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

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

Thursday, 28th February, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON.
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
J. MORRIS,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that there was a Member without, ready to be introduced.

When the Honorable *Walter Hamilton Dickson* was introduced between the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton* and *Gordon*.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented to the Speaker an Exemplification of his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows:—

EDMUND HEAD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To all to whom these present shall come.

GREETING:

KNOW Ye, that amongst the Rolls and Records in the Registrar's Office of the Province of *Canada* in Lib. D. S., Folio 43, it is thus contained: To wit:

EDMUND HEAD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To Our Trusty and Well-Beloved *Walter Hamilton Dickson* of *Niagara*, Esquire.

GREETING. -

K NOW YE, that as well for the especial Trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in all weighty and arduous affairs which may, the state and defence of Our Province of *Canada* and the Church thereof concern, we have thought fit to summon you to the Legislative Council of Our said Province, and We do command you, the said *Walter Hamilton Dickson*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever, laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of our said Province at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in our said Province convoked and holden, and this you are in no wise to omit.

Letters Patent, summoning
Walter H. Dickson, Esquire,
of *Niagara* to the Legislative
Council.
Recorded, 18th February,
1855.

THOMAS AMOTT,
Dept. Regr.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., at our Government House in Our City of QUEBEC, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hundred fifty-five, and in the Eighteenth year of Our Reign.

E. H.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. Chy.

All which We have commanded to be exemplified.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., at Our Government House, in Our City of TORONTO in Our said Province of *Canada*, the TWENTY-EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand eight hun-

dred fifty-six, and in the nineteenth year of our Reign.

By Command.

[Recorded, 28th February, 1856, in Lib. D. F., Folio 105.]

THOS. AMIOT,

Depy. Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Dickson* came to the table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John Fenwings Taylor*, the elder, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, presented a Petition from the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company, praying for the amendment of their Act of Incorporation.

Also, a Petition from *P. M. Manning*, of Toronto, praying for the passing of an Act to Secure him a Patent for a Reaping and Mowing Machine which he has invented.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Walker* and others, Reeves of the Townships of *Brant*, *Elderslie* and *Saugeen* in the County of *Bruce*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the *Saugeen* Harbour Company.

Also, a Petition from *Alexander MacNab*, and others, of *Saugeen*.

Also a Petition from *Samuel T. Rowe*, and others of the Township of *Elderslie*.

Also a Petition from *Joseph Walker*, and others, of the Township of *Brant*, severally praying for the passing of an act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railway to connect *Saugeen*, with *Toronto*.

And also, two Petitions from the Session of the Free Presbyterian Church at *Port Dalhousie*, praying for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

And praying that measures may be adopted to prevent Sabbath descretion, and that all labour in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*, may be suspended on that day.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the said Academy, praying for aid to rebuild the same.

Also, a Petition from *Caleb Jardon*, and others of the Eastern Circuit in the District of *St. Francis*, praying for an amendment of the Act to increase the sittings of the Court in the said district, and to remove entirely the necessity for concurrence of Jurisdiction with the *Sherbrooke* Circuit.

Also, a Petition from the managers of the *Montreal* Home and School of Industry praying for pecuniary aid.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. Thaberge*, and others of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that that Parish may be annexed to the County of *Laval*, for all purposes whatever.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Onondaga*, praying that such powers may be vested in Municipal Councils as will enable those bodies to regulate the periods at which exhibitions of travelling companies of horse-riders and mountibanks, and other showmen shall visit the Country.

Also, a Petition from the *Hamilton* Division, No. 25, of the Sons of Temperance.

And also, a Petition from the *Hamilton*, independant order of good Templars, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a petition from *William Kerfoot*, and others.

And also, a Petition from *E. McCrean* and others, all of the Township of *Montague*, severally praying for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from the Township Council of the Township of *Delaware*, praying that the Boundary Lines of the several Lots in the said Township as described in the survey of *Samuel Peters, Esq.*, may be established and confirmed by an Act of Parliament.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the Bank of *Montreal*, praying for an amendment of their Charter.

And also, a Petition of *J. P. Boomer* and others, of *Queenston* and *St. Catharines*, praying for the construction of a Railway, from the Suspension Bridge at

Queenston, to *St. Catharines*, and thence till it intersects the Great Western Railway.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *J. A. Wilkes* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*, praying to be incorporated under the name of the *Brant County Bank*.

Also, a Petition from *G. S. Wilkes* and others, of the said Town of *Brantford*, praying to be incorporated under the name of "The Canadian Life and Fire Insurance Company"

And also, a petition from *G. S. Wilkes*, of the said Town of *Brantford*, praying for the passing of an Act to vest in him, his heirs and assigns certain road allowances in the Township of *Brantford* upon a certain tract of land known as *Holmedale*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Hastings*, praying for the passing of an Act to enable the Township Municipalities to re-divide the respective Townships into School Sections.

And also, a petition from *A. Sinclair* and others of the Township of *Bruce*, praying for an Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Saugeen* to *Toronto*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a petition from the Town Council of *Brantford*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the *Buffalo, Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company to sell or lease their Road to The Lake *Huron* and *Buffalo* Railway Company.

Also, a petition from *H. W. Trigg* and others, of the Parish *Sainte Monique*, in County of *Nicolet*, praying to be incorporated by the name of "*Compagnie du Pont de Sainte Monique*," for the purpose of constructing a bridge over the North East branch of the River *Nicolet* in that Parish.

And also, a Petition from *Norbert Belliveau* in the Parish of *Saint Gregoire*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying to be indemnified for certain losses incurred by him in the discharge of his duty as an Assessor, under the authority of the Municipal Council of the said County.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of the Colonial Church and School Society.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *G. L. Marler* and others, of *Headville* in the Township of *Grantham*, in the County of *Drummond*, praying that a Canal may be made for the purpose of preventing the periodical inundations of *Black River*, in that Township.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented two Petitions from *C. Loupret* and others of the Parish of *St. Athanase*, Directors of the *Institut Canadien d'Iverville* praying for pecuniary aid ;

And praying for a grant towards the erection of a building for the said Institution.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Bytown College* praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 29th February, 1856.

The Members convened, were :

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House the Report of the Senate of the University of *Toronto*, upon the complaints preferred against the Principal, and Mathematical Master of *Upper Canada* College; and also, the Annual Report of the said University of *Toronto* on *Upper Canada* College, for the year ending 31st December, 1854.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, presented a Petition from the Reverend *Louis Prouté* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying for a grant of three hundred pounds for a girls' school at *Ste. Marie*, in that County.

Also, a Petition from *James Stuart*, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying that no measures may be taken to give a Legislative sanction to the proposed lease or sale of the *Buffalo, Brantford and Goderich* Railway Company, until he shall have been heard by Agent or Counsel against the said lease or sale.

And also, a Petition from *Pierre Boisseau*, of the City of *Quebec*, setting forth that he is the owner of certain lots of land in the Township of *Newton*, the possession of which he is unable to obtain for want of the line of division between *Upper* and *Lower Canada* being duly established, and praying for relief.

Ordered That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Henry A. Handy* and others, of the Town of *Brantford*, praying for the passing of an Act to promote the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, praying for the adoption of certain measures for the support and maintenance of the helpless and indigent poor, and that for this purpose, Counties or Unions of Counties may have the power to purchase, establish and regulate Industrial Farms, Alms Houses and Houses of Refuge, within their respective limits,

Also, praying that better measures may be adopted, and more ample accommodation provided than now exists for the support and treatment of Lunatics in *Upper Canada*.

And also, a Petition from *John Young* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying to be incorporated as "The North Western Railway Company" for the purpose of constructing a line of Railway from *Galt* to *Berlin* and *Waterloo*, with the privilege of extending the same to the Shores of Lake *Huron* at or near *Saugeen*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented two Petitions from the Reverend Ro-

muuld Paré, of the Parish of *St. Jacques*, in the County of *Montcalm*, praying or aid to two Schools in that Parish.

And also, a Petition from the Literary Institute of *Sherbrooke*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker from the Select Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, on reference made to them for consideration and report, (with especial reference to the precedents and practice of the House of Peers) of the question whether the call of his House prescribed in Rule 4, ought not to take place this day (Friday, the 29th February) instead of the call made on Friday last, the 22nd instant, the Session having been opened on Friday, the 15th instant, presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 29th February 1856.

The Select Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, on the reference made to them for consideration and report (with especial reference to the precedents and practice of the House of Peers) of the question whether the call of this House prescribed in Rule 4, ought not to take place this day (Friday, the 29th February,) instead of the call made on Friday last, the 22nd instant, the Session having been opened on Friday, the 15th instant, beg leave to report, as follows :—

The Standing order of the House of Lords on this subject, is in the following words : “ It is to be observed that the first or second day, the House be called.....” It is obvious, therefore, that the precedents and practice of that Body can afford no guide to the interpretation of the Fourth Standing Order of this House, which requires the call to be made “ on the second Friday after the commencement of each Session.”

The Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, adopted in 1817, a Standing Order, requiring a call of the House to be made “ on the first or second day after the commencement of each Session ;” but their practice under it was too irregular to afford any clue to their interpretation of the latter part of the sentence—

In the Legislative Council of *Upper Canada*, a Rule of which the Fourth Standing Order of this House, is an exact transcript in this respect, was in force, and your Committee find that the Session of 1830 having commenced on Friday, the 8th of January, the House was called on Friday, the 22nd of the same Month.

Only two Sessions, before the present, have opened on a Friday since the Union, viz : those of 1846 and 1848.

The first of these Sessions was opened on Friday, the 20th of March, and the House appears to have been called “ pursuant to the Fourth Standing Order,” on Friday, the 27th of the same month.

In the Session of 1848, which was opened on Friday, the 25th of February, the call was not made until Friday, the 10th of March.

Your Committee are of opinion, that the latter was the correct course, and that the adoption of a different course in a previous Session, can only be accounted for on the supposition of reference having been had on that occasion to the French version of the Standing Order which requires the call to be made on the second Friday, at the commencement of the Session.

In support of their construction of the English version of the Standing Order, your Committee beg leave to refer to the case of *Williams vs. Burgess & Walcott*, reported in the 12th volume of *Adolphus & Ellis Reports*, page 638, in which it was decided that twenty-one days of, after or from, the day of the execution, must be reckoned exclusively; and also, to *Clayton's Case*, in the 5th volume of *Coke's Reports*, page 1, in which a similar interpretation was given to the words "within six months after the date of the same writings indented," occurring in the Statute of Enrolments 27, Henry VIII, Chapter 16, it being adjudged there that if such writings have a date, the six months shall be accounted from the date; if they have no date, then from the delivery; and that the day is exclusive.

In conclusion, your Committee beg leave to recommend that the House be called this day, "in pursuance of the Fourth Standing Order," and that the French version of that Order be so amended as to make it agree with the English.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN ROSS,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

Whereupon the House was then called.

THE HONORABLE

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

P. BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE,.....	Absent.
JAMES MORRIS,.....	Absent.
JAMES GORDON,.....	Present.
HAMNETT PINHEY,	Absent.
JAMES FERRIER,.....	Absent.
RODERICK MATHESON,.....	Absent.
GEORGE S. BOULTON,.....	Absent.
DENIS B. VIGER,.....	Absent.
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ,	Present.
JAMES LESLIE,.....	Absent.
FREDERICK A. QUESNEL,.....	Absent.
JOSEPH BOURRET,.....	Absent.
GEORGE SAYEUSE DE BEAUJEU,.....	Absent.
LOUIS MÉTHOT,.....	Absent.
JOSEPH O. TURGEON,.....	Absent.
SAMUEL CRANE,.....	Absent.
SAMUEL MILLS.....	Present.
LOUIS PANET,.....	Absent.
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU,.....	Absent.
CHARLES WILSON,.....	Present.
BENJAMIN SEYMOUR,.....	Present.
DAVID M. ARMSTRONG,.....	Present.
EBENEZER PERRY,.....	Present.
EUSÈBE CARTIER,.....	Present.
WALTER H. DICKSON,.....	Present.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *John Chester* and others, of the Township of *Montague*, praying for the enactment of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Bonds and other securities which have been recorded by the Provincial Registrar, between the 6th September, 1854, and the 15th February, 1856.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from *Foster Cain* and others, members of the Lindsay Division of the Sons of Temperance, No. 219, located in the Township of *Ops*, in the County of *Victoria*, praying for the enactment of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 3rd March, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, SPEAKER.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a petition from the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*, praying for the amendment of their Charter.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *Robert Henderson* and others of the Township of *Elora*;

And Also, a Petition from *Mary Lawrence* and others, of the Township of *Pil-kington*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. Dupies* and others of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pérade*, praying for aid to *L'Académie de Ste. Anne de la Pérade*, in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from from *Amable Archambault* and others, of the Village of *L'Assomption*, praying for aid towards the enlargement of the Convent of the *Sœurs de la Congrégation* therein.

Also a Petition from *Charles Robertson* and others, members of the Board of the United Separate School Trustees, praying that the present Separate School system may not be disturbed.

Also, a Petition from *Louis Tellier* and others of the County of *L'Assomption*, praying for certain amendments to the Act of last Session, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company."

Also, a Petition *G. N. Cleveland* and others, of the Township of *Shipton*, in the District of *St. Francis*, praying for a grant towards the completion and maintenance of the *Shipton* Academy.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. M. Limoges* and others, of the Borough of *William Henry*, in the County of *Richilieu*, praying for a grant of £250 to the *Sœurs de la Providence* to enable them to complete their Building, and for a grant of a £100 towards the maintenance of their establishment.

And Also a Petition from *C. Krieghoff*, of *Quebec*, Artist, praying for pecuniary aid to complete the painting of a Panorama, and of a series of Tableaux in Oil, descriptive of Canada.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented a Petition from *A. Anslie* and others of the Village of *Galt* and surrounding country in the County of *Waterloo*, praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate the North Western Railway Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from *Galt* to *Berlin* and *Waterloo* with the privilege of extending the same to *Saugeen*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Elizabeth Thomas* and others of *Warwick*;

Also, a Petition from *John Lane* and others of the Village of *Thornhill*;

Also, a Petition from *William Symington* and others of the Township of *Colborne*;

Also, a Petition from *John Gaston*, senior, and others of the Township of *Markham*;

Also, a Petition from *Arî Raymond* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*;

Also, a Petition from *Daniel Grents* and others of the Township of *Oro*;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Muir* and others, of the Township of *Scarborough*;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas G. Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Nepean*;

Also, a Petition from *Isaac Ross* and others, of the Township of *Williamsburg*;

Also, a Petition from *Andrew Nicol* and others, of the Town of *Clinton*;

Also, a Petition from *G. F. Taylor* and others, of the Township of *Albion*;

Also, a Petition from *George E. Bruner* and others, of the Township of *Gasfield*;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Bond* and others, of the Township of *Carradoc*;

Also, a Petition from *J. P. Bostwick* and others, of the Township of *Pembroke* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. L. Tucker* and others, of the Township of *Clarke* ;

Also, a Petition from *Amelia McCrea* and others of the Township of *Walford* ;

And also, a Petition from *George Bell* and others of the Township of *Nepean*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Tachè* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the Local Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, complaining that the Trustees of the Quebec Turnpike Roads have not improved two certain roads in that Parish placed under their control by the Act 16 Vict., cap. 235.

Also, a Petition from *l'Institut de St. Roch de Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, a Petition from *Amable Archambault* and others of the Parish of *L'Assomption*, praying for certain amendments to the Act of last Session, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company."

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, of the Parish of *St. Foye*, complaining that the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads have not improved a certain road in that Parish placed under their control by the Act 16 Vict., cap. 236., and praying for relief.

And Also, a Petition from *F. R. Angers* and others, Directors and Shareholders of the *Quebec* and *Saguenay* Railway Company, praying that certain lots of wild land along the Line, and in the vicinity of the said Road may be granted to the said Company.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, presented a Petition from *Caleb Mullery*, and others, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm and make valid an Instrument purporting to be a Patent from the Crown to one *Joseph Purdy*, of Lot number four, in the Broken Concession B. of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*.

Also, a Petition from *R. Michael*, and others of the East Riding of *Elgin*.

Also, a Petition from *W. McDonell*, and others of the Township of *Ops*.

And also, a Petition from *Ann McHugh*, and others of the Township of *Manners* severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson*, presented a Petition from *J. Aylsworth*, and others

of the Township of *Camden*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved to

Resolve, That the French version of the fourth Standing Order of this House be amended, by substituting the words "*après le*" for the word "*au*" between the words "*Vendredi*" and "*Commencement*" in the first line thereof, in order to make it conform to the English version of the same Standing Order;

After a short Debate.

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Jacob Houltz*, and others of the Township of *McGillivray*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, presented a Petition from *B. C. Wilkins*, and others of the Township of *Murray*.

Also, a Petition from *John Beaty, M. D.* and others;

Also, a Petition from *M. M. Frazer*, and others;

Also, a Petition from *W. Haycraft*, and others-

Also, a Petition from *J. Field*, and others.

Also, a Petition from *John Holmair*, and others.

And also, a Petition from *C. M. Stephens*, and others all of the Town of *Coburg* severally praying for the passing of a Stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable *Mr. Taché*, presented four Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kanouraska*, praying that the cutting of timber on the waste lands of the Crown in that County under Licenses from the Crown may be prohibited and the gratuitous use of the Timber premitted to the inhabitants of the Seignories adjoining those Townships in which it grows;

Also, praying that the debts of the late District Councils in *Lower Canada* may be paid out of the Consolidated Revenue;

Also, praying that an appropriation may be made towards the opening of a Road through the Township of *Woodbridge*, to the boundary of the Province;

And also, praying for the repeal of the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855 the abolition of the Office of County Superintendent, and the re-

enactment of the Act 10 and 11 Victoria, chapter 7, with certain amendments.

And also, a Petition from *Ludger le Blanc*, and others of the *St. Lignori*, in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for certain amendments to the Act of last Session intituled an act to incorporate the *L'Assomption River* and Railway Company.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented two Petitions from the Reverend *Louis David Charland*, and others of the County of *Beauharnois*, praying for aid to a College in the Parish of *St. Clement* ;

And also, praying for aid to an academy in the said Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Tuesday, 4th March, 1856.

The members convened, were

Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
FERGUSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the City Bank of *Montreal*, praying for the amendment of their Act of incorporation.

Also a Petition from *John Collins* and others, members of the Committee of the *Montreal* Eye and Ear Institution, praying that the annual grant to the said Institution may be increased.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *F. H. Prevost*, and others of the City of *Montreal*, commissioners of Roman Catholic Schools, praying for a grant of £750 towards the cost of a School House for a model School in that City.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills*, presented a Petition from *Catherine Smith*, and others.

Also, a Petition from *Stephen King*, and others all of the Township of *Barton*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, presented from *David Ballingal* and others of the Township of South *Dumfries* in the County of *Brant*, praying against the passing of any Bill to vest in *Horace Capron*, and *Miram Ames*, the allowance for road between Lots Thirty and Thirty one in the second concession of the Township of South *Dumfries*, in the said County of *Brant*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne*, presented a Petition from *Joseph Elzear Fortier* and others, of *l'Isle de la Fourche*, and of the Parish of *St. Monique*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying that the Pétition of *Henry Wulff Trigg*, and others, for an exclusive privilege to extend two miles on each side of the Bridge to be built by them over the North East branch of the River *Nicolet*, may not be favorably entertained.

And also, a Petition from His Lordship the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Three Rivers* and others, praying for aid towards repairing a School House in the Town of *Three Rivers*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Th Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, presented a Petition from *John Davidson*, and others of the Village of *Galt*, praying that the said Village may be constituted a Town,

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Blaquièrè*, presented a Petition from the Woodstock and Lake *Erie* Railway and Harbour Company, praying for the amendment of their Charter.

Ordered That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Southwood*, in the County of *Elgin*, praying that a certain portion of allowance for road way be vested in one *James Tamnton*.

And also, a Petition from *James E. Elwood*, and others of the Township of *Oxford*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, presented a Petition from *P. W. Dayfoot*, and others of the Township of *Esquesing*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier*, presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. F. Truteau* and others, of *Montreal*, praying for aid to a School for deaf and dumb girls under the care of *Les Sœurs de la Charité de la Providence*, in the Parish of *Longue Pointe*, near *Montreal*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Drapeau*, and others of the Parish of *Longue Pointe*, in the County of *Hochelaga*, praying for aid to "*L'Académie, des Desmoiselles*" in that Parish.

Also a Petition from *Mathew Fournier*, of the Parish of *St. Rosalie*, in the County of *Bagot*, and *Pierre George Hippolite Roy*, of the Parish of *St. Hyacinthe le Confesseur*, in the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, praying for payment of arrears of their pensions as Militiamen wounded in the War of 1812.

Also, a Petition from the College *Masson*.

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *Chambly*.

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Asylum for aged and infirm women.

Also, a Petition from La Corporation du Collège *de Monnoir*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, Curé of *Chambly*, on behalf of a Convent or Girls School in the Parish of *Chambly*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. H. Provençal*, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*, on behalf of a School in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Edward Crevier*, on behalf of a Girls School under the care of the *Sœurs de la Presentation* in the Parish of *St. Marie de Monnoir*, in the County of *Rouville*.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *E. Turcotte* and others, of the School Municipality of *St. Philomène*, in the County of *Chateauguay*, on behalf of a School there, severally praying for pecuniary aid,

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Rector and Church Wardens of the Parish of *Quebec*, praying that the Male Orphan Asylum in connection with the Church of *England*, may be incorporated.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*, praying for the passing of an Act to ratify and confirm a Deed made by the Municipal Council of the Town of *God-*

erich, to the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*.

Also, a Petition from *Margaret Frazer*, Principal of the *Ottawa*, Seminary and others, Inhabitants of the City of *Ottawa* praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of the said Institution.

Also, a Petition from a *McNabb* and others, Reeves of the County of *Bruce*, praying for the passing of an Act to separate the County of *Bruce*, from the County of *Huron*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton* praying that no measures may be taken to separate certain parts of the Townships of *Dawn* and *Sombra*, and the whole of the Township of *Euphemia* from the County of *Lambton*, and attach them to the County of *Kent*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*, praying that a grant may be made to repair the road through the Township of *Plympton*, which connects the Town of *Port Sarnia*, with the County of *Middlesex*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce* praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the *Buffalo*, *Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company, to sell or lease in perpetuity their said Railway to the Lake *Huron*, and *Buffalo* Railroad Company.

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Ottawa* praying that the *Ottawa* and *Prescott* Railway Company may receive aid from the Legislature.

Also, a Petition from *David Mc.Kendrick* and others, of the Townships of *Kincardine*, *Greenock*, *Kinloss*, *Huron*, *Bruce*, and *Cullross*, praying that *Penetanguere* may be appointed the County Town of the County of *Bruce*.

And also, a Petition from the Royal Institution for the advancement of Learning praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. G. Watier* and others, of the Parish of *St. François de Sales* in the County of *Laval*, praying for aid to enable them to establish a Model School in that Parish.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *M. J. E. Chevigny* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri de Mascouche*, in the County of *L'Assomption*, praying for aid to the College of *St. Henri de Mascouche*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Wednesday, 5th March, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs,

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,

The Honorable Messieurs.

GORDON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *l'Institut d'Artisans et Association de Bibliothèque du Village d'Industrie*, praying for pecuniary aid.

And also, a Petition from *L. Mayrand* and others, Pilots engaged in navigating the *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, praying that the rates of Pilotage may be increased, and that one of their body may be appointed a Warden of the Trinity House, *Montreal*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

And praying that aid may be given to the *Ottawa* and *Prescott* Railway Company to enable them to complete their said work.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *North Gower* ;

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

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

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*, severally praying that the principle of paying Jurors out of the Public Revenue, which is in force in *Lower Canada*, may be extended to the Upper Province.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *North Gower* ;

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

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

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Carleton*, seve-

rally praying that a survey may be made in order to ascertain the probable cost of opening a continuous line of water communication from Lake *Huron* to the *St. Lawrence*, by the Valley of the *Ottawa*.

Also, a Petition from *Peter Lampman* and *Adam Stull*, of the Township of *Grantham*, praying that an inquiry may be made into the reasons for not granting them their respective pensions between the years 1820 and 1839, and that such relief may be afforded as the nature of the case may merit.

Also, a Petition from *M. P. Empey* and others, of the Village of *Waterloo*, in the County of *Waterloo*, praying for the construction of a Railway from *Galt* to Lake *Huron*, by way of *Berlin* and *Waterloo*, to be called "the *North Western Railway Company*."

And also, a Petition from *W. P. McLaren* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying to be incorporated under the name of "The *Western Canada Loan Company*."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the construction of a Railway from *Saugeen* to the said City of *Toronto*.

And also, a Petition from *D. B. Sickneys* and others, of the Township of *Camdem East*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from *J. French Taylor* and others, Trustees of the High School in the Village of *Cookshire*, in the Township of *Eaton*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *G. Fletcher* and others, of the Township of *Binbrook*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented a Petition from *J. C. Woodruff* and others of the Township of *Niagara*, praying for the passing of a Stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Bagot*, praying for certain amendments to the *Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *L. Chesley* and others, of

the Town of *Cornwall*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Goderich*, in the County of *Huron*, praying that an Act may be passed to legalize the transfer of a certain parcel of land made by them to the County Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Howick*, in the County of *Huron*, praying that a certain lot of land formerly set apart for the site of a Town may be sold, as a more eligible spot has been selected for the purpose within two miles of the place, so set apart as aforesaid.

Also, a Petition from *D. Shoff* and others, of the Village of *Ireland* ;

And also, a Petition from *Peter McLarwin* and others, of the Township of *Plantagenet*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, shewing their General Balance, made up to the 31st December, 1855. Also, a General Statement of the Revenue Account of the said Company, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1855. And also, a General Statement of the Capital Account of the said Company, for the half-year ending 31st December, 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

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

Thursday, March 6th, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSON,

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
MOORE,

GOODHUE,
GORDON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON.

SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTER,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Mechanics Institute of the Village of *Dunnville*, praying for pecuniary aid.

And also, a Petition from *Alexander Kenedy* and others, of the Township of *Esguesing*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented a petition from the Corporation of the city of *Hamilton*, praying that power may be given to them to construct water works to supply the City of *Hamilton* with water.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the *Galt and Guelph* Railway Company, praying that no new Act of Incorporation may be granted for the establishment of any new line of Railway between the said village of *Galt* and the Town of *Berlin*.

Also, a Petition from *William Boylan* and others, of the Township of *Dawn*, praying against the passing of any measure having for its object to separate certain parts of the Township of *Dawn* and *Sombra* and the whole of the Township of *Euphemia* from the County of *Lambton*, and annex the same to the County of *Kent*.

Also a Petition from the Reverend *R. V. Rogers* and others, of *Kingston*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day.

Also, a Petition from *W. Vidal* and others, of *Port Sarnia*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the present Town of *Port Sarnia* under the name and style of "*Town of Sarnia*," with either a Town or Village Incorporation.

Also, a Petition from *Nelson Shipman* and others, of the Township of *Wallace* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. Powell* and others, of the Town of *Niagara* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Scott* and others, of the Village of *Galt* ;

Also, a Petition from *Nelson Burley* and others, of the Township *Bosanquet* ; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Dawn*, praying that the Separate School Act of last Session may be repealed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *James A. Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Mersea*;

Also, a Petition from *Martha Sutton*, and others of *Churchville*;

Also, a Petition from *Jane Crabb* and others, of the Township of *Marysburgh*;

Also a Petition from *Sarah Ansley* and others, of the Township of *Storrington*;

Also, a Petition from *W. H. Dunning* and others, of the Township of *Cumberland*;

Also, a Petition from *Frank Lumsden* and others, of the Townships of *Drummer* and *Douro*;

Also, a Petition from *John Stevenson* and others, of the Town of *Picton*;

Also, a Petition from *William Murphy* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph McEwan* and others, of the Township of *Cornwall*;

And also, a Petition from *John Fitzgerald* and others, of the Township of *London*; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Thomas White* and others of the Town of *Peterborough*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a petition from *Thomas W. Lawford*, of City of *London, Canada West*, praying that an Act may be passed to permit him to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor in the Courts of Common Law and Equity, in this Province.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Commissioners of Crown Lands, of the Income and Expenditure on account of the Jesuits' Estates, for the year ending 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Wilson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying against the passing of any Act to alter the limits of the Municipality of *Chatham*, in the said County.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Lambton*, praying that an Act may be passed to Incorporate the Town of *Port Sarnia* under the name of "*The Town of Sarnia*."

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *St. Angélique*, in the County of *Ottawa*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *Hull*, in the said County of *Ottawa*, severally praying that the necessary sums may be granted for a detailed Survey, in order to ascertain the feasibility and cost of the construction of a ship Canal or Railway from the *Ottawa* River to the tide waters of the *St. Lawrence*.

Also, a Petition from *G. W. Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Lochabar*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Bosanquet*, praying that no alteration may be made in the present territorial limits of the County of *Lambton*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *E. Carey* and others;

Also, a Petition from *D. Cumming* and others.

And also, a Petition from *E. Mathews* and others, all of *Flamborough West*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice.

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a statement of the expenses occasioned to the Province by the removal of the Seat of Government, from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Toronto*, including all expenses for repairs, building and outfit for the several public Departments and Provincial Buildings,—it was,

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to modify the Usury Laws."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read a second time,

Which being objected to

After a long Debate,

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson*, *Hamilton*, *Moore*, *Seymour*, and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was then moved to

Resolve, That it be an instruction to the said Committee to consider and report whether it is expedient to make any and what change in the limitation now existing as to the issues from the Chartered Banks of this Province.

And also, whether it is expedient to grant to the said Banks the power conferred upon the Bank of *England*, as to the rate per centum which that institution is authorized to charge upon discounts.

After a short debate

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

Ordered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs *De Blaquière* and *Dickson* be added to the last mentioned Committee, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

A message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald* and others, in the following words, viz. :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, 28th Feb., 1856.

Resolved, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable *John S. Macdonald*, the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Mr. *Taché*, Mr. *Laberge*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, Mr. *Turcotte*, Mr. *Brown*, and Mr. *Antoine A. Dorion*, 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.

THURSDAY, 6th March, 1856.

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 the Honorable *John S. Macdonald* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk Assembly.

And they withdrew.

The Order of the day being read for moving pursuant to notice, to

Resolve, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Imperial Parliament for the Dissolution of the Union now subsisting between Eastern and Western *Canada*, and that the Provinces of *New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Eastern Canada, and Western Canada*, be united under one general Government—

That the Governor General be appointed for the united Provinces by Her Majesty, and that Lieutenant Governors under him, for each of the said late Provinces, be appointed by Her Majesty.

That the Legislature consist, as at present, of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, the Members composing both Houses to be elected by a majority of legal Voters, according to the laws now existing in each separate Province, until altered or amended by any law which may be enacted by the General Legislature for that purpose, according to the number of legal Voters in the said united Province—according to population.

That the Speaker of the Legislative Council be elected by the Members present for two years, at the commencement of every second Session, subject to the approval of the Governor General, or person administering the Government for the time being; and that the said Legislative Council have power to appropriate moneys, but not to levy any tax, and be constituted a Court for the trial of impeachments.

That the Municipal Councils be charged with the internal concerns of each of the said late Provinces, with the powers now confided to them by law, which may be so altered or amended by the General Legislature as may be deemed necessary for that purpose; and that the Lieutenant Governor in each of the said late Provinces shall have the same authority over any By-law they may pass as the Governor General now possesses.

That the said general Government have the sole control and authority to levy taxes, and over the Revenue and Expenditure of the united Province, and of enacting such laws as may be deemed necessary for the good government and prosperity thereof; and to pray, that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to give the said united Province such name or designation as Her Majesty may graciously think proper, and to fix some place in the said united Province for the permanent Seat of Government.

It was

Ordered, That the considered of the said Resolution be discharged until the second Tuesday in the month of April next.

It was then moved

That there be a call of this House in reference to the foregoing Resolution on the said second Tuesday in the month of April next.

Which being objected to

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne* ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Jerome* ; severally praying to be relieved from the payment of the principal and interest of certain Debentures issued in their names.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

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

Friday, 7th March, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable JOHN Ross, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,

The Honorable Messieurs

WIDMER,
GORDON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
WILSON,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *C. J. Johnson* and others, of the Township of *South Warwick*, praying for the passing of a Stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *Lyda Well* and others, praying for the passing of a Stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Sister *Saint Augustin* and others, Nuns of the Convent of the Parish of *Terrebonne*, praying for aid to that Convent.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Dispensary praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Gravel* and others, of the Parish of *La-prairie*, praying for aid to a Boy's School ; and also to the Convent of the *Sœurs de la Congrégation*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *William A. Wood* and others, of the Township of *Loughborough* ;

Also, a Petition from *John McDonald* and others, of the Township of *Leeds* ;

Also, a Petition from *Hugh Bowland* and others, of the Township of *Ramsay* ;
And also, a Petition from *James Lester* and others, of the Township of *Lanark*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Greenock*, in the County of *Bruce*, praying for the passing of an Act to separate the said County from the County of *Huron*, and that *Penetanguore* may be the County Town.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from the Ladies of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of *Montreal*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Proulx* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying for a grant of Four Hundred Pounds to a College in that Country.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *Archibald Harrison* and others, of the Township of *Minto*, in the County of *Wellington* ;

And also, a Petition from *Peter Mc Vicar* and others, of the Township of *Car-riek*, in the County of *Bruce*, severally praying for the construction of a Railway from the waters of Lake *Huron*, at *Saugeen*, to the waters of Lake *Ontario*, at *Toronto*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Monday, 10th March, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the Town of *Brantford*, praying that authority may be given to the *Buffalo, Brantford and Goderich Railway Company*, to lease or sell the said Railway to the *Buffalo and Lake Huron Railroad Company*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *George Macdonnell* and others, of the Townships of *Nichol* and *Garafrawa*.

And also, a Petition from *E. Macdonnell* and others, of the said Township of *Nichol*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *A. Macdonell* and others, of Toronto, praying to be incorporated for Mining purposes.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from the *Knowlton Academy*, in the Township of *Brome*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *E. Doolittle* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*, in the County of *Northumberland*, praying that

the allowance for road between lots, numbers fourteen and fifeteen, in the Broken Front Concession N., of the said Township of *Haldimand*, may be vested in *Samuel Doolittle* and *Robert Johnson*, in consideration of their having surrendered for the purposes of a Public Highway, a more eligible piece of land through the said lot.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Watson* and others, of the County of *Victoria* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. Connolly* and others, of the Township of *Ops* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Bailey* and others, of the Township of *Esquesing* ;

And also, a Petition from *J. Van Allen* and others, of the Township of *Trafalgar*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Robert Riddel* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *J. Shailer* and others, all of the Township of *Wolford* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Snyder* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Henry Parson* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *D. Henry* and others, all of the Townships of *Chinguitousy* ;

Also, a Petition from *Clara Vandusen* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *W. B. Vandusen*, all of the Township of *Montague* ;

Also, a Petition from *Jonas Steele* and others, of the Township of *Pelham*.

Also, a Petition from *Walter Burnett* and others, of *New Hope* ;

Also, a Petition from *George Badfellow* and others, of the Township of *Waterloo* ;

Also, a Petition from *David B. Wawanosh* and others, Chippawa Indians, residing in the County of *Lambton* ;

Also, a Petition from *George Blain* and others, of the County of *Peel* ;

Also, a Petition from *Mary S. Green* and others, of the Township of *Townsend* ;

Also, a Petition from *S. Alcorn* and others, of *Yorkville* ;

Also, a Petition from *Isaac Showell* and others, of *Sparta*, in the Township of *Elgin* ;

Also, a Petition from *G. T. R. Salter* and others, of the County of *Lambton* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Nelson* and others, of the Township of *Vaughan* ;

Also, a Petition from *Amarilla Young* and others, of the Townships of *Sydney* and *Murray* ;

And also, a Petition from *Robert Buchanan* and others, of the Township of *Medonte*, severally praying for the passing of a Stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from *E. Clint* and others, of the Townships of *Walford*, *Oxford*, and *Montague*, praying for the construction of a Draw Bridge on the *Rideau* Canal, at *Nicholsons' Lock*.

Also, a Petition from *F. X. Ponsant* and others, of the County of *Beauce*, praying that the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, may be repealed, or amended in certain particulars, and if repealed, that the Municipal Councils of of Parishes may be re-established, and the old road laws altered, so as to make them agree with the Parochial Municipal system.

And also, a Petition from the Revered *J. O. Archambault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Timothee*, in the County of *Beauharnois*, praying for aid to a boy's school ; and also to a girl's school in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented two Petitions from the Reverend *E. Durocher* and others, of the Parish of *Belœil*, in the County of *Verchères*, praying for aid to an Academy in that Parish ;

And praying for aid to an Academy in the said Parish kept by *Les Révérendes Sœurs des Saints Noms de Jesus et de Marie*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Asylum of the Good Shepherd of *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, a Petition from *John Doheny*, of the Parish of *Valcartier*, in the County of *Quebec*, praying for relief in consideration of his house having been consumed by fire, which there is every reason to believe, was occasioned by the act of an incendiary.

Also, a Petition from *David Bell* and others, of the Parish of *St Roch* ;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Savard* and others, of the Parish of *St Ambroise de la Jeune Lorette* ;

Also, a Petition from *Jacques Edouard Pageot* and others, of the Parish of *L'ancienne Lorette*, severally praying that an inquiry may be made into the conduct of the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads ; and that those Roads and the Turnpike Roads at *Point Levi* may be placed under the control of different Commissioners.

And also, a Petition from *James Rackett* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *Ste. Foye*, praying for aid to the "*L'Académie de Sillery*" in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented two Petitions from *P. Cowan* and others, Trustees of the *Missisquoi* High School, praying for an annual grant for the support of the said Institution ;

And praying for pecuniary aid in order to enable them to discharge a debt due upon their building.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Tuesday, 11th March, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUÈRE,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
FERRIER,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, presented a Petition from the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Michel*, in the County of *Bellechasse*, praying for aid to a Girls School in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Shefford*, pray-

ing that the County Council may be empowered to revise the valuation Rolls of the different Townships for the purposes of County taxation.

Also, a Petition from *Allan Gilmour* and others, of the City of *Ottawa*, and Township of *Hull*, praying that the Charter sought by Messieurs *Forsyth*, and Company to make a Tram Road from the Iron Mines on lot number eleven in the seventh range of the said Township of *Hull* to the *Gatineau River* may not be granted.

Also a Petition from *Joseph Varin* and others, of the Township of *Chertsey* in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for a grant to open a road in that Township.

Also, a Petition from *Louis Boivin* and others, School Commissioners of the Borough of *William Henry*, praying for aid to a girls' school and also, a boys' school therein.

Also, a Petition from *Charles Burget* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph. Point Levi* praying for aid to a girls' school in that Parish.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *N. C. Fortier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Michel*, in the County of *Bellechasse*, praying for aid to a College in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills*, presented a Petition from *James English* and others, of the Township of *East Flamborough*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, presented a petition from *Etienne Mathieu*, and others, of the Parishes of *Lachenaie* and *Repentigny* in the County of *L'Assomption*, praying for certain amendments in the Act to incorporate the *L'Assomption*, River and Railway Company.

And also a Petition from *George McMicking* and others of the Village of *Chippawa*, praying that measures may be taken to secure the better observance of the Sabbath, and that all business in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals may be suspended on the Lord's Day.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Etienne de la Malbaie*, in the County of *Charlevoix*, praying for a grant of £600 towards the erection of a Bridge over the River *Murray*, at the village of *Nairne* in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Quebec*, praying that the right of electing the Mayor of the said City may be vested in the constituents of the Municipal Councillors thereof.

And also, a Petition from *l'Hospice St. Joseph de la Maternité de Quebec* praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered. That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Widmer*, presented a Petition from *Skeffington Connor* and others, late Professors of Law and Medicine in the University of Toronto, praying for the re-establishment of those faculties in the said University, and for the restoration of their Professorships.

Ordered. That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, praying that Assessors may be directed to insert in their Assessment Rolls, all births, marriages and burials in their respective Municipalities during the year.

Also, a Petition from *Archibald Killer* and others, of the County of *Kent* praying for the construction of a Canal from *Jeannettes Creek* on the River *Thames* to the mouth of *Two Creeks* on Lake *Erie*.

Also, a Petition from the Natural History Society of *Montreal*.

Also, a Petition from the University lying in Hospital of *Montreal*, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, a Petition from *W. Mountain*, of *Sorel*, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained during the Rebellion in 1837.

Also, a Petition from *Hammond G. Hall*, and *John Henry*, of the Townships of *Leeds* and *Inverness* praying to be indemnified for loss of time and expenses incurred by them as Witnesses before a Committee of the Legislative Assembly in 1853, in the Megantic contested Election case.

Also, a Petition from *William Latimer* and others of the County of *Kent*, praying that the statute 16th Victoria, Chapter 163, intituled "An Act to provide for the making of certain Annual Returns to the Government," may be amended.

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Miller* of the Township of *Chatham* in the County of *Kent*, praying that the exclusive privilege of manufacturing and vending in Canada two certain machines invented and patented in the United States of America may be vested in him.

Also, a Petition from *William H. Lothrop* and others, Members of the Committee appointed to superintend the erection of an Academy in the Township of *Dudswell*, in the County of *Wolfe*, praying for a grant to liquidate the balance due by them on the said building.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Laterrière*,

praying for a grant of £500 towards the completion of a Road from *Grand Brulé* to *Bagotville*, and the construction of a Bridge over the River *du Moulin*.

Also, a Petition from *Charlotte Livingston* and others of the Township of *Kitley*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from *J. Roy* and others, of *St. Athanase*, praying against the passing of any Law to prohibit the manufacture and sale of ale, porter, wine and spirituous Liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, presented a Petition from the Medical Faculty of *McGill* College praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, two petitions from the Ladies Benevolent Society of Montreal praying that the annual grant to the said Institution may be increased ;

And praying for aid in order to enable them to complete the erection of a certain Building.

And also, a Petition from *Jeffery Hale* and others, President and Members of the *Quebec* British and Canadian School Society praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, presented a Petition from *P. B. Brown* and another, of the Township of *Culross* in the County of *Bruce*, praying for the construction of a Railway from the Waters of Lake *Huron* at *Saugeen* to the waters of Lake *Ontario* at *Toronto*.

Also, a Petition from *A. A. Whiting* and others, being President and Trustees of the *Oshawa* Manufacturing Company, praying for certain amendments to the Act authorizing the formation of Joint Stock Companies for manufacturing purposes.

And also, a Petition from *Thomas Jamieson* and others, of the Township of *Cavan*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *W. Baker* and others, of *London*, Canada West, praying for the incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from the said City of *London*, to *St. Marys*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Joseph Larker* and others of the Village of *Kettleby*

Also, a Petition from *James Norman* and others, of the Township of *King*.

And also, a Petition from *John Jones* and others, of the Townships of *Peel* and

Maryborough, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *William Merritt* and others, praying that except for Medicinal or Mechanical purposes the manufacture and sale of intoxicating Liquors may be prohibited.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Tache* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Roy* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles* in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying for a grant of £450 towards completing a School House in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Thursday, 13th March, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. MORRIS,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. Fergusson presented a Petition from *T. S. Shenston* and others, of the Township of *Brant*.

Also, a Petition from the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* ; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *David Caw* and others, of the Town of *Paris* ;

Also, a Petition from the Ministers and Elders of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada* ; severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Sabbath in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*, praying for certain amendments to the Statute, 16th Victoria, chapter 190, 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."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *W. D. Hamilton* and others, of the Town of *Collingwood* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Thorold* ;

Also, a Petition from *Mary Peckham* and others, of the Township of *Nottawaga* ;

Also, a Petition from *George F. Durand* and others, of the Township of *Goderich* ;

Also, a Petition from *T. R. Taggart* and others, of the Township of *North Crosby*.

Also, a Petition from *Robert Elliot* and others, of the Village of *Port Robinson* ;

And also, a petition from *D. B. Chisholm* and others, of the Township of *Nelson* ; severally praying for the passing of stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, praying that the said Counties may be separated, and that the senior County may have the power to select a new site for their County Town.

And also, a Petition from the Provisional Municipal Council of the County of *Welland*, praying for the passing of an act to facilitate the separation of the said County from the County of *Lincoln*.

Ordered, That the same no lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *W. M. Howard* and others of the Townships of *Leeds* and *Lansdown* ;

Also, a Petition from *Donald Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Drummond* ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert S. Copeland* and others, of the Township of *Busteel* ;

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

Also, a Petition from *Mary Crane* and others, of the Township of *Augusta* ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Stevenson* and others, of the Township of *Pickering* ;

Also, a Petition from *Francis Rae* and others of the Village of *Stouffville* ;

Also, a Petition from *Janett Allan* and others, of the Town of *Perth* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Allan* and others, of the said Town of *Perth* ; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from *Elizabeth L. Hawley* and others, praying for the passing of an Act similar to that which obtains in State of *New York*, and by means of which women, after their marriage, may be secured in the enjoyment of the property which they may have possessed as "*femmes soles*."

And also, a Petition from *Henry R. Goodman* and others, Members of *St. George's Church*, in the Town of *St. Catherine's*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Church Wardens of the said Church to sell a lot of land purchased in the year 1850, and conveyed by one *William E. Parnett* to them and their successors in office, as the site of a Parsonage House for the said Parish, the said House having been erected in a more eligible and healthy situation in the said Town.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Henry McLean* and others, of the Township of *Augusta* ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Stewart* and others of the Township of *South Crosby* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Grant* and others of the Townships of *Malahide* and *Bayham* ;

Also, a Petition from *James Couper* and others of the city of *Kingston* ;

Also, a Petition *T. E. Fenton* and others, of the Township of *North Gower* ;

Also, a Petition from *Jane McIntyre* and others of the Township of *Elkfrid* ;

And also, a Petition from *William Cope* and others, of the Townships of *Caradoc* and *Elkfrid* ; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Tachè* presented a Petition from *Simeon Octeau* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Joseph de la Pointe Levi*, praying for a grant of £500 towards the erection of a building for a boys' school in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *Antoine Charles Tache-reau*, of *Déchambault*, praying for a pension for his public services.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *C. A. Regnier* and others, of the Parish of *Pointe aux Trembles*, praying that the annual grant of £50,000 for the maintenance and support of Common Schools may be increased to £150,000.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the baptisms, marriages and burials in the District of *Three Rivers*, for the year 1855.

Also, a Statement of the liabilities and assets of the *Montreal Provident and Savings Banks*, made up to the 1st March, 1856.

Also, the Annual Return from "*La Corporation de Académie Industrielle de St. Laurent*."

And also, the Annual Return from *La Communauté des Sœurs de Ste. Croix*, at *Saint Laurent*.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *East Hawkesbury*, in the County of *Prescott*, praying for the passing of an Act to ratify and confirm the side lines and allowances for Roads made and laid out in the said Townships in the surveys of *Joseph Fortune* and *Duncan McDonnell*, Esquires.

Also, a Petition from *W. Bath* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *R. P. Stephens*, and others all of the Village of *Mitchell*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *J. B. E.*

Dorion and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the "Township of Durham," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

That the items standing on the Orders of this Day, be discharged until Monday next.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

It was then moved,

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Friday, 14th March, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,

HAMILTON,

FERRIE,

KNOWLTON,

MOORE,

DIONNE,

GOODHUE,

WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. MORRIS,

GORDON,

FERRIER,

BOULTON,

TACHÉ,

MILLS,

ARMSTRONG,

CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*, praying for the passing of

an Act to remove certain doubts, as to the power of the several Municipal Councils, under the *Upper Canada School Act*, to alter and re-construct the School Sections in their respective limits.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *William Wilkinson* and others, of the Township of *Lobo*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *John Anderson* and others, of the Township of *Whitchurch*.

And also, a Petition from *A. G. Holland* and others, of the Township of *Lanark* severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *James E. Elliot* and others of the City of *Hamilton*.

Also, a Petition from *David Wright* and others, of the Township of *Egremont* ;

Also, a Petition from *E. A. Burns* and others, of the Township of *Gosfield* ;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Watson* and others, of the Township of *Garrafrava* ;

And also, a Petition from *Somers Atkinson* and others, of the Village of *Van-sicles*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Venerable *A. N. Bethune*, Archdeacon of *York* and others, of *Cobourg*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal Horticultural Society*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Also, a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors, and other citizens of the Village of *Basin of Chamley*, praying for aid to enable them to repair the plank road, made under the provisions of the Statute 8th Victoria, Chapter 56, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Ordinance relative to the Turnpike Road from *Montreal to Chambley*."

And also, a Petition from *l'Institut de Artesans de St. Césaire*, praying for aid,
Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, entitled "an Act to enable the Church Wardens of St. George's Church, in the Town of *St. Catharines*, to sell and convey four acres of land, originally purchased as a site for a Parsonage, and for other purposes."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Peterborough* and *Victoria*, praying for the repeal of all Laws sanctioning separate and sectarian Schools.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved

That the Petition presented to this House on Tuesday last, the 11th instant, from *Skeffington Connor* and others, late Professors of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto*, praying for the re-establishment of those Faculties in the said University, and for the restoration of their Professorship therein, be now read.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Petition was then read by the Clerk, accordingly.

The Honorable, the Speaker, presented a Petition from *David McKendrick* and others, Reeves and Councillors of the County of *Bruce*, praying that the Town of *Penetangore* may be established as the County Town of the said County.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Clarkson* and others of the City of *Toronto* and Counties of *York* and *Simcoe*, praying to be incorporated as the *Toronto* and *Georgian Bay Canal Company*.

And also a Petition from *Daniel Buchan* and others, of *Longueuil*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, 17th March, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. MORRIS,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
ARMSTRONG.

PRAYERS.

It was moved

That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until next Wednesday week, the 26th instant.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a petition from the Directors of the *Clarenceville* Academy, praying for the customary annual grant towards the support of the said institution,

And also that aid may be afforded towards the liquidation of the debt contracted for putting up the building.

Also a Petition from *James Drennan* and others, of the Township of *Kitley*;

Also a Petition, from *Mary Curry* and others, of the Town of *Gloucester*;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Larvine* and others, of *Port Dalhousie*; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a petition from the municipality of *Gloucester*, in the County of Carleton, praying for the repeal of all Acts which authorize the establishment of Separate Schools in *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *L'Assomption*, praying for aid.

And also, a Petition from *L. E. Derome* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles*

Barromée in the County of *Joliette*, praying that the Act to incorporate the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company may not be so amended as to authorize the said Company to erect dams and locks on the said River.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Honorable *George Moffatt* and others, Trustees and Shareholders in the *Mount Royal* Cemetery Company, praying for the amendments of their Acts of incorporation ;

And also, a Petition from *C. S. Howell* and others, of *London, Canada West*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Town Council of *Cobourg*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Also, a Petition from *John Wade* of the Township of *Hamilton*.

And the Honorable *Benjamin Seymour* of the Town of *Port Hope*, praying that the original allowances for a Road between Lots No. 34 and No. 35 may be vested in them, in consideration of another and more convenient road having been appropriated on the said lots for a Public Highway.

Also, a Petition from the *Bond Head* Harbor Company, praying for the passing of an Act to increase their Capital Stock, and also that the name of the said Company may be changed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on table

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Helen Squier* and others, of the Township of *Sutton*.

And also, a Petition from *Henry Montgomery* and others, of the said Township of *Sutton* ; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *John A. Bockus* ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Howes* and others, all of the Township of *Osnabruck* ; severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a petition from *R. Irvine* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Chauncey Yale* and others, engaged in manufactures at *St. Catharines*, praying for such an amendment of the Revenue Laws as will authorize the imposition upon all articles of American manufacture the same Duty as the American Government may impose on similar articles manufactured in Canada.

Also, a Petition from *David Doty* and others, of the Township of *East Nis-souri*, in the County of *Oxford*, praying that the system of voting for Township Councillors may be changed, and that a Commission may be appointed to inquire into the state of the financial affairs of the said Township.

Also, a Petition from *William F. Kelly* and others of the Village of *Thamesford*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from the Corporation of the Town of *St. Catharines*, praying for the passing of an Act making it obligatory upon the several Municipal Councils to erect and maintain a House of Refuge and Industry for the reception of poor and destitute persons in Upper Canada.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented three Petitions from the Corporation of the City of *London, Canada West*, praying for such an amendment of the Criminal Laws as will authorize the Magistrates to commit drunken and disorderly persons to prison, and order that hard labour shall form part of their punishment.

Also, praying that authority to sell a certain Burial Ground, and appropriate the proceeds to the purchase of a more suitable tract of land for the purposes of a Cemetery.

Also, praying for a grant of money to erect a Public Hospital on a piece of land which they have purchased for that purpose.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *H. Wilkinson* of the said City of *London*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a statement of the gross amount received from the Fee Fund in *Upper Canada*, and of the expenses of the Administration of Justice, paid out of the same, during the year ended, 31st December, 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Members of the Committee of the *Buckingham Academy*, praying for an increase to their annual grant.

And also, a Petition from *Moise Hypolite Fortin* and others, rate-payers in and for that part of the County of *Ottawa*, formerly known as the Municipality of *Ottawa* Division number two, praying that they may not be compelled to pay interest on the amount of their subscribed stock in the "*Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*," until the said Railway be complete, and in operation in its whole extent.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Statement from *La Caisse d'Economie de Notre Dame de Québec*, for the nine months ending 1st March, 1856.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Thomas W. White* and others.

Also, a Petition from the Honorable *Louis J. Papineau* and others, all rate-payers, in and for that part of the County of *Ottawa*, formerly known as the Municipality of *Ottawa*, Division number two, severally praying that they may not be compelled to pay interest on the amount of their subscribed Stock in the "*Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*," until the said Railway be complete, and in operation in its whole extent.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Village of *Buckingham*, in the County of *Ottawa*, praying for pecuniary assistance to build a Bridge over the *River du Lièvre* at the said Village.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. Roy* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying for aid towards the opening of a road from that Parish to Lake *Temiscouata*.

And also, a Petition from *John Smith* and others, of the County of *Oxford*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *Robert Smart* and others, of the Township of *Charlottenburg*, praying for the passing a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *G. Dick* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. Jean*, in the County of *Montmorency*, praying for a grant of one hundred pounds, to enable them to employ an English Teacher.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to secure to married women certain separate rights of property."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday, the 26th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating the *Mount Royal* Cemetery Company."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time, on Wednesday, the 26th instant.

Ordered, That all the items standing upon the Orders of this Day be discharged, until Wednesday, the 26th instant.

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Wednesday, the 26th instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 26th March, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
DIONNE,
WIDMER,
J. MORRIS,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
FERRIER,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Janet Dunbar* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *William Bartlett* and others, all of the Town of *Amherstburg* ; severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph*

Maurault and others, of the Parish of *Saint Thomas de Pierreville*, in the County of *Yamaska* praying for aid towards the erection of a School House and the support of a School in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Chartré* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *St. David*, in the County of *Yamaska*, praying for aid towards the purchase of sites for, and the erection of five School Houses in that Municipality.

And also, a Petition from *G. A. Bourgeois* and others, of the Parish of *Grégoire le Grand*, in the County of *Nicolet*, praying for aid towards the enlargement of a School House in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *J. B. McDonald* and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*.

Also, a Petition from *John Chambers* and others, of the Town of *Prescott* ;

Also, a Petition from *T. G. Leavitt* and others, of the Town of *Brockville* ;

Also, a Petition from *A. Wilkinson* and others, of the Town of *Whitby* ;

Also, a Petition from *S. Holden* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *R. V. Burrett* and others, all of the Township of *Augusta* ;

Also, a Petition from *Malcolm McGillivray* and others, of the Townships of *Lochiel* and *Kenyon* ;

Also a Petition from *Alfred C. Booth*, and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Abel N. Stevens* and others, all of the Township of *Bustard* ;

Also, a Petition from *Asa Wallock* and others, of the Township of *West Zorra* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Allan* and others, of the Township of *Otonabee*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from *D. B. O. Ford* and others, of the Town of *Brockville*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as the "*Brockville Gas Light Company*."

And also, a Petition from *George Forbes* and others, of the Town of *St. Catharines*, praying for the passing of Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Thomas Allen* and others, of *Fullarton* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. W. Denison* and others of the Township of *Cleveland*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *George Young* and others, of the City of *Montreal*;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Burns* and others, of the County of *Middlesex*;

Also, a Petition from *C. B. Cleveland* and others, of *Richmond*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

Also, a Petition from the *Quebec* Board of Trade, praying that Light Houses may be erected upon the Bird Rocks in the Gulf of the *St. Lawrence*, and on *Cape Anguille*, on the extreme western point of *Newfoundland*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *G. L. E. Duhault* and others, of the Counties of *Richmond*, and *Wolfe*, praying for aid for the opening of three new roads and the improvement of a certain road in the said Counties.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Seneca*, praying for the passing of an Act to repeal all Acts providing for the establishment of Separate Schools;

Also, a Petition from the President and Trustees of *Saint Francis* College, praying for an annual grant of £450 towards the support of the said Institution, and for a grant of £1,000 to be expended in completing the erection of Buildings;

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

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Hemmingford*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, praying that "The *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act, 1855," may be amended in certain particulars.

Also, a Petition from *David Savage* and others, of *Toronto*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

And also, a Petition from *Janet Fenwick*, of the Township of *Vaughan*, widow of the late *John Fenwick*, formerly Door-keeper to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying for a pension.

Ordered, That the last mentioned Petition be now read, and The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Petitions do lie on the table.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Corporation of *Mon-*

treal, praying that the Act passed last Session, to amend the provisions of the several Acts incorporating the said City, may be further amended.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *A. M. Delisle* and others, of *St. Lambert*, in the Municipality of *Longueuil*, praying that the said Municipality may be incorporated as the Village or Borough of *St. Lambert* ;

Also, a Petition from *La Société de Bibliothèque et Institut d'Artisans de Berthier*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from *N. Cornellier* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Maurice H. Beaubein* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Onézime Pellant* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *Louis Levesque* and others, all of the County of *Joliette*, severally praying that the *l'Assomption* River and Railway Company may not be authorized to construct dams and locks on that river.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Edwin Rose* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Benjamin Clark* and others, all of the Township of *Ernest Town* ;

Also, a Petition from *Charles Wilson* and others, of the Township of *Stanley* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. C. Quin* and others, of the Township of *Osnabrock* ;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Camden*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *George Cheyne* and others, of the Townships of *Saltfleet* and *Binbrook*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Session of the Presbyterian Church of the Village of *Ayr* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Beattie* and others, of *Fergus* ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Dallas* and others, of *Orillia* ;

Also, a Petition from *James Ross* and others, of the Township of *Nichol* ;

Also, a Petition from the Kirk Session of Brock Street Presbyterian Church, *Kingston*, in connection with the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals* ;

Also, a Petition from the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*, praying that the Statute 10th and 11th Victoria, chapter 14, intituled "An Act for taking the census of this Province, and obtaining statistical information therein," may be amended in certain particulars.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying for the repeal of their By-Law which obliges them to impose a rate of tenpence in the pound, to secure the principal and interest on a certain sum of money borrowed by them, that assessment being in excess of the amount required for the purpose for which it was originally imposed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from John *Meagher* of the Township of *Hope*, in the County of *Bonaventure*, praying for a grant of money, to re-construct a Bridge over the River *Nouvelle*.

Also, a Petition from *Judith Elot Julien*, widow of the late *George Frederic Tremblay*, in his life-time one of the Prothonotaries of the Superior Court, in the District of *Gaspé*, praying for a gratuity or a pension, in consideration of the long and faithful services of her said late husband.

Also, a Petition from *Toussaint Lefebvre* and others of the Village of *Larprairie*, praying for aid to the Literary Society in that Village.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Turgeon* and others, of the County of *Montcalm* praying for a grant of £100 towards the opening of a new road in the Township of *Randou*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *N. C. Fortier*, and others of the Parish of *Saint Michiel*, in the County of *Bellachasse*, praying for aid to a Literary Institute in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Burret*, of the Parish of *Saint Lignori* in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for aid towards the completion of a building for a girls school in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Turgeon* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Alexis* in the said County of *Montcalm*, praying for the repeal or amendment of "The Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855."

Also, a Petition from *John Meagher* and others of *Port Daniel*, praying for aid to build a Bridge over the little *Port Daniel River*.

Also, a Petition from *F. Brunelle* and other School Commissioners of the Municipality of the Parish of *Saint Edward de Gentilly* praying for aid towards the completion of a school house and the increase of a school library in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *Robert H. Wight M. D.* and others of the Village of *Saint Johns*, in the County of *Saint Johns* praying for aid to *L. Association de la Bibliothèque de Saint Jean.*

Also, a Petition from *J. G. Blanchet* and others of the Parish of *Notre Dame de la Victoire*, in the County of *Lévi*, praying for aid to an Academy in the School Municipality of *Dubigny*, in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *James H. Burke* and others of the City of *Ottawa*, praying that an investigation may be made for the purpose of discovering the authors of an outrage committed at the Inn of one *William Burden* in the said City, and which resulted in the death of *Dennis Tierney* whose skull was fractured.

Also, a Petition from *Donald Fraser* and others, praying for the erection of a Wharf at *Old Bic Harbour.*

Also, a Petition from *C. A. Laronger* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of the Parish of *Saint Julienne*, in the County of *Montcalm*, praying for aid to a School in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Etienne Baillargeon* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Nicolas*, in the County of *Lévi*, praying for aid towards the erection of a building for a Model School in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the *Literary and Historical Society of Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, a Petition from *David McHendrick* and others, *Reeves and Deputy Reeves* of the County of *Bruce*, praying that the Town of *Penetanguore* may be established the County Town of the said County.

Also, two Petitions from the Reverend *F. X. Delage* and others School Commissioners of the Municipality of the Parish of *L'Islet*, both praying for aid to Schools in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Gagnon* and others of the Parish of *Saint Jean-Baptiste de l'Isle Verte*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying for aid towards the erection of a girls' school in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *O. G. Casgrain* and others of the County of *L'Islet*, praying for aid towards the completion of a road through the township of *Arago*, in that County.

Also, a Petition from *John McDougall* and others, of *Three Rivers*, praying that a suitable place may be permanently established for the annual assembling of Parliament.

Also, a Petition from the *Shefford Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, a Petition from *J. B. N. Papineau* and others, of the Municipality of *Ottawa*, Division number two, praying that they may not be required to pay a certain amount of interest on the stock subscribed by them in the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*, until the line of the said Road shall be completed in its whole extent.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Levi Baldwin* and others, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Coaticook Academy*.

Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the *Charleston Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, two Petitions from *E. S. White* and others, of the Township of *Barnston*, both praying for aid to Schools in the said Township.

Also, a Petition from *G. R. Gunn* and others, of *Clarenceville*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council, of the Local Municipality of the Village of *Philipsburg* in the County of *Missisquoi*, praying that an Act may be passed creating the counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome*, an Independent Judicial District.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *T. Brassard* and others, of *Côteau du Lac*, praying for a grant of £300 for the completion of a College there.

Also, a Petition from *F. X. Beauchamp* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of the Village of *la Côte St. Louis* in the Parish of *Montreal*, praying for aid to an Academy under the direction of the *Clercs du Saint Viateur* in that Village.

And also, two Petitions from the Reverend *Louis Léandre Pominville* Priest and *Cure* ;

And *Pierre Charles Valois*, Notary and President of the School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Joachim de la Pointe Claire*, in the County of *Jacques Cartier*, both praying for aid to Schools in that Parish.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker reported that he had received a communication from the Clerk of this House acquainting him that the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills had expired on Thursday the Twentieth day of March instant.

It was then moved

That the time limited for receiving such Petitions be extended to Monday the Twenty first day of April next.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Quebec*, made up to the 31st December 1855.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table, and it is as follows.

(*Vide Sessional Papers*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a petition from *J. Wilkes* and others.

Also, a Petition from Messrs *Mellish, Merritt* and *Russell*.

Also, a Petition from *George Brown* and others.

Also, a Petition from *L. Losee* and others, all creditors of the Buffalo Brantford and Goderich Railway Company.

Also, a Petition from *L. Chopin* and others, rate payers in the Township of *Brantford*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the County of *Perth*.

Also a Petition from the *Buffalo Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company, severally praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the said Company to sell or lease their Railway to the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway Company.

Also, a Petition from *Robert Hilaro Barlow* on behalf of himself and others, praying to be incorporated under the title of the Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway Company and that the said Company may have power to lease or purchase the Buffalo Brantford and Goderich Railway.

Also, a Petition from *George Heron* and others, of the Township of *Gloucester* praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

And also, a Petition from *Timothy Neary* Post Office Messenger to the Legislative Council, praying for such an augmentation of his salary as will make it approximate more closely to the amount paid to the corresponding servant of the Legislative Assembly.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, to refer to a Select Committee the Petition of *Skeffington Conner* and others, late Professors of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto*, praying for the re-establishment of those faculties in the said University, and for the restoration of their Professorships therein, it was.

Ordered, that same be discharged,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled "An Act to secure to married women separate rights of Property was read a second time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *De Blaquière J. Morris* and *Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating the Mount Royal Cemetery Company was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, J. Morris* and *Ferrier* to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill intituled An Act to change the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of Durham it was.

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, Praying him to cause to be laid before this House a statement of the expenses occasioned to the Province by the removal of the Seat of Government from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Toronto*, including all expenses for repairs, building and outfit for the several public Departments and Provincial Buildings it was.

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. George's* Church in the Town of *St. Catharines* to sell and convey four acres of land originally purchased as a site for a Parsonage, and for other purposes.

It was moved,

That the forty sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill.

The Question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was,
Resolved, in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *DeBlaquière, J. Morris, Gordon, Ferrier* and *Mills*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

Thursday, 27th March, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
J. MORRIS,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
FERRIER,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Alexander Lewis* and others.

Also, a Petition from *A. B. Pardee* and others, of the Townships of *Augusta* and *Wolford*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from *W. Smart* and others, of the Town of *Belleville*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

And also, a Petition from the Town Council, of the Town of *Prescott*, praying that Incorporated Towns may be relieved from the liability to taxation by County Councils, and to abolish the necessity of Towns sending Reeves and Deputy Reeves to County Councils.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *W. Taylor* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

Also, a Petition from *Joshua Lewis* and others, of the Township of *Lancaster*.

And also, a Petition from *William Goodson* and others, of the Township of *Glanford*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Lacome*.

Also, a Petition from *William Carl* and others.

Also, a Petition from *Peter Benedict* and others, all of the Townships of *Crowland* and *Welland*.

Also, a Petition from *John Richardson* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*.

Also, a Petition from *Robert Leslie* and others, of the Township of *Kemptville*.

Also, a Petition from *E. F. Loucks* and others, of the Township of *Russell*.

Also, a Petition from *Wilson Betly* and others, of the Township of *Athol*.

Also, a Petition from *W. J. Shaver* and others of the Township of *Etobicoke*.

And also, a Petition from *Cathraine McCappen* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Abner Hurd* and others, of the Township of *Reach*.

Also, a Petition from *E. Doan*, and others.

Also, a Petition from *Asa Philips* and others, all of the Township of *Gwillimbury*.

Also, a Petition from *John Crosson* and others, of the Township of *King*.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph McPhain* and others, of the Township of *Kingston*.

Also, a Petition from *J. A. Campbell* and others of the Township of *Whitby*.

Also, a Petition from *Hugh Campbell* and others, of the Town of *Cornwall*.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Bogart* and others, of the Township of *Whitchurch*.

Also, a Petition from *A. W. Whitby* and others of the Township of *Whitby*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from *John Flanigan*, Esq., the Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Loyal Orange Association of British North America, by and with the authority of the Grand Council, praying that the Bill to incorporate the Loyal Orange Association of British North America may not be passed into a Law.

Also, three Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of Brant, praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to indemnify *John Turner and William Simon* for losses sustained by them in building the Court House and Gaol of the said County.

Also, praying for the passing of an Act to repeal all legal provisions for the establishment of Separate Schools.

And praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the Municipal Councils of *Oxford* and *Brant* to appoint Commissioners to settle the disputed Boundary line between the Township of *Burford* and the Gore of the Township of *Norwich*.

And also, a petition from the Board of School Trustees, *Kingston*, praying that the Bill now before the Legislature to repeal the Twelfth Section of the Separate School Act for Upper Canada may not be passed into a Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *Henry Burstall* and others, of *Quebec*.

Also, a Petition from *William Nutbrown* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière*, severally praying against the passing of any measure to prohibit the traffic in spirituous liquors.

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *M. Boomer* and others of *Galt*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Parish of *Lacome*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Bourret* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jerome* in the County of *Terrebonne*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Laval*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *St. Sauveur*.

Also, a Petition from *W. H. Scott* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sauveur*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Lewis R. Fourmier* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Adèle*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the said Parish of *St. Adèle* severally praying to be exempted from the payment of the principal and interest of certain debentures issued by the *Montreal and Bytown* Railway Company.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. B. Bélanger* and others of the Parish of *St. Ours*.

Also, a Petition from *M. Prévost* and others of the Parish of *St. Jérôme*, severally praying that some place may be permanently established for the annual assembling of Parliament.

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of Bishops College, *Lennoxville*, praying for a grant of £2,000, to be expended in the erection of additional buildings.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. Short* and others, of the Township of *Leeds* in the County of *Megantic*, praying for additional aid towards establishing an academy in the said Township.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Godmanchester*, praying for the amendment of "The *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act, 1855."

And also, a Petition from *J. S. Brown* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, praying for aid to the *Durham* High School.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Levi Adams* and others, of *Edwardsburg*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Shefford*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Shefford*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *North Stukely*.

Also, a Petition from *D. Smith* and others, of the County of *Shefford*, severally praying that the Counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome* may be created an independent Judicial District.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Daoust* and others, Municipal Councillors of the Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot*.

Also, a Petition from *H. Cartier* and others, Municipal Councillors of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Michel de Vaudreuil*.

Also, a Petition from the said *H. Cartier* and others, Mayors of the different Parishes composing the Municipality of the County of *Vaudreuil*, severally praying that the Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855 may be repealed and the Act 10th and 11th Victoria Chapter seven re-enacted in its stead.

Also, a Petition from *Charles Dolbec* and another, Members of the Municipal Council of the County of Two *Mountains*, praying for certain amendments to the Act 18 Victoria Chap 99 intituled "An Act to establish a Registry Office in and "for each Electoral County in Lower Canada."

Also, a Petition from *l'Institut des Artisans* of the Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul* in the County of *Laval*, praying for aid.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Michaud* of *Rigaud* in the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying for aid to a College in that place.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Norbert Lavallé* of the Parish of *Saint Vincent de Paul*, praying for aid to a College in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *O. Paradis* and others, of the County of *Montmorency*, praying for aid to a College in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the Town of *Cornwall* praying for the passing of an Act authorizing the transfer to the said Corporation of Lots numbers ten and eleven in the said Town.

And also, a Petition from the Community of the Sisters of Charity of *Bytown*, praying for aid towards the support of their Seminary established, in the City of *Ottawa*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *Geoge M. Ross* and others, interested in the navigation of the River *St. Lawrence* complaining of the regulations made by the *Montreal* Harbour Commissioners and praying for the nullification or amendment thereof.

Also, a Petition from *George W. Phillips* and others, of the Town and District of *Three Rivers*, praying that an exploration may be made into the mineral resources of the *St. Maurice* and its Tributaries.

Also, a Petition from *F. R. Bellefeuille* and others, praying to be indemnified for their services as Officers of the late Municipal District of *Three Rivers*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *François Morrison* and others, School Commissioners of the School Municipality of *St. Cyprien* in the County of *Napierville* praying for aid to an Academy in that Parish.

And also, a Petition from *Daniel Trudel* and others, of the Parish of *St. Geneviève de Batiscan*, praying that the River *Batiscan* may be deepened at the expense of the Province.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Mechanics' Institute of *Chambly* praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *J. H. Cleveland* and others, of the Township of *West Hawkesbury* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Alexander* and others of the Town of *Barrie* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Gourlay* and others, of *Aylmer* ;

Also, a Petition from *H. B. Prentiss* of *Aylmer*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas D. McKonkey* and others, of the Township of *Barrie* ;

Also, two Petitions from *Thomas Wrightman* and others, of the Township of *York*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *Aylmer* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Pontiac* severally praying that Provincial aid may be given to the *Ottawa* and *Prescott* Railway Company.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Biddulph* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *McGillivray* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Shipton*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to cause the Grand Trunk Railway to be completed direct to Port *Sarnia* in accordance with the original contract.

Also, a Petition from *Noah Jackson* and others, Members of the Presbyterian Congregation in the Village of *Aylmer*, praying for the passing of an Act to enable them to dispose of the site on which their Church is built, and to apply the proceeds towards the erection of a new Building for the like purpose in a more central situation.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Whitman* and others, of the Township of *York* praying for the repeal of the Separate School Act of last Session.

Also, a Petition from the *Vaudrevil* Railway Company praying for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Also a Petition from the *Aylmer* Academy, praying for pecuniary aid.

And also, a Petition from *Charles Symmes Warden* of the County Council of *Ottawa*,

praying that County Councils may be abolished and local Councils established instead thereof.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Friday, March 28th, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
WIDMER,
J. MORRIS,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
FERRIER
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Neal Dow* Division, No. 27, of the Sons of Temperance, *Montreal*;

And Also, a Petition from *Richard Wilson* and others, of *Russeltown*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Alexander McNab* and others, of the Township of *Saugeen*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the construction of a Harbour of Refuge at *Saugeen*.

Ordered That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Champlain*, praying that the project of a railroad from *Quebec* to *Montreal* by the north shore of the *St. Lawrence* and thence by the Valley of the *Ottawa* to *Georgian Bay* may be encouraged, and that a grant of land, and the Provincial guarantee, may be made in its favour.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *W. Forsyth* and others, of the Township of *Hillier* ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Bell* and others, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also a Petition from the Corporation of the City of London, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to effect a loan and consolidate the debt of the said City.

And also, a Petition from the Mechanic's Institute of the Town of *Simcoe*, praying that the Statute 14th and 15th *Victoria*, chapter 86, intituled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation and better management of Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes," may be so amended as that such Associations have the power to hold fixed property yielding a larger income than £100 per annum.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Blaquiere* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Davil Marsh* and others, members of the Young Men's Protestant Educational Union at *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. Thibault* and others, of *Longueuil*, praying for aid to a College there.

Also, a Petition from *N. Portelance* and others, of the Parish of *St. Charles des Grondines*, in the County of *Portneuf*, praying for certain changes in the regulations affecting the Harbour of *Montreal*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Edouard Crevier*, of the Parish of *Sainte Marie de Monnoir*, praying for aid towards the completion of a Hospital now being erected by him near the town of *St. Hyacinthe*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *S. Tassé* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thérèse de Blainville*, praying for aid to a College in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *Hedividge Davignon*, Lady Superior of the Academy of *Longueuil*, praying for aid to that establishment.

Also, a Petition from *Les Sœurs de Miséricorde, pour la rége de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montreal*, praying for aid.

And also, a Petition from *T. Thorndike* and others, of *Chambly*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House the Report of the Senate the University of *Toronto*, for the year 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for the construction of Wharves on the *St. Lawrence*, opposite the Parishes of *Saint Louis* and *Saint Andre*, in that county.

Also, a Petition from *Edmond Lavègue* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alexander*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for the completion of the Road called *Chemin de Pohenogamook*, throughout the Township of *Parke*, in the rear of that Parish.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Matte* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Alexander*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, aforesaid, praying for aid towards the erection of a School-house in that Parish.

Also, a Petition from *V. Garon* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anne de la Pocatière*, and the Township of *Ixworth*, praying for the opening of a road through that Township to the boundary of the Province.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *N. Hébert* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Saint Louis*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for aid to a boys' School in that Municipality.

And also, two Petitions from *Felix Emmanuel Juneau*, of *Quebec*, President of the Literary Association of the Teachers of the District of *Quebec*, praying for aid to that Corporation, and praying for aid to his "Commercial and Literary Academy" in that City.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the city of *Quebec*, praying against the passing of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal in part an Act to provide a remedy against the City of *Quebec* "in case of injury to property by riot."

Also, a petition from *J. W. Dunscombe* and others, of *Quebec*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Also, a Petition from *Adam Beatty*, and others;

Also, a Petition from *James Watson*, and others;

And also, a Petition from *A. K. Boswell* and others, all of *Toronto*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the same do be on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Blaquière* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act for more effectually securing the independence of the Legislative Council." The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday the eleventh day of April next.

The Honorable Mr. *Tache* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Newton*, praying that Local Municipal Councils may be substituted for County Councils.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honourable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee, to whome was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating the Mount Royal Cemetery Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be printed and read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the day the Bill intituled "An Act to change the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Order of the day being read for moving pursuant to notice, That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this House a statement of the expenses occasioned to the Province by the removal of the seat of Government from the City of Quebec to the City of Toronto, including all expenses for repairs, building and outfit for the several public Departments and Provincial Buildings, it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

Ordered, That the Honourable Messieurs *Ferrier* and *Belleau* be added to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Belleau* be added to the Select Committee, to whom has been referred the Bill intituled "An Act to secure to married women certain separate rights of property."

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to change the constitution of the Legislative Council, by rendering the same elective," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

After the Bill was reported by the Honorable the Speaker of this House, It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the first time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read for the first time, but that the same be read a first time this day six months;

After debate,

The motion in amendment was by leave of the House withdrawn, and

The question of concurrence being put on the original motion.

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read for the first time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday the seventeenth day of April next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act for establishing Freedom of Banking," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to "provide for the holding of an additional Term of the Appeal side of the Court of "Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada* in the present year," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *de Blaquiere* presented a Petition from the Canadian Institute, of Toronto, praying that a larger appropriation may be made than heretofore, for carrying on upon a more extended scale the Geological Survey of the Province.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Petition do be on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Mary Ann Bankier* and others, of *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the Lower Town Infant School in that City.

And also, a Petition from *L Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Magdeleine de Rigaud*, praying for certain amendments to the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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

Monday, March 31st, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs.

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs.

MATHIESON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Tache* presented to the House Statements and Accounts of the *Upper Canada College* for the year 1855, and an estimate of the income thereof for the year 1856.

And also, Statement and Accounts from the University and Colleges at *Toronto*, for the year 1855, and an estimate of the income thereof for the year 1856.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Widmer* presented a Petition from the President and others, of the Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in *Canada*, praying that enlarged assistance may be granted to *Victoria College*, and that a part of the funds now expended upon *Toronto University*, and *University College* may be annually appropriated to the several chartered Colleges now established, or hereafter to be established, according to the number of Students annually attending the said Colleges.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *John Dettor* and others;

Also, a Petition from *S. Macdonald* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Emily Marton* and others, all of *Goderich* ;

Also, a Petition from *John G. Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Raleigh* ;

Also, a Petition from *Isaac Blain* and others, of the Township of *Bayham* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Young* and others, of the Township of *North Dumfries* ;

Also, a Petition from *James Wilkinson* and others, of the Township of *Goderich* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Greg* and others, of *Orillia* ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Campbell* and others, of *Metis* ;

Also, a Petition from *Daniel Clark* and others, Students of *Knox's College Toronto* ;

Also, a Petition from *Hugh Mc Sween* and others, of *Tilbury east*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Warwick* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Sombra*, severally praying that no alteration may be made in the present limits of the County of *Lambton*.

Also, a Petition from *R. A. Fyfe* and others, members of a Committee of the Regular Baptist Theological Educational Society of Canada, praying for the passing of a general Ecclesiastical Corporation Act, or that the said Society may be incorporated.

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Leslie* and others, of the City of *Toronto* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Donald MacLeod* and others, of *Cobourg* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *James Adams* and others ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William R. Sutherland* and others, of *Ekfrid* and *Mosa* ;

Also, a Petition from the Kirk Session of the Presbyterian Church at *Cold-springs* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *David Walker* and others, of *Port Sarnia* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *J. Y. Ash* and others, of *Dundas* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Daniel McMillan* and others.

Also, a Petition from from the Reverend *F. W. Dobbs* and others of the Village, of *Portsmouth* ;

Also a Petition from the Reverend *John Matheson* and others, of the Township of *Oro* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *R. McKenzie* and others ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *W. Macalister* and others, of *Metes* ;

Also, a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Brockville* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *John McLachlan* and others, of *Acton* ;

Also, a Petition from *Donald Frazer* and others, of the Township of *McGillivray* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *James Fergusson* and others of *Lobo* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Thomas Green* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *W. King* and others, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the St. Lawrence Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *John McNeely* and others of the Township of *Ops* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Cothingham* and others, of the County of *Victoria*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to separate the said County of *Victoria* from the County of *Peterboro* ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Eyre* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, praying that the Act passed last Session, to confirm a Survey of the Concession lines between the Sixth and Seventh Concessions of the said Township may not be repeated or altered ;

And also, a Petition from *Mary Sophia Coxwell*, of the City of *Toronto*, widow of the *W. W. Coxwell*, in his life time Chief Clerk and Taxing Officer in the Office of the Clerk, of the Crown and Pleas in the Court of Queen's Bench, praying for relief for herself and five children, in consequence of the long and faithful services of the said late *W. W. Coxwell*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from *William Ireland* and others, of the Town of *Murray* ;

And also, a Petition from *D. P. Herman* and others, of *Haldimand*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honourable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *S. Davis* and others of

London, praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in spirituous Liquors.

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *St. Armand East*, praying that the Counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome* may be erected into a separate Judicial District.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *William Hope* and others of the Parish of *St. Gabriel de Brandon*, praying that measures may be taken to have the boundaries of the Seigniorie of *de Lanaudiere* defined, and that one *Samuel Gerrard* be compelled to pay *quint* by him due on the purchase which he has sworn to have made.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Blaquiere* presented a Petition from *William Lynn Smart* of *Woodstock*, praying for the passing of an act to permit him to practice in this Province as an Attorney and Solicitor.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a petition from *James Nesbit* and others, of *Oakville*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Walton* and others, of the Township of *Peel*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the construction of a Railway from *Saugeen* to *Toronto* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Trafalgar*, praying that a certain portion of the second Concession line may be vested in the Trustees of School Section number fifteen, in the said Township ;

Also, a Petition from the *Oakville* Division of the Sons of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from *W. R. Chisholm* on behalf of the Juvenile Sons of Temperance, of *Oakville*, aforesaid ;

And also, a Petition from *R. Wilson* and others, of *Oakville*, aforesaid, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *George Brown*, and others.

Also, a Petition from *A. McConkey*, and others ;

And also, a Petition from *A. Armstrong* and others, all of *Toronto*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in Spirituous Liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Samuel Zimmerman* and others of the Village of *Elgin*, praying that the said Village may be incorporated, and the name thereof changed from *Elgin* to *Clifton*.

Also, a Petition from *A. F. Begue* and others, of *Dundas* ;

Also, a Petition from *William D. Thompson* and others, of *West Flamborough*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Also, a Petition from *Noel Rennie*, and others of *Sherbrooke* ;

And also, a Petition from *George Hutton* and others, of *Richmond*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in Spirituous Liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *George Mackie* and others, Members of the Committee of Management of the National Schools at *Quebec*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also, a Petition from *H. X. Vaillancourt*, of the Township of *Peterborough*, in the District of *Three Rivers*, praying that a certain road may be opened in that Township ;

Also, a Petition from *Oliver Lebeau* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Saint Didace*, in the County of *Maskinongé*, praying for aid towards the Support of Schools there ;

Also, a Petition from *Edeon Hebbare* and others, of the local Municipality of *St. Didace*, praying that the bounds of the Parish of that name may be defined ;

And also, that certain amendments may be made to the *Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855*.

Also, a Petition from *John Duff* and others, of *Frampton West* ;

Also, a Petition from *Philipe Brunette* and others, of *St. Isidore* in the District of *Quebec* ;

Also, a Petition from *Jean Gantien* and others of *Berthier* ;

Also, a Petition from *J. Walsh* and others of *Quebec* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Robertson* and others, of *St. Romauld d' Etchemin* ;

And also, a Petition from *Henry Clifford* and others, of *St. Malichi*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in spirituous Liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Joseph Smith Lee*, of

the City of *Ottawa*, praying for relief in consequence of his having been deprived of the use of a building of which he was Lessee, in order to accommodate the Legislature at *Quebec*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Brome* ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Brome*, severally praying that the counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome* may be erected into an independent Judicial District.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled " An Act to secure to married women certain separate rights of Property," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill intituled " An Act for the relief of indigent and infirm or helpless persons."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill intituled " An Act to provide for the care and instruction of Idle and Truant children."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill intituled " An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for Commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Companies.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill intituled " An Act to facilitate private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled " An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating the Mount Royal Cemetery Company," it was.

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice, That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to communicate to this House a copy of a Despatch received in 1854, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the addresses to the Queen from the two Houses of the Legislature, on the subject of the constitution of the Legislative Council, it was

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for establishing Freedom of Banking," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read for the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of an additional Term of the Appeal side of the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada* in the present year, was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

That on Thursday the seventeenth day of April next, there be a call of the House, prior to the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the constitution of the Legislative Council, by rendering the same Elective," appointed for that day.

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Asa Cook* and others, of the Parishes *St. Angelique* and *St. André*, praying for certain amendments to the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, praying for the repeal of the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855 ;

Also, three Petitions from the municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Louis de Kamouraska*, praying for aid towards the construction of a wharf on the *St. Lawrence*, in front of that Parish ;

And, praying for aid to enable them to re-build a Bridge over the River *Kamouraska* ;

And praying for certain amendments to the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855 ;

Also, two Petitions from *Edouard Robitaille* and others, of the Parish of

Charlesbourg, in the county of *Quebec*, praying for certain amendments to the Lower *Canada*, Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and to the Laws of Lower *Canada* relating to agriculture;

And praying that provision may be made for instituting an inquiry into the conduct of the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads, and that the roads at *Point Levi* may be placed under a separate Board of Trustees;

Also, two Petitions from *Narcisse Constantine Faucher*, Warden of the County of *Bellechase*, praying for a grant of money in aid of colonisation in Lower *Canada*, and for encouragement to be given to the project of a Railroad on the North Shore of the *St. Lawrence*;

And praying for the opening of a direct route between *Quebec* and the great Lakes of the West, and that aid be given to the construction of the North Shore Railway, as the first section of that National Work;

Also, two Petitions from the Reverend *Jean Langevin* and others, of the Parish of *Beauport*, praying for aid the support of a boys' School and a girls' School in that Parish;

And praying for aid towards the erection of two School Houses in that Parish;

Also, a petition from the Reverend *J. C. Cloutier* and others, of the Parish of *St. George de Kakouna*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying for aid towards the erection and maintainance of a Convent and Hospital in that Parish;

Also, a petition from *Pierre Drolette* and others, of the Parish of *L'Ancienne Lorette*, praying that a certain road therein mentioned may be macadamized and placed under the control of the Trustees of the *Quebec* Turnpike Roads;

And also, a Petition from *A. B. Papineau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Martin* in the County of *Laval*, praying that the Parishes of *Terrebone* and *St. Thérèse* may not be annexed to that County.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Tuesday, 1st April, 1856.

The members convened, were

Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the Widows and Orphans Friend Association of *Kingston*, praying for pecuniary aid ;

Also a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Kingston* ;

And also a Petition from *Thomas A. Corbett* and others, of *Kingston*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to compel the Grand Trunk Railway Company to carry their line through the said city and establish a terminus there.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Jane Freligh*, of *Frelighsburg* in the District of *Montreal*, widow of the late *John Hutchison*, in his lifetime of the city of *Montreal*, and widow, by a former marriage, of *John Baker*, in his lifetime of the Township of *Dunham*, praying, as heir of the late *Richard Van Vleit Freligh*, that the conditions of his will may be carried into effect, and that for this purpose an Act may be passed for incorporating a Grammar School at the said Village of *Frelighsburg* under certain conditions.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Louis Bourdon* and others, of the Municipality of *St. Romauld de Farnham*, praying to be incorporated as an Academical Society by the name of "*Academie de St. Romauld de Farnham*," and for aid towards the erection of a building for the same ;

Also, three Petitions from *C. Roberts* and others of the Township of *Stanbridge* ;

Also, a Petition from *Charles Wood* and others, of *Pigeon Hill* ;

Also, a Petition from *T. Goff* and others, of *Leeds* ;

Also, a petition from *W. M. Ross*, and others, of *Drummondville* ;

Also, a Petition from *Patrick McCabe* and others, of the Township of *Wickham* ;

Also, a Petition from *S. S. Brown* and others, of *Durham*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of the Township of *Dunham*, praying that the Counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome*, may be created an independent Judicial District ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Williams*, in the County of *Middlesex*, praying that measures may be adopted to constrain the Grand Trunk Railway Company to complete their Line in accordance with the original contract direct to *Port Sarnia* ;

And also, a Petition from *Henry Kalar*, one of the Coroners for the United Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, praying that the Statute, 13th and 14th Victoria, chapter 56, may be so amended as to empower the Coroner to issue his order on the Treasurer of the Municipality in which he is called upon to hold an inquest to pay the reasonable expenses incurred in burying persons found dead.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *J. W. Birney* and others, of *West Oxford* ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Layton* and others, of the Township of *Durham* ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert March* and others, of the Townships of *Dunwick* and *Southwold* ;

And also, a Petition from *George Ford* and others, of *Ingersoll*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *Thomas Retallack* and others, of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying that Provincial aid may be given towards the completion of the Railway from *Cobourg* to *Peterborough* ;

Also, a Petition from *Anna Maria McKay* of *Ancaster*, widow of the late *Alexander Robertson McKay* of the same place, praying against the passing of a certain Bill to confirm a title to a certain tract of land in the Township of *Hamilton* ;

Also, a Petition from *W. Kingston* and others, of *Cobourg*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals* ;

Also, a Petition from *Stephen Young* and others, of the Township of *Murray* ;

Also, a Petition from *L. A. Kelly* and others, of *Haldimand* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Shearwin* and others, of *Allenwick* ;

And also, a Petition from *P. Cannon* and others, of *Dummer*, severally praying for the passing of stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Henry Patton* of *Cornwall*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorise him to convey, in fee simple, a part of the Glebe of the Rectory of *Cornwall*.

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Caldwell* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Peters* and others, all of the Township of *Hope* ;

Also, a Petition from *M. McGra* and others, of *Ops* ;

Also, a Petition from *S. McLaughlan* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *George Sanderson* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *C. B. Christy* and others, all of the Township of *Mariposa* and *Brock*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *James Walker* and others, of *Fergus* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *D. Ferrier* and others, of the Townships of *Seneca* and *Oneida* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Cook* and others, of *Cayuga*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Also, a Petition from *Charles Hallan* and others, of the Townships of *Townsend* and *Walpole* ;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander Smeaton* and others, Cadets of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from *Jacob Lesman* and others, of *Dunnville*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from Municipal Council of the County of *Haldimand*, praying for the passing of an Act to repeal all legal provisions for the establishment of Separate Schools ;

Also, a Petition from *John Oldfield* and others, School Trustees of School Section Number One, in the Township of *Moulton*, praying for the passing of an Act confirming the proceedings of the said School Trustees for the years 1854, 1855 and 1856, in so far as relates to the change of a school site;

And also, a Petition from the *Hamilton Hotel Company*, praying for certain amendments to their Act of incorporation.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *La Banque du Peuple*, praying for an extension of the period limited by 18th Victoria, chapter 43, for signifying to the Governor in Council its intention to avail itself of the power to add to its capital stock thereby given;

Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the Protestant School, of the Parish of *St. Laurent* in the County of Montreal, praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, a Petition from *F. Marchant* and others, of *Saint Johns*, in the County of *St. Johns*, praying for increased annual grants in aid of the *St. John's Academy*, and of a girls' school, under the care of the Nuns at *St. Johns*;

Also, a Petition from *T. Porter* and others of the City of *Ottawa*;

Also, a Petition from *R. Harrower* and others, of *William Henry*;

Also, a Petition from *James G. Johnson* and others, of the Parish of *St. Thérèse de Blainville*;

Also, a Petition from *J. McFane* and others of the Township of *Rawdon*;

Also, a Petition from *George Rodgers* and others of the Parish of *St. Martins*;

And also, a Petition from *James Macdonald* and others, of *Montreal*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in intoxicating liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Committee of the British and Canadian School Society of *Montreal*;

And also, a Petition from the Protestant Board of School Commissioners of the said City of *Montreal*, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Crevier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pie*, in the County of *Bagot*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Joseph H. Bellerose* and others, of the Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul*, in the County of *Laval*, praying that the Parishes of *Terrebonne* and *St. Thérèse* may not be annexed to that County.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the Tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to modify the Usury Laws," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

It was moved.

That the said Bill be read for the third time tomorrow.

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the day being read, for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure to married women certain separate rights of property," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until tomorrow,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for establishing Freedom of Banking," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the holding of an additional Term of the Appeal Side of the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada* in the present year," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to notice, It was moved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will cause to be laid before this House, a statement showing, the number of Vessels built and registered in the Province of Canada during the last six years, the total amount of the tonnage of such vessels, the tonnage of each of such Vessels, in each of such years,—the particular place where each such Vessel was built and registered.

The question of concurrence being but thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council, as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to cause to be laid before this Honorable House a Statement showing.—

FIRST.—The average amount of gold and Silver coins kept in reserve by all the Banks of the Province of Canada, for the redemption of their notes, in each of the last five years.

SECOND.—The average amount of the notes of all the Banks of Canada in circulation during each of the last five years.

THIRD.—What amount of specie, either in gold or silver coins, has been imported into the Province of Canada during the last five years, and what amounts have been exported from the Province each year, during the said last five years.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to communicate to this House a copy of a Despatch received in 1854 from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with reference to the Addresses to the Queen, from the two Houses of the Legislature on the subject of the Constitution of the Legislative Council, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Frazer* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the dis-uniting of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved,

To suspend for the remainder of the present Session, the Eightieth Rule of this House, and that the hour of daily meeting, unless otherwise named by motion at the previous adjournment, be half past three o'clock, in the afternoon and that when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at half past three o'clock, in the afternoon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered, accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, presented two Petitions from the Reverend *Charles Trudelle* and others, of the Village of *Plessisville*, in the Township of *Somerset*, praying for a grant of £250, in aid of the erection of a building for an Academy in that Village.

And praying for the formation of a new Judicial District between those of *Quebec* and *St. Francis* in *Lower Canada*, having *Plessisville* for its Chef-lieu.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the Parish of *St. Polycarpe*, in the County of *Soulanges*, praying for the repeal of the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and the re-enactment of the Act 10th and 11th *Victoria*, chapter 7, in its stead.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Ordered, That the same be received, and

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Committee Room, 1st April, 1856.

The Select Committee appointed to superintend the printing of this House during the present session, beg leave to make their first Report as follows:—

Your Committee having taken into consideration the inconvenience resulting from the plan hitherto followed of making fresh contracts for printing and binding in each Session, came to the conclusion that it would be advisable to enter into such contracts for a period sufficiently long to include the work of all the Sessions which may precede the removal of the Seat of Government from *Toronto*, under the existing arrangements.

They have accordingly caused advertisements calling for tenders for the performance of the sessional printing, and for printing and binding the Journals for four years from this date, to be inserted during one month in the *Canada Gazette*, in three newspapers in *Toronto*, two in *Kingston*, *Hamilton* and *London* respectively, and two, in each language, in *Quebec* and *Montreal* respectively.

The result has been that two tenders for printing only, three for binding only, and one for printing in both languages, and binding, as well as for furnishing all the paper required, have been recieved.

As this last, which was from *Mr. James Beaty*, of *Toronto*, is in almost every respect the lowest, besides being from its comprehensiveness the most advantageous, your Committee recommend that it be accepted, and that the Law Officer of the House be directed to prepare a Bond for the due performance of the work, to be executed in favor of the Clerk of the House by *Mr. Beaty*, with two sureties, to be approved of by Your Committee, and making them liable in such penal sum as shall be agreed upon between *Mr. Beaty* and your Committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. H. MOORE,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the said Report be now taken into consideration by the House, and

The said Report being again read by the Clerk, it was

Ordered, that the same be adopted.

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

Wednesday, April 2nd, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,

CROOKS,

HAMILTON,

FERRIE,

KNOWLTON,

MOORE,

DIONNE,

GOODHUE,

WIDMER,

MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,

MATHESON,

BOULTON,

TACHÉ,

MILLS,

BELLEAU,

SEYMOUR,

ARMSTRONG,

PERRY,

CARTIER,

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, presented a Petition from the Corporation of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying for such amendment to the *Cobourg* and *Peterborough*, Railway Act as will secure to the rate payers of the said Town the right of being represented at the Board of Directors of the said Railway.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, presented a Petition from the *Brockville* and *Ottawa* Railway Company, praying for a grant of a portion of the waste Lands of the Crown and that the said Road may in other respects receive the assistance and support of Government;

Also, a Petition from *A. McDougall* and others, of *Thornhill* and its vicinity;

Also, a Petition from *Donald McKenzie* and others, of *West Zorra*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*;

Also, a Petition from *George Byron Lyon*, of the City of *Ottawa*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize him to adopt, and add to his, and his family's present name, that of "*Fellowes*;"

Also, a Petition from *D. McDougall* and others, of *Thornhill* and its vicinity praying for the passing of an Act to repeal all clauses in the Common School Act which authorize the establishment of separate Schools in Upper Canada;

Also, a Petition from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Middlesex*, praying against the passing of any Bill authorizing the sale of the Agricultural Grounds in the City of *London*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Richard Paul* and others, of *Guelph*;

Also, a Petition from *William Elliot* and others of *Matilda*;

Also, a Petition from *W. A. Mullin* and others, of the County of *Brant*;

Also, a Petition from *Horace Lyman* and others of *Granby*;

Also, a Petition from *Matilda* Division of the Sons of Temperance;

Also, a Petition from *Able M. Alison* and others, of the Township of *Wilmot*;

Also, a Petition from *J. P. Brown*, and others, of the Township of *Whitby*;

Also, a Petition from *John S. Vickers* and others, of the County of *Hastings*;

And also, a Petition from *Matthew Anderson* and others, of the Township of

Ramsay, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.
Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm a certain By-Law under which certain proceedings have been had and certain expenditure made ;

Also, a Petition from *John M. Roger* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *James Hall* and others ;

Also, a Petition, from *John Bell* and others, all of *Peterborough* ;

And also, a Petition from *Andrew Kelly* and others, of *Otonabee*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable *Mr. Belleau*, presented a Petition from the Reverend *Joseph Duquet* and others, of the Parish of *St Thérèse de Blainville*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that that Parish may be detached from the said County and annexed to the County of *Laval*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Robert Buchanan* and others, of the County of *Levi* ;

Also, a Petition from *Richard Nettle* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in Spirituous Liquors ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Thomas Wightman* and others, of the Township of *York*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Septimus Jones* and others, of the Parish of *Percé* in the District of *Gaspé*, praying for a grant towards the establishment of a High School at *Cape Cove* ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to sell the present Cemetery ground in the said Town, and to apply the proceeds to the purchase of a more suitable piece of ground for the same.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a petition from *D. Matheson* and others, of *Blenheim*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented two petitions from the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Cydonia*, Administrator of the Diocese of *Montreal*, praying for an increased grant in aid of an Institution for the Deaf and Dumb near *Montreal*, and praying for an increased grant in aid of the *St. Patrick's* Hospital at *Montreal* aforesaid;

Also, a Petition from the Corporation of the *Abbotsford* Academy praying for aid to Complete their Buildings;

And also, a Petition from *Alexander Perry* and others, of the Parish of *St. Zotique* in the County of *Soulanges*, praying to be indemnified for injury caused to their property by two Piers which are erected at the head of the *Beauharnois* Canal.

Ordered That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Gaspé* for the year 1855.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows.—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *James Campbell* and others of the Municipal Division No. 2 of the County of *Ottawa*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Lochaber*, in the said County of *Ottawa* severally praying that a Circuit Court may be established at the Village of *Thurso*;

Also, a Petition from *George E. Edwards* and others, of *Clarence*.

Also, a Petition from *Ephraim Chamberlin* and others of Township of *Hull*;

And also, a Petition from *C. C. Allen* and others of *Chelsea*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled “An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating the Mount Royal Cemetery Company was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Act to modify the Usury Laws.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for a third time,

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be committed to a Committee of the whole House presently, which being objected to,

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon and the same was

Resolved in the Negative,

The question being then put on the original motion, which being also debated and objected to,

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and,

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly,

The question was then put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the said Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

The order of the day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to secure to married women certain separate rights of Property.

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

After debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was then put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the said Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to notice it was moved.

That an humble address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before the Honorable the Legislative Council a statement, showing,

FIRST.—The whole extent and length of the roads which have been opened and made in Lower Canada, in virtue of the provisions of the Acts 16 Victoria, chapters 155 and 156, since the last return made on the Address of the month of December 1854.

SECOND.—The place where each of these roads is made, and the cost per mile of the making of each of these roads.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was,
Resolved in the affirmative, and it was
Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said address.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice, for the adoption of a resolution for the formation of a fund for the support of aged and worn out schools Teachers in Lower Canada, it was
Ordered, That the same be discharged.

Pursuant to the order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the dis-uniting of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a select committee of three Members.

Ordered, That the committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Goodhue*, *Boulton* and *Mills* to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the commutation of claims on Ordnance Lands, upon the transfer of such Lands to the Province" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Ferres* and others with a Bill intituled "An Act to repeal in part an Act to provide a remedy against the City of *Quebec* in case of injury to property by riot," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Thursday, 3rd April, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *John and Thomas Penelton* and others, of the Township of *Albion*, in the County of *Peel*, praying that certain property belonging to the said *John and Thomas Penelton*, of which they have been unjustly deprived, may be restored to them;

And also a Petition from the *Toronto* Board of Trade, praying for the passing of an Act to make the trade in money perfectly free, except in the case of privileged Institutions, and that when no agreement exists to the contrary, the rate of interest may be established at seven per-cent. per-annum.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *Pierre Davignon* and others, of *Chambly*, praying that the Canadian duties of Customs, may be so amended as to encourage industry in every branch of native enterprise.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *D. W. Bridges* and others, Dissentients, of the Village of *Coteau Landing* in the County of *Soulanges*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the support of a School, at the said landing;

Also, two Petitions from *L'Institut Canadien des Artisans de Drummondville*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying for aid, to the said Institution;

And praying for a grant of £100 towards the completion of a building for a Library and place of meeting;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Michael Kerrigan* and others, of the

Township of *Frampton* in the County of *Dorchester*, praying for the repeal of the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855 ;

Also, a Petition from *J. B. Persiliez*, Warden of the County of *Laval*, on behalf and by authority of the Municipal Council thereof, praying that a survey may be made of the Country between the River *Ottawa* and the *Western Lakes*, with a view to their connection by Railway or Canal ;

And also, a Petition from *William Campbell* and others, of *Lacoeone*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying that they may not be called upon to contribute towards the loan contracted on behalf of the *Montreal and Bytown Railway Company*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented two Petitions from the Municipality of the Township of *Torbolton*, praying that Jurors may be paid for their attendance in *Upper* as in *Lower Canada*, out of the general Revenue of the Province ;

And praying that a survey may be made to determine the probable cost of opening a continuous line of water communication from *Lake Huron* to the *St. Lawrence* by the Valley of the *Ottawa*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Joseph Langlois* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Lessard*, in the Parish of *St. Lucie*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for aid towards the erection of a School House in each School District in the said Municipality ;

Also, a Petition from *L. A. Dessaulles* and others, of the town of *Saint Hyacinthe*, praying for aid to the *Institut Canadien de St. Hyacinthe* ;

Also, a Petition from *Jonathan Noble* praying for payment of the arrears of the allowance to which he is entitled by law, for, having resided at the place called "*La Fourche*" on the *Kempt Road*, since July, 1840 ;

Also, a Petition from *Malcolm Fraser* setting forth that he has resided, for seven years on the *Kempt Road*, between, *Metis* and *Lake Matapédia*, at a distance of nine miles from any habitation, to thegre at advantage of ship-wrecked Sailors and other poor travellers, and praying for an annual allowance ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *G. S. Marceau* and others, of the Parishes of *Saint Simon* and *Saint Fabien*, in the County of *Rimouski*, praying for aid to open roads in those Parishes, and that a pier or wharf may be built on the *St. Lawrence*, opposite the boundary line between the said Parishes.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Waterloo* ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *Preston*, severally praying for the passing of an Act to relieve the Townships of *Wellesley*, *Waterloo*, *Wilmot* and *Woolwich* from all liability on account of the construction or maintenance of the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker reported that he had received a communication from the Clerk of this House, acquainting him that the time limited by the fifty-eighth Standing Order for receiving private bills from the Legislative Assembly expires this day.

It was then moved,

That the time limited be extended thirty days from this date,

The question of concurrence being put thereon the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act to alter the mode of appointment of Members of the Legislative Council."

The said Bill was read for the first time,

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

Pursuant to the order of the day the Bill intituled "An Act to authorise the commutation of claims on Ordnance Lands upon the transfer of such lands to the Province," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal in part an Act to provide a remedy against the City of *Quebec* in case of injury to property by riot," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until to-morrow, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders for that Day.

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

Friday, 4th April 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON.
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG.
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON,
“

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *Charles James Irwin Grant, Baron de Longueuil*, of the City of *Kingston*, praying to be indemnified for losses sustained by him in consequence of some land owned by him in the Township of *Hereford*, having become included in the territory of the United States, under the provisions of the Treaty of Washington in 1842;

And also, a Petition from the medical Faculty of the University of Queen's College, *Kingston*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *William P. McLaren* and others of the City of *Hamilton*, praying for an alteration in the *Hamilton* and South Western Railway Company's Charter.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *S. Wood* and others, of *Three Rivers*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on table

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented to the House, a Return from the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry* Village Railroad Company, for the year 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a Petition from *Samuel Caldwell* and others, of the Township of *Hope*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

Also, a Petition from *W. C. Young* and others;

And also, a Petition from *Thomas Waddell* and others, all of the County of *Durham*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *J. B. Fares* and others, of the Township of *Humberston*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Blaquièrè* presented a Petition from *Hewitt Bernard*, of *Barrie*, praying for the passing of an Act to admit him to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor in the Courts of Law and Equity in *Upper Canada*;

And also, a Petition from *H. Jones Rutten* and others, of *Cobourg*, praying that in the event of the Legislative Council becoming elective, the principle of election may be based upon population.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Bonaventure*, praying for aid towards the construction or repair of certain Bridges in the said County.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Report on the progress of Colonization in *Lower Canada* for the year 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

Pursuant to the order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the commutation of claims on Ordnance Lands, upon the transfer of such Lands to the Province" was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to repeal in part an Act to provide a remedy against the City of *Quebec*, in case of injury to property by riot."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time,

Which being objected to

After debate

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes and against unincorporated Companies" was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be printed and read a third time on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to facilitate private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors." was read a second time.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Kingston*, praying that a Charter may be granted to them to construct a Railway from the Harbour of the said City through the Village of *Clarke's Mills* in the Township of *Camden* to some point on the Valley of the *Ottawa* or *Mada-waska* River.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Monday, 7th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,

HAMILTON,

FERRIE,

KNOWLTON,

MOORE,

The Honorable Messieurs

DIONNE,

WIDMER,

GORDON,

MATHESON,

BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs.

TAOHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR.

The Honorable Messieurs.

ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER.
DICKSON,

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *O. S. Gildersleeve* and others, of *Kingston*, praying that certain alterations may be made in the Act incorporating the *Kingston Hospital*, and in the mode of appointing Governors therefor;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Fleming Gourlay*, a native of *Scotland*, formerly a resident in Canada, praying that measures may be taken to give effect to a recommendation of the Legislative Assembly to annul the sentence of banishment passed on the Petitioner in the year 1819.

And also, a Petition from *Duncan Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Lochiel* praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Reverend *John Campbell* and others, of the Township of *Glenarry*.

Also, a Petition from *C. McKenzie* and others, of *Williams*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*;

Also, a Petition from the Trustees of the *Covansville Female Academy*, praying for pecuniary aid;

And also, a Petition from *M. C. Bell* and others, of *East Gwillimbury*, praying that the representation of the whole people may be placed on the basis of population without regard to a separating Line between Upper and Lower Canada.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from *P. N. Chaillez* and others, of the Parish of *St. Pierre les Bequets*, praying for the permanent establishment of a place for the meetings of the Provincial Parliament.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, presented a Petition from the Town Council of the Town of *Cornwall*, praying that they may be authorized to apply to the general uses of the said Town a certain sum of money with which it was intended

to construct a road to the rear of the Township of *Roxborough*, but which cannot now be carried into effect in consequence of the Townships of *Cornwall* and *Roxborough* having declined further to co-operate in the undertaking;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Hugh Campbell* and others, of *Cornwall* praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*;

And also, a Petition from *Michael Rowan* and others, of the Township of *Georgina*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *Robert Plunkett* and others, of the County of *Peterborough*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Mayor, and Secretary Treasurer, of the Local Municipality of the Parish of *St. Marc*, praying that an indemnity may be paid for the damages occasioned to property on the Banks of the *Richelieu* in that Parish, by the dam at *St. Ours*, and that £1,000 may be granted to that Parish in aid of the establishment of a model farm therein.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *George Adams* and others, of *Adamsville* and East *Farnham*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

And also, a Petition from the *Georgeville* High School, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *J. B. Bedard* and others, School Commissioners, of the Parish of *Charlesbourg* praying for a grant of £75 to enable them to build a School House in a poor School District in that Parish;

Also, a Petition from *O. Robitaille* and others, of the City and *Banlieue* of *Quebec*, praying that a House of Industry may be erected in the Parish of *St. Roch*, in that City;

And also, a Petition from *Louis Falardeau* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of the *Banlieue* of the Parish of *St. Roch* at *Quebec* aforesaid, praying for aid towards the erection of two School Houses in that Municipality.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his sign manual which his Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows.

EDMUND HEAD,

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Honorable the Legislative Council, Copies of Despatches received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of the Joint Address of the Legislative Council and Assembly to the Queen, praying for the repeal of such English Statutes as impose disabilities on the Church of England in this Province.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, 7th April, 1856.

(Copy.) No. 3.

Downing Street, 4th May, 1855.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge your despatch, No. 26, of the 31st March last, enclosing an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Council and Commons of Canada, in Parliament Assembled, praying for the repeal of such English Statutes as impede the Meeting of the Clergy, and Laity of the Church of *England* in Synod; and that the choice of the Bishops may be left to the Clergy and Laity of each Diocese.

The Address has been laid before Her Majesty, who was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and the subject will receive the earnest and attentive consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. RUSSELL.

(Copy.)—No. 4.

Downing Street, 4th May, 1855.

Sir,—With reference to my Despatch No. 3, of this day's date, I transmit for your information a copy of a letter with its inclosure, addressed to Sir George Grey by the Bishop of *Toronto*, together with a copy of the reply, which I have returned to His Lordship, relative to the division of the Diocese of *Toronto*, and to the election of the Bishop of the new Diocese by the Clergy and Lay Delegates.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. RUSSELL.

Governor

Sir EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy.) 4.

Toronto, Canada, 20th January, 1855.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit for your Excellency's consideration, and Her Majesty's Government, a Memorial addressed to me, by the Clergy and Laity of the Western Section of this Extensive Diocese.

On the 5th October, 1850, I presented a Memorial to the Most Reverend and Right Reverend the Archbishops and Bishops, forming the committee appointed to arrange measures in concert with Her Majesty's Government, for the erection and endowment of additional Bishops in the Colonies and Dependencies of Great Britain, praying that the Diocese of *Toronto* might be beneficially divided into three distinct Sees, and ultimately a fourth See to superintend the Indian Missions, and those of the white population on the Banks of the great *Canadian Lakes*.

Letter, dated
Downing street,
4th April, 1858.

No steps having been taken towards the accomplishment of the object prayed for, I renewed my application, with additional reasons, on the 5th of February, 1853, and enclosed copies of the two Memorials to His Grace the Duke of *Newcastle*, then Secretary for the Colonies. His Grace was pleased to state in reply, "that Her Majesty's Government will be prepared to countenance whatever plan may be resolved on by the Members of the Church of England in *Canada* itself, for the subdivision of the Diocese of *Toronto*."

The Archbishop of *Canterbury*, with whom I have been also in communication on the subject, in a letter dated the 10th of February, 1854, says, "I can assure your Lordship that the measure of dividing your extensive Diocese, is seen here in the same light as by yourselves; and, the only difficulty in the way, is the want of an adequate endowment for a second Bishop."

Although this appears to be the sole obstacle to the sub-division of the Diocese, I saw no chance of its being removed by any assistance from a distance, I therefore, bethought myself of trying what might be done here. Accordingly, on the 10th of January, 1854, I addressed a Pastoral letter to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese, recommending the creation of an Episcopal Endowment Fund, to provide for the support of the new Bishops, on condition of being allowed to choose them from among our own Clergy.

Encouraging progress has been made in the different sections of the Diocese proposed as the new Sees, and, more especially, in the Western Section, in which the subscriptions already amount to nearly ten thousand pounds, and will soon reach the maximum £12,500, which is considered at present, sufficient for the endowment of Bishopric, because at Six per cent., our legal interest, it will yield £750 per annum.

Hence, should the privilege be granted, by Her Majesty, to the Synod of each Diocese to elect their own Bishop, we may soon have one for the Western District of this Diocese, and the others will rapidly follow. Nor will this boon seem unreasonable, when the position of the Church in *Canada* is tenderly considered.

The Church has just been deprived of all her property by the Provincial Legislature, merely leaving to her Clergy their stipends and allowances, during their natural lives and incumbencies, but without the slightest means at her disposal to extend her limits, or to fill up the vacancies which will be daily occurring. She therefore requires to be made as complete as possible within herself in all her arrangements, even to preserve her existence, and this can only be effected by uniting her Clergy and Laity in Synodical action. Seeing this state of things approaching I have held two Synods: the first in October, 1853, and the second in October, 1854. I have the honor to enclose a printed copy of the proceedings of each, for your Excellency's information, and I am happy to state that they have met with the general and cordial approbation of our Church in all parts of the World.

The subdivision of the Diocese was taken up on both occasions, and it was felt on all sides that it presented labor enough for three instead of one Bishop; and is yearly becoming more and more beyond the strength of any individual.

From what the Duke of *Newcastle* says in his letter, as quoted above, we are encouraged to believe that if the Church in Canada undertakes to support her own Bishops, her Majesty's Government would think it but reasonable to permit them to be chosen by her Synod, from among her own Clergy. Men who have served long in the Colony, and are acquainted from experience, with the hardships and difficulties of Missionary life, as well as the more urgent wants of a Colonial Diocese. All appointments, with the exception of the Governor General, are now made in the Province; and we do not anticipate that the boon we pray for, which is so necessary to the extension and prosperity of the Church, will be any longer withheld.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) JOHN TORONTO.

Right Honorable

Sir GEORGE GREY, Bart., G. C. B.,
&c. &c. &c.

At a Meeting of the Committee of General Management for the Rural Deanery of London, convened for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of subscriptions obtained towards an Episcopal fund for the Eastern Section of the Diocese of *Toronto*, the following address to the Lord Bishop of *Toronto*, was adopted.

To the Honorable and Right Reverend Lord Bishop of Toronto.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP

We, the Committee of General Management for the Rural Deanery of *London*,

beg leave to report, for your Lordships information, that the subscription set on foot, in accordance with your Lordship's instructions, in order to provide a fund for the maintenance of a Bishop in the Western Section of the Diocese of *Toronto* has met with a very encouraging measure of success in every place where an appeal has been made to the Members of the Church.

That we rejoice in being able to state to your Lordship, that the sum now actually subscribed, amounts to nearly ten thousand pounds, and we do not hesitate to state our conviction that in a very short time, a sum sufficient to produce seven hundred and fifty pounds per annum, will be subscribed; as there are several important places within the limits of the proposed new Diocese, which have not yet been appealed to for this object.

In the mean time it is respectfully submitted to your Lordship, that by the terms of the subscription list, all subscriptions are to be paid or secured to the fund on the first day of January, 1855. But the Committee will not be in a position to call upon the Members of our Church to pay or to secure the several amounts subscribed by them, until the condition suggested by your Lordship, and embodied in the heading of the subscription lists, namely, "that the Clergy and Lay delegates within the limits of the proposed new Diocese shall be allowed to elect their own Bishop," shall have been formally sanctioned by the authorities at home.

We therefore most respectfully pray your Lordship to take such steps as you may deem expedient, in order that the division of the Diocese so strongly recommended by your Lordship, may take place, and the sanction of Her Majesty the Queen to the election of the Bishop, by the Clergy and lay delegates within the limits of the proposed new Diocese, may be obtained as soon as possible.

(Signed,) BENJAMIN CRONYN, M. A.,
Rural Dean of *London*, C. W.,
Chairman of the Committee of General Management.

London, C. W., 30th December, 1854.

(Copy.)

Downing Street, 3rd May, 1855.

My Lord.—I have to acknowledge your Lordship's letter of the 20th January last addressed to Secretary Sir *George Grey*, forwarding a Memorial addressed to you by the Clergy and Laity of the Western Section of the Diocese of *Toronto* praying you to take steps for the division of the Diocese, and for obtaining the sanction of the Crown to the Election of the Bishop of the new Diocese by the Clergy and Lay Delegates.

Since then an address (with which you are doubtless acquainted) has been presented to Her Majesty by the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*, praying for the repeal of Statutes supposed to affect the Meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Church of *England*, and also, for the Election of Bishops by the Clergy and Laity. The whole subject will receive the serious and early consideration of Her Majesty's Government.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. RUSSELL,

The Lord Bishop, of TORONTO.

(COPY.)—No. 36.

DOWNING STREET, 24th September, 1855.

SIR—With reference to Lord *J. Russell's* Despatch of the 4th of May last, acknowledging an Address to Her Majesty from the Legislative Council and Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, praying for the repeal of such English Statutes as impede the meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Church of *England* in Synod, and that the choice of Bishops may be left to the Clergy and Laity of each Diocese.

I now enclose, for your information, copy of a letter received from the Law Advisers of the Crown, to whom the subject had been referred by his Lordship.

You will perceive from the terms of that letter the difficulties which must necessarily impede Her Majesty's Government in dealing with that subject, regarding as it does the rights and position of members of the Church of *England* not in *Canada* only, but throughout the Colonial possessions of the Empire.

Her Majesty's Government will, however, not fail to take the whole question into their earnest consideration; and, notwithstanding the legal or rather constitutional objections adverted to in the letter which I now transmit, I am myself thoroughly persuaded that the desire for freedom of action and self-government on behalf of the Church of *England* in *Canada*, is just and reasonable for the reason specified in the address and in your despatch.

For the present, however, further delay is unavoidable. And, as it appears to me that the division of the Diocese of *Toronto* is so much desired that it may be very inconvenient to postpone it until the general question is disposed of, I have to inform you that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to take the necessary steps for this purpose, whenever required to do so, and that they will recommend to Her Majesty for appointment to the new Bishoprics such Clergymen as you may yourself designate to them, after consulting with the Bishop and such authorities of the Church of *England* in the Colony, as you may think advisable, and taking such precautions as to the sufficiency of the means for endowing such a Bishopric as you may judge necessary.

You will have the goodness to communicate a copy of this despatch forthwith on my part to the Bishop of *Toronto*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WILLIAM MOLESWORTH.

Governor

Sir EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,

&c., &c., &c.,
Canada,

DOCTOR'S COMMONS, August 21, 1855.

SIR.—We were favored with your letter of the 8th of May last, in which you stated that you were directed by Lord *John Russell*, to transmit to us a copy of a despatch from the Governor of *Canada*, enclosing an address to Her Majesty, for the repeal of such English Statutes as impede the meeting of the Clergy and Laity of the Church of in *England* Synod, and that the choice of Bishops may be left to the Clergy and Laity of each Diocese, and you were to request that we would take the same into our consideration and report to his Lordship, whether we considered that the prayer of the address, or any part of it (notwithstanding the supposed Statutable obstacles referred to), could be legally granted by the Crown, if Her Majesty should be advised so to do, or whether an Act of Parliament would be necessary for the whole, or any part of it, and, if so, what should be the general force and scope of such Act. In compliance with your request, we have considered the question submitted to us, and beg to report—

That the Address prays for the introduction and passing of an Imperial Statute for the repeal of all such statutes as impede the meeting of the Clergy and Laity in Synod, for the purpose of framing rules and canons.

The propriety of introducing such a bill into the Imperial Parliament is a question not of law but of policy. If such an act should be passed, it is obvious that the Royal Supremacy within the Colony would be thereby most seriously and directly affected: nor is it possible to foresee all the legal or ecclesiastical consequences which might ultimately result therefrom.

The clergy might be legally empowered by royal license to meet in Synod to make rules and canons; but in order to legalize a meeting of a general assembly of the representatives of the Clergy and Laity, and to empower such an assembly to legislate upon the affairs of the Church, an Imperial Statute would be necessary.

That portion of the Address which prays that the Synod may proceed to the election of their own Bishops might be practically carried into effect without the authority of Parliament, by Her Majesty issuing letters patent in favour of those

Reverend Gentlemen exclusively who might be elected by the Synod; but this would be only a practical and indirect, and not a strictly legal method of accomplishing the object of the Address.

In order effectually to legalize the election of *Canadian* Bishops, an Imperial Statute would be requisite, and considering that both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the officiating Bishops exercise their episcopal functions in every consecration of a Colonial Bishop, not under authority derived from the Legislature, but directly and immediately by commission from the Crown as a portion of the prerogative, the objections to introducing any Bill into the Imperial Legislature to compel the consecration by other Bishops of those who may be elected by the proposed *Canadian* Synod, without the royal authority, appear to us to be almost insuperable.

We consider it our duty to remark that although the Address states that the Provincial Parliament has passed an Act "by which it is declared that there shall be an entire separation between Church and State," yet, that the Clergy Reserves Act (sent with the papers) only appears to do this, if at all, by way of recital, and in somewhat vague terms, and that in respect to the nomination and consecration of Bishops and their various officers, and the power and jurisdiction conferred upon and exercised by them by patent, the connection between Church and State cannot be legally said to be entirely separate in *Canada*.

With reference to what should be the general force and scope of an Act of Parliament, to carry into effect the prayer of the Address, we can only say that the force and scope of such an Act, in order to be effective, would necessarily extend far beyond those of any Imperial Statute as yet passed. It must authorize the meeting of a General Assembly, confer on it a permanent and corporate existence and constitution, and extensive ecclesiastical and legal power and jurisdiction, together with the means of enforcing its decisions and orders.

Such an Act must further provide for the election of *Canadian* Bishops by the Synod, their compulsory consecration by other Bishops, and their investiture thereupon, with all the powers and jurisdiction hitherto conferred by patent.

We have, &c.,

(Signed,) J. D. HARDING,
A. C. COCKBURN,
R. BETHELL.

H. MERIVALE, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.

(Copy,) No. 39.

Downing Street, 15th Feb., 1856.

Sir,—With reference to Sir. *William Molesworth's* despatch of the 24th September last, transmitting to you a copy of a letter from the law advisers of the Crown

explaining the obstacles which exist to compliance with the prayer of the address of the Legislative Council and Assembly of *Canada*, that a measure may be introduced into the Imperial Parliament to remove all obstructions that may exist, or be supposed to exist, under any statute now in force in *Great Britain*, to prevent the meeting of the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Canada*, in Synod, for the purposes therein specified, I wish now to communicate to you the result of the further deliberations of Her Majesty's Government on this important and difficult subject.

2. It is undoubtedly plain from the opinion already communicated to you that it would be impossible to effect in a literal manner the whole of what is prayed for by the Address, without the assistance of Parliament. Nevertheless Her Majesty's Government have a strong feeling that the difficulties raised by that opinion against adopting the entire recommendation of *Canadian* Legislature, ought not to be permitted to interfere with the meeting of the Clergy and Laity by representative bodies, for the purpose of making rules for the management of Church affairs, not having legal force or in the nature of Canons, nor contravening any known law of the Church; but binding on those who make them in the same manner as similar rules, generally speaking, in communities of Christians not established by law, and they are by no means satisfied that for purposes so simple any statutable aid is necessary.

3. But there are strong reasons for thinking that, if Parliamentary legislation is not strictly necessary, it is highly inexpedient. On the one hand, all parties, as it appears, are anxious to preserve the unity of the Church of England. Even those who most desire the removal of the restriction under which they conceive themselves to labour, seem to entertain no thought of separation as the final result. And yet, it would not be easy to frame a measure, and perhaps still more difficult to obtain the assent of Parliament to such a measure unaltered, which should satisfy the wishes of the *Canadian* Legislature, and realize the objects contemplated by that body without affecting at least a partial separation of the Colonial and Mother Church, and encroaching on that supremacy of the Crown, which is at present the substantial bond of union. Unless I have altogether mistaken the spirit by which the members of the Anglican Church in *Canada* are animated, I greatly doubt whether they would not regret even the accomplishment of their own immediate wishes, if attended with such a permanent result.

4. On the other hand, it would be perhaps hardly less difficult to frame such a measure, of the merest enabling character, without in some degree compromising the principle which regards legislation on the internal affairs of *Canada* as belonging to its own Legislature, and not that of the Empire at large. However guarded the expressions might be, there would be danger of constituting within the Province a kind of corporate body, independent in some respects of the Provincial Legislature itself.

5. Legislation by the Parliament of *Canada* would be open to neither of these objections. It could not impair the connection between the Anglican Church of

the Province and the Mother Country, because any of its provisions which might involve some seeming and accidental derogation from the supremacy of the Crown, could not be construed as legally operative against those principles of general law, binding throughout the British dominions, on which that supremacy is founded. On the other hand the *Canadian* Legislature could, at its discretion, give legal effect to the ordinary proceedings of the proposed Synods, so far as necessary; which it would be very difficult for Parliament to do, without infringing on the rights of that Legislature, by dealing with a strictly local subject. This seems the more essential, inasmuch as, although the *Canadian* Legislature has passed an Act declaring, or rather reciting, the separation of Church and State in the colony, (as I am reminded by that address,) yet those former *Canadian* Acts, which make provision for the management of the Churches Temporalities, are, I believe, still in force. With these, the Synod ought, no doubt, to be enabled to deal; they could not be so, except either by Parliamentary or Colonial enactment, and the subject is one which clearly appertains to the latter.

6. It is therefore, the wish of Her Majesty's Government, that you should recommend the *Canadian* Legislature to enable the members of the Church of *England*, in the Province, to enjoy the freedom sought for, so far as the powers of the Legislature, according to the most reasonable supposition extend, that is to say, by empowering them to meet in the manner specified in the Address, and to form Representative bodies, and giving to the rules which may be framed by such bodies for the control of the Church Temporalities and for the enforcement of discipline, so much of legal force as may be absolutely requisite. I am aware of the advantages which might belong to a scheme under which the binding force of such regulations should be simply voluntary; but the existence of prior legislation on the subjects referred to seems to render this impossible.

7. If such an act were passed in the Province, and either the operation of the act itself, or the proceedings of the meetings constituted under it, met with any well defined obstacles from existing Imperial law, then a difficulty would be clearly raised for removal by the interposition of Parliament here, which cannot be said to be the case, so long as the supposed objections are not easy to be understood, much less removed, from their very general nature, founded as they are only on vague opinion.

8. It would, however, be desirable, if the Act when framed was found to contain provisions appearing to you and your advisers to involve substantial difficulty, that you should reserve it for the assent of the Crown.

9. Her Majesty's Government have been the more induced to suggest this course by the fact that in the Colony of *Victoria*, where similar inconveniences are felt by the members of the Church of *England*, the Legislature of that Province has come to their relief by passing a law of the very nature here indicated. It is entitled "An Act to enable the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Victoria* to provide for the regulation of the affairs of the said Church," which it does by empowering the Bishop to convene an

Assembly of the licensed Clergy and Laity, and making the Acts of such Assembly binding on members of the Church, as regards their membership and no further. The Assembly is further empowered to establish a commission for the trial of ecclesiastical offences, but not to impose any penalty, except suspension or removal from a Benefice, reserving existing rights of appeal to the ecclesiastical authorities at home. This Bill has received the sanction of Her Majesty's Assent, after much deliberation, the necessity for which was incurred by the defective character of part of its provisions.

10. With regard to the question raised in the Address of the election of Bishops, the opinion of the law advisers already referred to, states very distinctly the objections which exist to effecting this purpose by Parliamentary enactment. Her Majesty's advisers do not the less recognize in the case of a community like that of *Canada*, the propriety of consulting the wishes of members of the Church of *England* on this head. And they believe that the practical purpose which it is sought to attain may be secured without the obvious inconveniences attendant on direct legislation for it, if they adopt the course of recommending her Majesty to be guided, as a general rule in filling up any vacancy which may occur, by such representation as she may receive from the clergy and laity of the diocese duly assembled. I cannot too distinctly disclaim, on the part of Her Majesty's Government, any intention or desire of placing the Church of *England* in a privileged or exclusive position in *Canada*. But they are most anxious to meet the wishes expressed by the Provincial Legislature, as well as by the Church of *England*, and to free its members from all unnecessary impediments to their own voluntary internal organization, and thus to put them on an equal footing with other denominations of Christians.

11. I am aware that an answer is still to be expected from you to that portion of Sir *William Molesworth's* despatch, which relates to the division of the Diocese of *Toronto*. But on the whole, I have thought it advisable not to delay my present communication on that account.

12. You will make known the contents of this despatch to the several Bishops of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Canada*.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor

Sir EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,

&c. &c. &c.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Louis Lacasse*, of *St. Johns*, praying to be remunerated for his services during the late war with the *United States*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the *Mechanics' Institute*,

Montreal, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Report presented to this House on Friday last, the 4th instant, on the progress of Colonization in *Lower Canada* for the year 1855, be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Private Settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk,

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present session, presented their first report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Committee Room, 7th April, 1856.

The Select Committee, appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, beg leave to make their first Report, as follows:—

The last audit of the accounts of the Clerk, extended to the twelfth of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, on which day there was a balance of one hundred and twenty pounds eighteen shillings and fivepence (£120 18s. 5d.) due to him. Since that date the Clerk has received, on account of your Honorable House sums, amounting in all to ten thousand one hundred and thirty-five pounds, (£10,135) and he has satisfactorily accounted to your Committee, by vouchers numbered from one to three hundred and thirty-eight, inclusive, for disbursements on the same account, amounting in all to ten thousand nine hundred and sixty-one pounds nineteen shillings and eleven pence; so that on the thirty-first day of March last, a balance of nine hundred and forty-seven pounds eighteen shillings and fourpence (£947 18s. 4d.) was due to the Clerk.

All which is respectfully submitted.

P. H. MOORE,

Chairman, pro tem.

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

It was then moved,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a warrant be issued in

favor of the Clerk of this House, for the sum of five thousands pounds, to enable him to meet the contingent expenses of this House for the current year, for which he will hereafter account.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council as are members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal in part, an Act to provide a remedy against the City of Quebec, in case of injury to property by riot," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the bill intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against un-incorporated Companies," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Ordered, That the remaining items standing upon the orders for this day be discharged until to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Galt* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to correct an error in the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought in from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prevost* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order in enregistration, and to facilitate enregistrations and searches in the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Tuesday, 8th April, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
 FERRIE,
 KNOWLTON,
 MOORE,
 DIONNE,
 WIDMER,
 GORDON.
 MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
 TACHÉ,
 MILLS,
 BELLEAU,
 SEYMOUR,
 ARMSTRONG,
 CARTIER,
 DICKSON.

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *D. F. Charpentier* and others, of *Rawdon*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for the further encouragement of Colonization in Lower Canada;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish *v'Ange Gardien*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Saint Joachim*—all in the County of *Montmorency*—severally praying that the turnpike roads at *Point Levi*, may be placed under the control of a separate Board of Trustees from those at *Quebec*;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Chateau Richer*, aforesaid.

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Ste. Anne*, in the said County of *Montmorency*, severally praying for certain amendments to the *Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855*; and also to the Laws relating to Agriculture in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Orphans' Home and Female Aid Society of *Toronto*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented two Petitions from the Reverend *M. Brunet* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Jérôme*, in the County of *Terrebonne*.

praying for a grant of £500 towards completing a building for a girls' school; and praying for a grant of £200 towards the completion of a building for a Model school in the said Parish;

And also, a Petition from the Corporation of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act to regulate the business of Broker in the said city.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *K. Chisholm* and others, of the County of *Peel*, praying that the said County may be separated from the County of *York*, and set apart for Judicial purposes.

Also, a Petition from *J. A. Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Manvers*;

Also, a Petition from *Henry Elliott* and others, of the Village of *Hampton*;

Also, a Petition from *George Stevens* and others, of *Darlington*;

Also, a Petition from *Samuel Ault* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*;

Also, a Petition from *William McCallum* and others, of the Township of *Roxborough*;

And also, a Petition from *William Begly* and others, of the Village of *Eowmanville*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act for limiting the number of Legislative Councillors, and for more effectually securing the independence of the Legislative Council."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time on Friday, the 18th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Wilmot*, praying for the passing of an Act to relieve the Townships of *Wellesley*, *Waterloo*, *Wilmot* and *Woolwich*, from all liability, on account of the construction and maintenance of the *Guelph* and *Dundas* Road.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice, "For an Address to Her Majesty, for the dissolution of the Union between Western and Eastern *Canada*, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Friday, the 18th instant.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors."

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill with the amendments, be printed and read a third time on Thursday next.

Ordered, That the remaining items standing upon the Orders for this day, be discharged until Tuesday the 15th instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *J. Gibson* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Lucius Spafford* and others;

Also, a Petition from *O. K. Crosby* and others all of the Township of *Compton*;

Also, a Petition from *William Brooks* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Charles Kemp* and others, all of *Sherbrooke*;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Scott* and others, of *Dunham*;

Also, a Petition from *William Deacon* and others of *Cowansville*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from *William Brooks* and others, of *Montreal*, praying that such encouragement may be given to the Commerce and Industry of the Province, as will place native enterprize upon equal terms with foreign competition.

Also, a Petition from the *Sherbrooke Library Association*;

And also, a Petition from the *Compton High School*, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Wednesday, 9th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
WIDMER,
GORDON,
MATHESON.

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
TAOHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *M. Heroux* and others, School Commissioners of the Parish of *St. Philippe*, in the County of *La Prairie*, praying for aid to a Model School in the said Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from *Louisa Gordon*, widow of the late *F. X. Douaire*, in his life time one of the Messengers of the Legislative Council, praying for a Pension.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. de Villers* and others, of the Township of *Maddington*, in the County of *Arthabaska*, praying for aid to complete a certain road through that Township.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *James W. Skelton* and others, of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to protect the various species of fish which are found in the Lakes, Rivers and Streams of *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the *Northumberland* and *Durham* Savings Bank, for the year ending 23rd February, 1856.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:

(*Vide Sessional Papers*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Thomas Fergusson* and others, of *Buckingham*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *George Montgomery* and others, of *Carthwright*;

Also, a Petition from *William Scott* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains* ;

Also, a Petition from *E. Heron* and others, of *Ashburn* ;

Also, a Petition from *A. S. Rathburn* and others, of *Tyendinaga* ;

Also, a Petition from *George Bailey* and others, of *Lower Ireland* ;

Also, a Petition from *C. J. Williams* and others, of *Ameliasburg* ;

Also, a Petition from *William W. Eagles* and others, of the County of *Norfolk*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Brooke*, praying against any alteration in the present limits of the County of *Lambton*.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Bosanquet*, in the County of *Lambton*, praying that the Line of the Grand Trunk Railroad may be extended to *Port Sarnia*.

Also, a Petition from *Thomas W. Stimp* and others, persons of colour, in the Township of *Raleigh* ;

Also, a Petition from *W. P. Vidal* and others, of the County of *Lambton*, severally praying for the repeal of the Separate School Act passed last Session.

Also, a Petition from *Robert Anderson* and others, of *Amherstburgh* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William Lohead* and others, of the Township of *Osgoode* ;

Also, a Petition from the Rev. *H. J. Grassett* and others, of *Toronto* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Laing* and others, of *Scarboro'* ;

Also, a Petition from the Session of the Presbyterian Church of *Wakefield* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Heron* and others, of *Ashburn* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Baily* and others of *Cavan* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *William Graham* and others of the County of *Huron* ;

Also, a Petition from *William Scott* and others, of the County of *Two Mountains* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. J. Macaulay* and others, of *Nassagaweya* ;

Also, a Petition from *John Scott* and others, of *Fredericksburgh* and *Ernestown* ;

Also, a Petition from *Arthur Shaw* and others, of *Niagara* ;

And also, a Petition from *John Williams* and others, of the City of *Toronto*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day, in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Town Council, of the Town of *Cornwall*, praying that the surplus moneys arising from the Clergy Reserve Fund, may be divided among the Municipalities of *Upper Canada*, in proportionate shares, according to the number of their respective Inhabitants.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Horace B. Tebbets*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate a Company to construct a Telegraph between the Continents of *Europe* and *America*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Harriett Nichols* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *J. Jackson* and others, all of the Township of *Westmeath*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Thursday, 10th April, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

MOORE,
DUNNE,
WIDMER,
GORDON.

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,

SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the Trustees of the dissentient school of *St. Andrié d'Argenteuil*;

Also, a Petition from the Directors of the *Lachute* Academy, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

Also, five Petitions from the Municipal Council of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying that the advantages conferred by the Acts, 12 *Victoria* chapters 37 and 38, for establishing Circuit Courts in *Lower Canada*, may be extended to the said County of *Argenteuil*;

Also, praying that pecuniary aid may be given towards the opening of two lines of Roads in the Townships of *Gore* and *Morin*;

Also, praying that various measures may be adopted to promote the improvement of the said County, and advance the comfort of its inhabitants.

Also, praying for aid to construct a Bridge over the river *Rouge*, in the Township of *Grenville*;

And praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Harrington*, praying for aid towards making a road.

Also, a Petition from *James Cowan* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law;

And also, a Petition from *A. Cleland* and others, of the County of *Argenteuil* aforesaid, praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in intoxicating Liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the City of *Quebec*, praying for the erection, at the expense of the Province, of a House of Industry in or near that City.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Clerk and other Officers of the Legislative Council, praying for a continuance of the per centage granted to them in the year 1855.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from His Worship the Mayor and others, of *Montreal* praying that such encouragement be given to the Commerce and Industry, of the Province as will place native enterprize upon equal terms with foreign competition.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved,

That the Petition presented to this House yesterday from *Louisa Gordon*, widow of the late *F. X. Douaire*, in his life time one of the Messengers of the Legislative Council, praying for a pension, be referred to the select Committee, appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved, in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Ordered, that the Petition presented this day from the Clerk and other Officers of the Legislative Council, praying for a continuance of the per centage granted to them in the year 1855, be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate Private settlements between Insolvent Debtors and their Creditors," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to correct an error in the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order in enregistration, and to facilitate enregistrations and searches in the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice, for an Address to His Excellency respecting the claims of *François Saucier* and *Ignace Lavoie*, to pensions, for wounds received in the war of 1812, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day fortnight.

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

Friday, 11th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRÉ,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
WIDMER,
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHÉSON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the *Frontenac* Division of the Sons of Temperance ;

Also, a Petition from *James Fox* and others, of the Township of *Osgoode* ;

And also, a Petition from the Venerable the Archdeacon and others, of *Kingston*, severally praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *James Henry Pigott*, of the Township of *Rawdon*, praying for a grant of Land upon which he may be enabled to settle his six sons.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Clark Wilson* and others, of *Brome* praying that the Counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome* may be created an independent Judicial District.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Antoine Lachance* and others, Messengers of the Legislative Council, praying that they may receive their allowances by monthly instead of Sessional payments, and that the amount thereof may be increased.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *George R. Holmes* and others, of *Stanstead*, praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in Spirituous Liquors.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the President and Officers of the Library Association, incorporated at *Vareennes* in the County of *Verchères*, under the Act 14th and 15th Victoria, chapter 86, by the name of "*La Chambre des Nouvelles de Vareennes*," praying for aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the distribution of the Provincial Statutes for the Session of 1854-5.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate the dis-uniting of the Counties of *Lincoln* "and *Welland*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for more effectually securing the independence of the Legislative "Council," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Friday, the 18th instant.

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

Monday, April 14th, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Tancred Sauvageau* and others, of the Seigniorship of *Laprairie* in the District of *Montreal*, praying that the road to the Banal Mill in that Seigniorship may be repaired ;

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *Laprairie*, praying for payment of a proportion of the moneys arising from Tavern Licenses in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Blaquiere* presented a Petition from the Honorable and Right Reverend *John Strachan D. D.* Lord Bishop of Toronto, and the Reverend *Francis James Lundy D. C. L.* Rector of *Grimsbey*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorise the sale of a certain Lot of land held in trust for the benefit of the Rectory of *Grimsbey* aforesaid, and to vest the proceeds in some other and more eligible securities ;

And also, a Petition from *A. C. Sinclair* and others, of the Township of *Roxborough*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Boucherville* presented a Petition from *A. Henderson* and others, of the Township of *Fitzroy*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *G. M. Abbott* and others, of *Granby*, praying that some place may be permanently selected for the annual assembling of Parliament.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Panet* presented a Petition from *Andrew Kerr* and others, of *Valcartier*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to correct an error in the Act passed in the "eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," presented their report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Committee Room, 11th April, 1856.

We, the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, "An Act to correct an error in the Act passed in the "eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," have in obedience to the Order of reference of the tenth instant, gone through the said Bill, and now beg leave to report thereon, as follows :

By the Act 16 Vict., Cap. 78., the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company were authorized to borrow £175,000, sterling, on first Mortgage Bonds, of which £74,850 currency were to be applied to the redemption of Bonds to that amount previously issued, but not bearing mortgage, provided the holders thereof notified the Company, within a certain time of their election, to take Mortgage Bonds or Money. The power to borrow any portion of the £75,850 not called for within the time, was to cease, and the Bonds proposed to be issued for that purpose were to be cancelled, and not to be issued ; so that the whole debt of the Company should not exceed £175,000, sterling.

The Act 18 Vic., Cap. 177, authorising a fresh loan, or second Mortgage Bonds, contained when it came up from the Legislative Assembly a proviso to the ninth section, reciting that Bonds under the former Act, to the amount of £30,000 sterling, were retained by the Company, to cover the amount of Bonds notified for payment according to its terms, and Bonds falling due at short dates, and empowering the Company to issue them as first Mortgage Bonds.

As the Bill was a private one and unopposed in this House, and as there was nothing objectionable on public grounds in any of its provisions, it was passed by this House without any amendment.

It appears, however, that the proviso above referred to had been struck out of the Bill of last Session in its passage through the Legislative Assembly ; the effect of which, and of corresponding omissions in the first Section of the Bill, was

to reduce the debt of the Company, intended to be authorized by the Bill, by £30,000 sterling, and to leave the amount required to pay off the claimants for the redemption of non-mortgage Bonds, &c., to be taken out of the amount to be raised by second Mortgage Bonds.

The consequence of these struck out words and proviso having been allowed to remain in the Bill, when sent up to this House, and during its subsequent stages has been a variance in the Bill actually passed by the several branches of the Legislature, between whom there was not really, although there was apparently, that mutual consent and agreement as to its provisions which was absolutely required for giving them the force of law.

Under these circumstances the present Bill has been passed by the Legislative Assembly. It professed, however, merely to correct an error, and treats the Act as a valid Law, notwithstanding that error.

After reciting that the words and proviso struck out of the Bill of last Session in that House, were by error allowed to remain in it when it was sent up to this House, and apparently assuming that by error only they continued in it during its subsequent stages, it proceeds to enact that those words and proviso shall be held to form no part of the Act, saving the rights of holders of the Bonds, in case any of them have been issued. Now, so far as the adoption of this Bill will involve a reversal of the decision of your Honorable House, on these particular provisions of the Bill last Session, which certainly received your deliberate sanction, your Committee see no just grounds for objection or hesitation. The discrepancy between the views of the two Houses in this respect, will, in the opinion of your Committee, be most properly reconciled by this House yielding to the views of the other, in which the Bill of last Session originated, particularly as those views are the most favorable to the vested interests of the Creditors of the Company, and would appear to have been acquiesced in by the Company itself, inasmuch as the Bill was not withdrawn after their enunciation.

But your Committee are by no means prepared to admit that your Honorable House was led into any error by the contents of the Bill sent up, other than that of supposing the views of the Legislative Assembly on the subject matter of the proviso in question to have been the reverse of what they were; and this error, however it may have effected, could not possibly invalidate your decision on the subject. It follows that there is more than a mere error or defect of form in the Act of last Session, and that there is room to doubt whether it has really ever been a valid law, the concurrent assent of the three branches of the Legislature, which is essential to the validity of an Act of Parliament, having been wanting as to one of its provisions.

For these reasons your Committee recommend that the Bill be concurred in with the following amendments, viz. :

P. 1, L. 30.— After “which” insert “is hereby declared valid and effectual to
“all intents and purposes, and.”

In the preamble of the Bill P. 1, L. 2, after “to” insert “and passed by.”

P. 1, L. 14, leave out from "and" to "her," in L. 16 and insert "did remain in it
 "as passed by the Legislative Council and assented to by
 "His Excellency the Governor General in Her Majesty's
 "name as aforesaid, so that there was not a concurrent
 "assent of the three branches of the Legislature in all the
 "provisions of the said Act, for remedy thereof."

In the Title of the Bill, L. 1, leave out from "to" to "in" where it occurs the first time, and insert "remedy a defect."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed) P. H. MOORE,
 Chairman.

Ordered, That the said Bill and Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to facilitate the dis-uniting of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* enters.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved

That instructions be given to the Contingent Committee to take steps for the Printing in future of the French version of the Laws simultaneously with the English version, and that to this end, one of the Clerks chosen by the Committee be specially charged to superintend the printing of the French version of the Laws, and that this duty form part of the duties of his situation.

Which, being debated,

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Munro* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Port Darlington Harbor Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the City Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets of the City Bank, on the 31st March, 1856.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *G. U. Haribert* and others, Bailiffs of the Division Courts of *Upper Canada*, praying that the rate of fees paid to Bailiffs may be increased.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

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

Tuesday, 15th April, 1856.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
DE BOUCHERVILLE,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
MATHESON,
TACHÉ
MILLS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that he had appointed Mr. *George DeBlaquière* as a Clerk, in the department of the Clerk of this House.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *David Ford Jones* and others, of *Gananoqui*, praying against the introduction of Steam power, for manufacturing purposes, in the Provincial Penitentiary.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Board of Trade of *Hamilton*, praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate the Laws respecting the inspection of flour ;

And Also, a Petition from *Thomas Corbett* and others, of the City of *Kingston*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*, praying that all that portion of *Sombra* south of the allowance for road, between the 3rd and 4th Concessions, and all that portion of the Township of *Dawn*, south of the allowance for road, between lots numbers Twenty and Twenty-One, as well as the whole of the Township of *Euphemia*, may be annexed to the County of *Kent* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Robert Boyd* and others, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence*' Canals ;

And also, a Petition from *William C. Taylor* and others, of the Municipalities of *Camden* and *Zone*, praying that the allowance for road, between lots Twenty and Twenty-One, may form the boundary between the Counties of *Kent* and *Lambton*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Receiver General *Taché* presented to the House a Return to an Address of this House of the 1st instant, for a statement shewing the number and tonnage of vessels built and registered at the several Ports in *Canada*, during the years 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855.

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

Vide Appendix No. 1.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *Roger Marshall* and others, of the Parish of *F. François de Salles* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul*, all in the County of *Laval*, severally praying that the Parishes of *Terrebonne* and *Ste. Thérèse* may not be annexed to the said County of *Laval* ;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *N. Doucet* and others, School Commissioners of the Municipality of the Parish of *Saint André*, in the County of *Kamouraska*, praying for aid towards the erection and maintenance of a Model School in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from the *Cassville* High School, in the County of *Stanstead* ;

Also, a Petition from the Directors of the *Stanstead* Academy ;

Also, a Petition from the *Stanstead* Library Association and Mechanics' Institute, severally praying for pecuniary aid ;

And also, a Petition from *C. A. Richardson* and others of the Township of *Stanstead*, praying that the County Registry Office may not be removed from the Village of *Stanstead Plain*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the House of Industry at *Toronto*, praying that a certain amount may be granted to aid in the enlargement of the building, and that the annual grant towards its support may be increased

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a statement of the affairs of the Gore Savings Bank on the 31st March 1856.

And also, a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the *London* Savings Bank on the 29th February, 1856.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Grace Little* and others, of the Township of *Gloucester*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of indigent and infirm or helpless persons," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the care and instruction of idle and truant children," it was also

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

The House according to order proceeded to the consideration of the Report of Select Committee on the Bill, intituled "An Act to correct an error in the Act passed in the Eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," as also the amendments proposed by the said Committee.

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, as follows :

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Monday, 14th April, 1856.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House hath adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the claim for income tax under Imperial Statutes on Canadian Securities held by residents in Canada ; and requesting the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk, Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

The said Address to Her Majesty was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty, for the purpose of representing that Your Majesty's Canadian subjects, holding and owning the Debentures of this Province, and other securities issued within this Province, payable within the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, out of Funds furnished from this Province, have been declared liable, by Your Majesty's Special Commissioners of Inland Revenue, to the payment of the Income Tax chargeable under Statutes of the United Kingdom, although they are resident within this Province, and not within any part of *Great Britain* or *Ireland* ; while foreigners, whether resident within this Province, or out of Your Majesty's dominions, who are the holders and owners of the same descriptions of securities, are exempted from the payment of the tax. We therefore humbly represent to Your Majesty that Your Majesty's Canadian subjects ought not to have any burden imposed upon them in the United Kingdom, as holders of securities issued within the Province of Canada, from which foreigners are exempt, nor should they be made liable to any Imperial Tax upon such securities, merely because they are payable within the United Kingdom, when the means of payment of both principal and interest are furnished from this Province ; and we therefore humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to adopt such measures as shall relieve the people of Canada from the payment of this Tax, and thereby remove a burden which may become grievous, and which ought not to be imposed upon them.

It was moved,
To agree with the Legislative Assembly, by filling up the blank with the words
“Legislative Council and,”

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

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that this House hath agreed to the said Address, by filling up the blank with the words “Legislative Council and,”

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, in the following words:—

To His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of
British North America, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and
over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the
Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of a claim for Income Tax, under Imperial Statutes on Canadian securities, held by residents in *Canada*, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the last mentioned Address on the part of this House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Address, to which they desire their concurrence.

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

Wednesday, 16th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
DE BOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Crooks* and *Ferrier* enter.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that he had appointed *Joseph Casault* and *Peter Dunn* as Sessional Messengers thereof.

The Honorable Mr. *De Blaquièrè* presented a Petition from the *Toronto Horticultural Society*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *W. H. Burritt* and others, of *Smith's Falls* praying against the passing of the Bill for rendering the Legislative Council elective.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the Parish of *Saint Joseph de Solonges*, in the County of *Solonges*, praying for amendments to the *Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *W. S. Wright* and others, of *West Oxford*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from the Horticultural and Mechanical Association of *Paris*, and adjacent Townships, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented two Petitions from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, praying for the repeal of all clauses which authorize the establishment of separate Schools,

And praying that the Common School Act may be so amended as that Township Councils may have the power of altering the boundaries of Common School sections.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Robert Kerr* and others, of the Township of *Rawdon*, praying against the passing of any Act for detaching any portions of the Townships of *Rawdon* and *Sidney* from their present limits, or of annexing the same to the Township of *Seymour East* ;

Also, a Petition from *James Morton* and others, of *Kingston* ;

And also, a Petition from *George Wilson* and others, of *Napamee*, severally praying that steps may be taken to compel the chartered Banks to redeem their Notes at par, throughout the Province.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying that more Light Houses may be immediately constructed in the *Gulf* and River *St. Lawrence* ;

Also, a Petition from the Young Men's Christian Association, and City Mission ;

Also, a Petition from the Congregation of Zion Church, *Montreal*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals ;

Also, a Petition from *Henry Matheson* and others of *Quebec*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

And also, a Petition from the Protestant School of the Parish of *St. Laurent*, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Tuché* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Goderich*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to expend such balance as remains in their hands of the Government Debentures obtained under the Provisions of the Consolidated Loan Fund Act, in the erection of Public Buildings and other improvements within the Town, instead of advancing it as an aid to the *Buffalo*, *Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the first, second and third

Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of the Library of Parliament.

Ordered, That they be received, and

The same were then severally read by the Clerk, as follow :

The Members on behalf of the Legislative Council, of the joint Committee of both Houses, for the direction of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a first Report.

The Committee have had before them the Report of Mr. *Todd*, the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly, giving the result of his mission to *Europe*, pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee last Session. A considerable portion of the purchases made by Mr. *Todd* have recently arrived, and the remainder, including the large donations obtained by him from the Governments of *England* and *France* may be shortly expected. It is a matter of congratulation that, so far, no loss has been sustained in the transport of the books from *Europe*, and that they have been received from *Europe* in good condition.

The accounts of Mr. *Todd*, with vouchers for every payment, have been submitted, by him, to the Committee and appear to be quite satisfactory. The sum placed at his disposal, for the purchase of Books, was £9,621 9s. 6d. sterling. The amount expended by him, whilst in *Europe* for books and binding £7,555 0s. 6d., add to which the amount of his per diem allowance for travelling expenses, &c., being five dollars a day, for 239 days, making £245 9s. 5½d. sterling, it gives a total of £7,800 9s. 11½d., this leaves a balance of £1,820 19s. 6½d. at the credit of the Library, at the time of Mr. *Todd's* departure from *Europe*. Since his return, freight and transport charges have accrued by the arrival of 94 cases of Books, which, together with further accounts received for purchases made by him on behalf of the Library, amount to about £400, additional payments must be made before long to complete the orders for books in *Paris* and *London* as yet unexecuted.

The large and increasing extent of the Library, and the responsibility attached to its care and management, have induced the Speakers, with the advice of your Committee, to take steps to carry into effect the Report of the Committee, for the re-organization of the department, which was concurred in by the Council last Session.

Accordingly Dr. *Winder*, the late Librarian of the Assembly, has been placed on the retired list, with a pension of £200 per annum, and Mr. *Todd*, the former Assistant Librarian, has been appointed to succeed him, with a salary of £400 per annum, these arrangements to date from 31st March last. To the office of Assistant Librarian, agreeably to the understanding expressed last year, a gentleman of *French Canadian* origin has been appointed, namely, Mr. *Lajoie*, of the French Translators' Department, he being thoroughly conversant with both languages, and otherwise well qualified for the post. His Salary remains unaltered, as he was in the receipt of £300 per annum as *French* Translator, which was Mr. *Todd's*

Salary as Assistant Librarian. These changes in the department will, it is hoped, meet with the approbation of the Council, and be the means of ensuring the proper care and oversight of our valuable collection.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

10th April, 1856.

The Members, on behalf of the Legislative Council, of the Joint Committee of both Houses, for the direction of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a second Report:—

The Committee have received from *John Langton*, Esq., a communication, a copy of which is herewith submitted, in reference to the mission with which he was entrusted, under the Resolutions of both Houses last Session, to proceed to *Washington* and to the neighbouring States, to effect the interchange of Public Documents with this Province; and for other purposes connected with the Library. It is a subject of regret that unavoidable circumstances should have prevented Mr. *Langton* from carrying out the wishes of the Committee in this matter.

The Committee also beg leave to lay before the House a copy of a Resolve of the Legislature of the State of *Maine*, dated March, 1855, but which has now, for the first time, been received, through Mr. *Langton*, who was requested to take charge of the same, by the authorities of *Maine*. The Committee would recommend the adoption of Resolutions by both Houses, in furtherance of the proposed exchange of Statutes and Parliamentary documents with this State.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

12th April, 1856.

AUDIT OFFICE,

Toronto, April 9th, 1856.

SIR,—

I have the honor to report to you the result of the Mission, with which I was entrusted by the Library Committee, and for the purposes of which a warrant for £500 was issued in my favor.

I left home in the month of July, for the purpose of proceeding to *Washington*, taking the Eastern States on my road; but when I had gone as far as *Boston*, I was necessarily re-called home, and a succession of sickness in my family, and latterly an accident to myself prevented me from fulfilling the wishes of the Committee, until my acceptance of the office of Auditor rendered it impossible for me to be absent myself so long from the Province.

I have, therefore, done really nothing in the matter entrusted to me. I visited the Seat of Government in the neighbouring States of *Maine*, *New Hampshire*, *Vermont*, and *Massachusetts*. I found a disposition on the part of the Executive Officers to make an arrangement for an interchange of Parliamentary documents, but none of them had authority to make any definite agreement to that effect, except in the case of the State of *Maine*, where a resolve had been passed at the last Session of the Legislature, proposing such an interchange as we sought. I enclose a copy of this resolve, which I understood had been forwarded or was to be forwarded to you.

It would appear that the best course to pursue with regard to such of the adjoining States as we may wish to interchange with, would be to forward to them officially a resolution of the Committee, asking their concurrence.

Having been thus unable to accomplish the most important part of the commission of the Committee, it remains for me to ask your instructions how I am to dispose of the money at present lying in my name in the Bank of Upper Canada.

I have the honor to be, your obedient Servant,

(Signed.) JOHN LANGTON.

The Honorable L. V. SICOTTE,
Speaker.

STATE OF MAINE

Resolve for the Exchange of Documents.

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorised and required to cause exchange to be made with the Governments of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*, of all the public documents of this State, in the same manner as is affected with the several States of the Union.

In the House of Representatives, March 17th, 1855, read and passed.

(Signed) SIDNEY PERHAM,
Speaker.

In Senate, March 17th, 1855, read and passed.

(Signed) FRANKLIN MUZZY,
President.

March, 17th, 1855, approved.

ANSON P. MERRILL.

The Members on behalf of the Legislative Council, of the Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of the Library of Parliament. Beg leave to present a Third Report. The Speaker of Your Honorable Council having submitted a proposition to the Committee, for the augmentation of the Salary of the Librarian in the ratio of increase recently awarded to the Librarian of the Assembly, and this proposal having obtained the concurrence of the members of the Committee, representing the Legislative Council therein, the same was agreed upon. The Members of the Committee on the part of the Assembly did not interfere in this matter, conceiving that it was a question which belonged exclusively to the Legislative Council to determine.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
16th April, 1856

Ordered, That the said Reports be adopted.

It was then moved,

That the Speaker of this House, in connection, if necessary, with the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, be authorized to make a suitable acknowledgement to the authorities of the State of *Maine*, for their offer to interchange all Public Documents of that State.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *W. G. Cook* and others, of the Township of *Hatley*.

And also, a Petition from *Charles Towle* and others, of the Township of *Ascot*, severally praying that at least one of the contemplated Normal Schools may be located in the Eastern Townships.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the payment of Dividends by Insurance Companies."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to correct an error in the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," was as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Port Darlington* Harbour Company," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a select Committee of three members

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Boulton* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the City Bank," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a select committee of three Members.

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

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

Thursday, 17th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
CROOKS,
FERGUSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
DE BOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,
FERRIER.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
DE BEAUJÉU,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from *George Moberly* and others, of *Collingwood*, in the County of *Simcoe*, praying to be incorporated as "The Lake *Huron* Transit Company."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented a Petition from *Samuel Wood*, of the Township of *Grantham*, praying that measures may be adopted to constrain the Board of Public Works, to indemnify him for damage done to his property by the construction of the *Welland* Canal.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented two Petitions from the Corporation of *Montreal*, praying that the Police Bill now before Parliament may not become Law in its present shape.

And praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them to borrow a further sum of money for the completion of the Water Works in the said City.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *N. Baillargeon* and others, of the local Municipality of the Parish of *St. Jean Chrysostom* in the County of

Chateauguay, praying against the separation of *Russelltown* from the said Municipality, and its erection into a new one.

Also, a Petition from *Edward Scallon* and others, of the village of *Industry*, in the County of *Joliette*, praying for the amendment of the Act to incorporate *L'Assomption* River and Railroad Company, and that the said River may be rendered navigable to the Rapids of *St. Paul*.

Also, a Petition from *F. Macculloch* and others, Merchants and Traders of the City of *Montreal*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *James Pringle* and others, of the United Presbyterian Church of *Brampton*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day' in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Also, a Petition from *Edward L. Blood* and others, of the Township of *Brighton*;

Also, a Petition from *Henry Price* and others, of *Hemmingford*;

Also, a Petition from *Octave Prevost* of *La Cote des Neiges*;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Gurd* and others;

Also, a Petition from *George Monaghan* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Jahn Walker* and others, all of *Montreal*;

Also, a Petition from *William Brodie* and others, Sons of Temperance, of the City of *Quebec*;

And also, a Petition from *Jemima Magill* and others, Daughters of Temperance, of the City of *Quebec*, aforesaid, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton*, praying that the Police Bill now before Parliament may not become Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *D. J. Brosman* and others, of the Parish of *Lacorn*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Adèle* in the County of *Terrebonne*;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *L. R. Fournier* and others, of the said Parish, severally praying for a grant of £1,000 for the erection of bridges and the completion of roads in that Municipality.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Samuel Ault* and others, of the Township of *Osnabruck*;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *Henry Patton* and others, of *Cornwall*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Northumberland* and *Durham*, praying that in making the Legislative Council Elective, the change may be based upon population.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *A. E. Dufresne* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*, praying for aid towards the completion of a Convent, intended for the superior education of girls.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the City Bank," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was called.

The Honorable

JOHN ROSS, Speaker.....	Present.
PETER BOYLE DEBLAQUIÈRE.....	Present.
PETER MCGILL.....	Present.
RENÉ E. CARON.....	Absent.
WILLIAM MORRIS.....	Absent.
JAMES CROOKS.....	Present.
ADAM FERGUSSON.....	Present.
JOHN MACAULEY.....	Absent.
JOHN HAMILTON.....	Present.
ADAM FERRIE.....	Present.

PAUL H. KNOWLTON.....	Present.
PHILIP H. MOORE.....	Present.
JOSEPH DIONNE.....	Present.
GEORGE J. GOODHUE.....	Present.
WILLIAM WALKER.....	Present.
CHRISTOPHER WIDMER.....	Present.
J. ÆMILIUS IRVING.....	Absent.
PIERRE BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE.....	Present.
JAMES MORRIS.....	Absent.
JAMES GORDON.....	Present.
HAMNETT PINHEY.....	Absent.
JAMES FERRIER.....	Present.
RODERICK MATHESON.....	Present.
GEORGE S. BOULTON.....	Present.
DENIS B. VIGER.....	Absent.
ETIENNE P. TACHÉ.....	Present.
JAMES LESLIE.....	Absent.
FREDERICK A. QUESNEL.....	Present.
JOSEPH BOURRET.....	Present.
GEORGE SAVEUSE DEBEAUJEU.....	Present.
LOUIS METHOT.....	Absent.
JOSEPH O. TURGEON.....	Absent.
SAMUEL CRANE.....	Absent.
SAMUEL MILLS.....	Present.
LOUIS PANET.....	Present.
NARCISSE F. BELLEAU.....	Present.
CHARLES WILSON.....	Absent.
BENJAMIN SEYMOUR.....	Present.
DAVID M. ARMSTRONG.....	Present.
EBENEZER PERRY.....	Present.
EUSEBE CARTIER.....	Present.
WALTER H. DICKSON.....	Present.

The order of the day being then read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to change the Constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering the same Elective."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved

That the said Bill be not now read a second time, but that it be read a second time this day six months.

Which being debated,

It was moved

That the House do now adjourn.

After debate, the latter motion was by leave of the House withdrawn.

The motion of amendment was thereupon further debated.

It was then moved

That the said debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

It was then again moved,

That the House do now adjourn.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Friday, 18th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable JOHN ROSS, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,
FERRIER

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
DEBEAUJEU,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG.
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *Benjamin Walker* of

St. Thomas, in the County of *Elgin*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery to admit him to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Joseph Allard* and others, of the County of *Jacques Cartier*, Censitaires of the Seigniorship of the Island of *Montreal*, praying for certain amendments to the Seigniorial Act of 1854.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Honorable *Charles D. Day* and others of *Montreal*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the Port "Darlington Harbour Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative,

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

The House, according to order, resumed the adjourned debate upon the motion of amendment for a second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to change the "Constitution of the Legislative Council, by rendering the same Elective," this day six months.

Which being objected to,

After a further long debate,

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

Resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, "That the said Bill be now "read for the second time," it was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read for the second time accordingly.

DISSENTIENT:—

Because, in my humble opinion, organic changes to the Legislative Council, if thought necessary, should have originated in the Legislative Council.

Because the Imperial Government having conferred on the Provincial Parlia-

ment of Canada the power to change or ameliorate the Constitution of this Honorable House, so delicate a question instead of being made a Government question, should have been submitted as a general question.

Because the changes contemplated by this Bill, will create confusion, lower the position of Legislative Councillors, and pave the way to anarchy.

PIERRE BOUCHER DEBOUCHERVILLE.

DISSENTIENT :—

FIRST. Because the Act of Union conferred upon the people of Canada, a Constitution as nearly similar to that under which Great Britain has attained her place among Nations, as their Colonial position would permit, and the Legislative Council, an integral part of that Constitution was early established on its present basis, as a check equally upon the hasty action of the Popular Branch, as upon the undue influence of the Crown.

SECONDLY. Because the introduction of the elective principle into the Constitution the Upper Chamber, gives an undue preponderance to the popular element, diminishes the proper influence of the Crown, and destroys the balance that has acted as a check upon both, since Representative Institutions were given to this Colony.

THIRDLY. Because the measure now proposed tends to the destruction of Executive responsibility ; the adoption of a written Constitution ; the election of the highest officer of the Crown, and the separation of *Canada* from the Parent State.

(Signed)

P. B. DEBLAQUIÈRE,
JOHN HAMILTON,
GEORGE J. GOODHUE,
WM. WALKER,
C. WIDMER,
JAMES GORDON,
J. FERRIER,
R. MATHESON,
G. S. BOULTON,
WALTER H. DICKSON.

It was then moved

That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of nine Members.

Which being debated,

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill, Knowlton, Moore, Taché, Quesnel, Panet, Belleau, Armstrong* and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received a communi-

cation announcing the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to come down to this House on Monday next, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of assenting, in Her Majesty's name, to certain Bills which have been passed by the two Houses of the Legislature.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Galt* and others, to return the Bill entitled "An Act to correct an error in the act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's reign, to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 18th April, 1856.

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 a claim for Income Tax, under Imperial Statutes on Canadian Securities held by residents in *Canada*, by filling up the blank with the words "and Legislative Assembly."

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* do carry the said message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *South Cayuga*, in the County of *Haldimand*, praying for the repeal of all provisions for the establishment of Separate Schools.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the remaining items standing upon the orders for this day be discharged until Monday next.

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

Monday, 21st April, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
HAMILTON,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
TACHÉ,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
ROSS,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS,

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

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

EDMUND HEAD.

PROVINCE OF CANADA.

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

To the Honorable *Etienne Paschal Taché*, and to all to whom these Presents shall come—

GREETING :

KNOW YE, that having taken into Our Royal consideration the loyalty, integrity and ability of the said *Etienne Paschal Taché*, We have constituted and appointed, and do by these Presents constitute and appoint the said *Etienne Paschal Taché* to be Our Speaker of the Legislative Council of Our Province of *Canada*, in the place and stead of the Honorable *John Ross*, resigned: To have, hold and enjoy the said Office unto you, the said *Etienne Paschal Taché*, for and during our pleasure and your actual residence within Our said Province, together with all and singular the rights, profits, privileges and advantages thereunto belonging, and appertaining in the most full and ample manner, *Provided always*

that you the said *Etienne Paschal Taché* do execute the said Office in person, except in cases of sickness or other incapacity.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: WITNESS, Our Trusty and Well-Beloved, Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At *Toronto*, this NINETEENTH day of APRIL in the year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the Nineteenth year of Our Reign.

By Command,
G. ET. CARTIER,
Secretary.

Recorded 21st April, 1856.
Lib. 23rd of Commissions, fol. 221.

THO. AMOIT.
Deputy Registrar.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker, The Acting Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow:

An Act to change the tenure of the Indian Lands in the Township of *Durham*.

An Act to amend the Act for establishing Freedom of Banking.

An Act to provide for the holding of an additional Term of the Appeal Side of the Court of Queen's Bench for *Lower Canada*, in the present year.

An Act to facilitate the dis-uniting of the Counties of *Lincoln* and *Welland*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to authorize the commutation of claims on Ordnance Lands, upon the transfer of such Lands to the Province.

An Act to repeal in part an Act to provide a remedy against the City of *Quebec* in case of injury to property by riot.

An Act to remedy a defect in the Act passed in the eighteenth year of Her Majesty's Reign, to amend and extend the Acts incorporating the *Champlan* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company.

An Act to increase the Capital Stock of the *Port Darlington* Harbour Company.

An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the City Bank.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :

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

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

Ordered, That the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also the Joint Address to the Governor General, on the subject of a claim for Income Tax, under Imperial Statutes on Canadian securities, held by residents in *Canada*, be presented on the part of this House by His Honor the Speaker and the Honorable Mr. *Ross*.

Ordered, That His Honor the Speaker and the Honorable Mr. *Ross* do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint to be attended with the said Addresses.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *North Elmsley*, praying for certain amendments to the Jury Acts of *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from *William Berczy* and others, of *Cathcart* and *St. Alphonse*, in the County of *Joilette*, praying for the amendment of *L'Assomption* River and Railroad Company's Act ;

And also, a Petition from *Lewis Sleeper* and others, praying for certain amendments to the Act incorporating the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *J. B. Foreyth* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *G. B. Syms* and Company and others, all of *Quebec*,

severally praying that no alteration may be made to the rules now in force, regulating Pilots and their fees;

And also, a Petition from the Victoria Hospital at *Quebec* aforesaid, praying for aid towards the erection of a Building.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the United Presbyterian Church at *Montreal* ;

Also, a Petition from the *Montreal* Baptist Church Meeting, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the St. Lawrence Canals;

And also, a Petition from *P. L. Panet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Melanie de Daillebout*, in the County of *Joilette*, praying that the Act incorporating the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company may be so amended, as to permit the said Company to erect dams and locks on the said river.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* presented a Petition from *John Macdonald* and others, of the County of *Chateauguay*, praying that the said County may be constituted a County for Agricultural as well as Electoral and Municipal purposes.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *A. A. Fillon* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac*, praying for certain amendments to the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855 ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Denis de la Boutellerie*, praying for aid towards the establishment of a girls' School in that Parish ;

Also, a Petition from *George Beaudet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Coteau du Lac* aforesaid, praying that the Provincial Guarantee in favor of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, may not be increased ;

And also, a Petition from the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*, praying that the Acts for supplying that City with water may be amended.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *John Major* and others, of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as "The British Bank of Canada."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Reverend *M. Carrier*

and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Baie*, in the County of *Yamaska*, praying for aid for a superior school in that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act for supplying the City of Quebec, and parts adjacent thereto with water."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the payment of Dividends by Insurance Companies," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to a select Committee of three Members.

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Seymour*, *Armstrong*, and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the mode of appointment of Members of the Legislative Council."

It was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day fortnight.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for limiting the number of the Legislative Councillors and for more effectually securing the independence of the Legislative Council," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day week.

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying for a dissolution of the Union between Eastern and Western *Canada*, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day week.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for more effectually securing the independence of the Legislative Council," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day week.

The Order of the Day being again read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of indigent and infirm or helpless persons, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day week.

The Order of the Day being again read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the care and instruction of idle and truant children," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day week.

It was moved

That the Honorable Messieurs *Ross* and *Seymour* be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the Constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering the same Elective."

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from *Edmund Heath* and others, of the Township of *Clarendon* and County of *Pontiac*, praying that a road may be constructed from a certain point on the *Ottawa* and *Pembroke* Line of Railway, in the Township of *Clarendon* and thence to the Township of *Thorne*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Tuesday, 22nd April, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
ROSS,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *A. F. Lay* and others, of the County of *Shefford*, praying that the Counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome* may be created an independent Judicial District.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the *Hamilton* Board of Trade, praying for the entire repeal of the Usury Laws in Western Canada.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *Jacob de Witt*, and others, of *Montreal*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the Provincial Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. O. Archambault* and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*, praying for an investigation of the damages caused by the construction of the *Beauharnois* Canal, and an indemnity to the sufferers.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *Charlotte Holbrooke* and others, of the Township of *Oneida*, praying for the passing of a stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *East Farnham* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Bolton*, severally praying that the Counties of *Shefford*, *Missisquoi* and *Brome* may be created an independent Judicial District ;

And also, a Petition from *A. P. Bull* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrook*, praying that the Police Bill now before Parliament may not be passed in its present shape.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* presented a Petition from the Committee superintending the erection of *Brock's* Monument, praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *L'Institute Canadien des Artisans et de Bibliotheque du Village du Basin de Chambly*, praying for aid ;

And also, a Petition from the School Municipality of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*,

praying that a law may be passed to legalize a certain rate of assessment imposed by the said Municipality.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Blaquiere* presented a Petition from *John Smith* and others, of *St. Lawrence Ward*, in the City of *Toronto*, praying to be relieved from certain disabilities under which they labour as residents in the eastern section of the said Ward.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from *Gédéon Poivier* and others, Justices of the Peace in and for the District of *Montreal*, praying that "The Treatise on the Law and practice on summary convictions by Justices of the Peace in *Upper and Lower Canada*, by *Edward Carter Esq.*," may be translated into the *French* language at the expense of the Province.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved, to

Resolve, That the Honorable Mr. *Ross* be appointed a Member of the Committee named on the 21st day of February last, upon the subject of the Library of Parliament.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

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

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that he had according to Order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General humbly, to know what time His Excellency would please to appoint to be attended with the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also the Joint Address to His Excellency on the subject of a claim for income Tax under Imperial Statutes on *Canadian* securities held by residents in *Canada*, and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon, to be attended with the said Joint Addresses.

It was then moved, to

Resolve, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to acquaint that House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon, to be attended with the said Joint Addresses of both Houses to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and to His Excellency the Governor General, and that the Honorable the Speaker and the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, will be in attendance at that time on the part of the Legislative Council.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the Constitution of the Legislative Council "by rendering the same Elective," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and the said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Page 1, Line 10.—Leave out from "follows" to "the" in line 13.

Page 1, Line 14.—After "members" insert "to be"

Page 1, Line 15.—Leave out from "elected" to "and" in line 16, and insert,
"in the proportion and at the times and in the manner here-
"inafter provided."

Page 1, Line 22.—After "thirty-five" insert "to re-unite the Provinces of Upper
"and Lower *Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*."

Page 1, Line 23.—Leave out from "years" to "and" in line 24.

Page 1, Line 25.—After "fourth" insert "of the number of such elective Mem-
bers."

Page 1, Line 26.—Leave out "elected" and insert "eligible, or shall sit or vote
as."

Page 1, Line 27.—After "be," where it occurs the first time, insert "a British
"subject by birth or naturalization resident in *Canada*."

Page 1, Line 31.—After "fief" insert "*franc a leu*," and leave out "one" and
insert "two

Page 1, Line 33.—Leave out from "unless" to "no" in line 35, and insert "his
"residence, or his lands or tenements as aforesaid, to the
"value aforesaid, be within the limits of the Electoral Divi-
"sion for which he shall seek to be, or shall have been
"elected."

Page 2, Line 8.—Leave out from "of" to "Legislative," and insert "twelve."

Page 2, Line 9.—Leave out from "the" to "Electoral," and insert "twelve."

Page 2, Line 10.—After “Divisions” insert “first entitled to return Members to
“the Legislative Council as hereinafter provided.”

Page 3, Line 12.—Leave out from “Council” to “For” in line 21, and insert
Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

“The order in which the Electoral Divisions shall be entitled
“to return Members to the Legislative Council shall be de-
“termined by lot as soon as possible after the commence-
“ment of this Act, in the manner provided in Schedule E.,
“and shall forthwith be made known by Proclamation,”

Page 3, Line 23.—Leave out from “F” to “an” in line 37, and insert Clause B.

CLAUSE B.

“Periodical Elections of Legislative Councillors to represent
“the several Electoral Divisions shall take place in the order
“determined by lot, and made known by Proclamation as
“aforesaid.

Page 4, Line 4.—Leave out from “sections” to “the” where it occurs the first
time, and insert “twenty and twenty-one.”

Page 4, Line 10.—Leave out from “thereof” to “an” in line 18.

IN THE SCHEDULES TO THE BILL.

Page 9, Line 1.—Leave out “Form” and insert “Schedule.”

Page 10, Line 9.—Leave out “Form” and insert “Schedule”

Page 10, Line 13.—Leave out “Canada” and insert “(here insert name of
“Electoral Division in which Candidate resides.)”

Page 10, Line 22.—Leave out “one” and insert “two.”

Page 10, Line 30.—Leave out “Form” and insert “Schedule.”

Page 11, Line 9.—Leave out from “Lot” to “Schedule” in page 12, line 1, and
insert:

1. “The Speaker of the Legislative Council shall cause to be
“to be placed before the Governor in Council twelve boxes
“marked respectively, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.”

2. “The names of the forty-eight Electoral Divisions shall
“be plainly written, separately, upon a like number of piece
“of paper, of the same shape and size.”

3. "The Clerk of the Legislative Council shall place these papers in the boxes, one by one, having first shewn them, and then folded them so as to conceal the writing."
4. "He shall place in each box the names of the Electoral Divisions which form the group in Schedule F, corresponding in number to such box."
5. "Having shaken the boxes, he shall, four several times, withdraw one piece of paper from each box in succession, unfold each piece of paper in turn as it is withdrawn, exhibit it, and declare aloud and write down on a list the name written thereon."
6. "Four lists of names of Electoral Divisions shall in this way be made by the Clerk of the Legislative Council, on four separate pieces of paper previously headed respectively "First Drawing," "Second Drawing," "Third Drawing," "Fourth Drawing," in each of which lists there will be twelve names."
7. "These lists shall be then and authenticated by the signatures of the Executive Councillors present, and the counter signature of the Clerk of the Legislative Council, and shall remain of record in the office of the Executive Council."
8. "The result of the drawing shall be embodied in a Minute of Council and communicated without delay to the Governor."

IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE BILL.

Page I, Line 4.—After "Eighteen" insert "to empower the Legislature of Canada to alter the Constitution of the Legislative Council for that Province, and for other purposes."

Ordered, that the said amendments be Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

Ordered, That the last mentioned Bill, as proposed to be amended by the Select Committee, be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the payment of Dividends by Insurance Companies," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed

him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and
The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

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

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

Wednesday, 23rd April, 1856.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
DE BOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs:

FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker reported that he had received a communication from the Clerk of this House, acquainting him that the time limited for receiving Petitions for Private Bills had expired on Monday last, the 21st day of April, instant.

The Honorable Mr. *Quessel* presented a Petition from *A. M. Debisle* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," may not be passed without certain amendments.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *A. B. Johnson* and others, of the Township of *Magog*, praying for pecuniary aid towards the erection and support of a Superior or High School in the said Township;

And also, a Petition from *Wilder Pierce* and others, Trustees and Directors of the *Stanstead* Seminary, praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate the said Institution.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *J. C. Basinet* and others, of the Parish of *St. Anicet*, in the Township of *Godmanchester*, in the County of *Huntingdon*, praying to be indemnified for damages caused to their lands, by the construction of the *Beauharnois* Canal.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. George's* Church, in the Town of *St. Catharines*, to sell and convey four acres of land, originally purchased as a site for a Parsonage, and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

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

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the payment of dividends by Insurance Companies," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act for supplying the City of *Quebec*, and parts adjacent thereto with water," was read a second time.

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

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

The Honorable Messieurs *Ross* and *Cartier* enter.

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled "An Act to change the Constitution of the Legislative Council, " by rendering the same Elective."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said amendments, and had directed him to submit the same for the adoption of the House, together with a further amendment, whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said further amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :
Page 2, Line 5.—After "crime" insert "or shall cease to hold a property qualification as required by the fourth Clause."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each; they were severally agreed to by the House.

It was moved

That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow,

Which being objected to,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crawford* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company with power purchase from the *Buffalo*, *Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company their line of Railway, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to change the name of *George Byron Lyon* and of his family, by adding the name of *Fellowes*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sidney Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent for "Lot number Four, Broken Concessions A and B, of the Township of *Hamilton*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Ottawa*, praying that in the Bill to authorize the establishment of a Police Force, it may be enacted that the expense thereof may be borne by the Province generally, and not by the Cities and Towns exclusively;

Also, a Petition from the County of *Carleton* General Protestant Hospital, praying for pecuniary aid;

Also, a Petition from *J. Brown* and others, of *Hamilton*;

Also, a Petition from the *Hamilton* Horticultural Society, severally praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture;

Also, a Petition from *Joseph Kent* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Davidson* and others, all of *Hamilton*, severally praying against the passing of any Bill to prevent traffic in spirituous liquors;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Thompson* and others;

Also, a Petition from *James Johnston* and others, all of *Ottawa*;

Also, a Petition from *William Hewitt* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Ann Hewitt* and others, all of *Vaudreuil*, severally praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

And also, a Petition from *R. Irvine* and others, of *Hamilton*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented two Petitions from the City of *London*, praying for certain amendments to the Act of last Session, providing for the formation of Companies for supplying Cities, Towns and Villages with Gas and Water,

And praying for the passing of an Act to remove all doubts as to the power of the Municipal Councils of Cities to extend the time for the collection of Taxes and the Return of the Collectors Roll.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *G. F. Bowen* and others, of *Sherbrooke*, praying that a Public Lunatic Asylum may be erected in the vicinity of the said Town.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Panet presented a Petition from *John Fitzpatrick* and others, of the Municipality of *Stadacona*, in the District of *Quebec*, praying for aid towards the erection of a School House.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

It was moved

That the Petition presented to the House on the first day of April, instant, from *Anna Maria McKay*, of *Ancaster*, widow of the late *Alexander Robertson McKay*, of the same place, praying against the passing of a certain Bill to confirm a title to a certain tract of land in the Township of *Hamilton*, be printed for the use of Members.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

It was moved,

That the notice of motion standing upon the Orders of the Day for Monday the 28th instant, "for an Address to Her Majesty for a dissolution of the Union between Eastern and Western *Canada*," be discharged, and that the same do stand upon the Orders of the Day for to-morrow.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable the Speaker reported to the House, that pursuant to order the Honorable Mr. *Ross* and himself had waited on His Excellency the Governor General, at the Government House, where they found certain Members of the Legislative Assembly, and that they presented the Address to His Excellency, agreed upon by both Houses, on the subject of a claim for Income Tax under Imperial Statutes on Canadian Securities held by residents in Canada;—and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would have much pleasure in transmitting the Joint Address to the Queen, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

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

Thursday, 24th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
ROSS,
MILLS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from the Reverend *J. P. Reid* and others, of *Sherbrooke*, praying that one of the proposed Normal Schools may be erected in some part of the Eastern Townships.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferric* presented a Petition from *H. H. Date* and others, of the County of *Waterloo*, praying that measures may be adopted to prevent the Provincial Penitentiary from becoming a great manufacturing monopoly, instead of a place of correction.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order in enregistration, and to facilitate enregistrations and searches in the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and the said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Page 1, Line 10.—Leave out from "one" to "from" and insert "year."

Page 1, Line 13.—Leave out "besides" and insert "make"

Page 1, Line 14.—Leave out “enter” and after “in,” where it occurs the second time, insert “the.”

Page 1, Line 15.—After “order” insert “of.”

Page 1, Line 16.—After “registration” insert “and shall state in each entry the number given to the document to which it relates.”

Page 1, Line 34.—Leave out from “currency” to “every” in page 2, line 8.

Page 2, Line 11.—Leave out from “for” to “contravention” in line 12, and insert “every”

Page 2, Line 12.—Leave out from “requirements” to “without” in Line 13.

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend an Act for supplying the City of Quebec and parts adjacent thereto, with water,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be printed and read a third time presently:

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly:

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. George’s* Church, in the Town of *St. Catharines*, to sell and convey four acres of land originally purchased as a site for a Parsonage, and for other purposes,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, “An Act to change the constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering the same Elective,” as amended.

It was moved

That the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be again Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The House was accordingly adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole, on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* reported from the said Committee that they had taken the said Bill again into consideration, and had directed him to report the same with further amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said further amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Page 1, Line 23.—Leave out from “years” to “No” in line 26, including the words inserted in line 25, by the sixth amendment reported by the Select Committee, and adopted by the House at its last sitting.

Page 2, Line 1.—Leave out “a” and insert “an Elective.”

Page 3, Line 23, to 37.—In addition to Clause B, reported by the Select Committee, and adopted by the House at its last sitting, insert, “the twelve Electoral Divisions named in the list of the “First Drawing,” being those first entitled to return Members “to the said Council, those named in the list of the “Second “Drawing” being those next entitled to return Members to “the said Council, and so on.”

The said further amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said further amendments be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill was, as amended, read a third time accordingly.

It was then moved, that this Bill, as amended, do now pass.

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice, for an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, respecting the claims of *François Saucier* and *Ignace Lavoie* for pensions for wounds received in the war of 1812, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate

the "*Buffalo* and Lake *Huron* Railway Company with power to purchase from the "*Buffalo*, *Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company their line of Railway, "and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee by the Honorable Messieurs *Goodhue*, *Walker* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to change the name of *George Byron Lyon* and his family, by adding the name of *Fellowes*," was read a second time ;

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

Ordered, That the the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Seymour* and *Dickson* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved to

Resolve, That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, praying that Her Majesty would be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Imperial Parliament for the Dissolution of the Union now subsisting between Eastern and Western *Canada*, and that the Provinces of *New Brunswick*, *Nova Scotia*, *Prince Edward's Island*, Eastern *Canada* and Western *Canada*, be united under one general Government.

That the Governor General be appointed for the united Provinces by Her Majesty, and that Lieutenant Governors under him, for each of the said late Provinces, be appointed by Her Majesty.

That the Legislature consist, as at present, of a Legislative Council and House of Assembly, the Members composing both Houses to be elected by a majority of legal voters, according to the laws now existing in each separate Province, until altered or amended by any law which may be enacted by the General Legislature for that purpose, according to the number of legal Voters, in the said united Province, according to population.

That the Speaker of the Legislative Council be elected by the members present for two years, at the commencement of every second Session, subject to the approval of the Governor General, or person administering the Government for the time being ; and that the said Legislative Council have power to appropriate moneys, but not to levy any tax, and be constituted a Court for the trial of impeachments.

That the municipal Councils be charged with the internal concerns of each of the said late Provinces, with the powers now confided to them by law, which may be so altered or amended by the General Legislature as may be deemed necessary for that purpose ; and that the Lieutenant Governor in each of the said late Provinces shall have the same authority over any By-law they may pass, as the Governor General now possesses.

That the said General Government have the sole control and authority to levy

taxes, and over the Revenue and Expenditure of the united Province, and of enacting such laws as may be deemed necessary for the good government and prosperity thereof; and to pray, that her Majesty would be graciously pleased to give the said united Province such name or designation as Her Majesty may graciously think proper, and to fix some place in the said united Province for the permanent Seat of Government.

Which being objected to

After debate

The question of concurrence was put thereon and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

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

Friday, 25th April, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Honorable *John Young* and another, praying that the charter authorizing the formation of a Company to construct a Canal to connect the waters of the *St. Lawrence* with those of Lake *Champlain* may be revived.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor, Councillors

and Citizens of the City of *Quebec*, praying that certain provisions with reference to that City, may be made in the Bill for establishing a general system of Police in this Province; and also in the Bill for establishing a Recorder's Court in that City.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *F. W. Constable* and others, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBoucherville* presented a Petition from *William McNeil*, of the Township of *Kingsey*, in the County of *Drummond*, praying for relief.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *R. N. Webber* and others, of the Township of *Cleveland*;

Also, a Petition from *S. S. Brown* and others of the Township of *Windsor*;

And also, a Petition from *H. Fowler* and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*, severally praying that one, at least, of the contemplated Normal Schools may be located in some part of the Eastern Townships.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Messieurs *Dionne*, *Ross* and *Cartier* enter.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order in Enregistration, and to facilitate Enregistrations and Searches in the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*."

Which said amendments being again read by the Clerk and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "an Act to incorporate the *Buffalo* and *Lake Huron* Railway Company, with power to purchase from the *Buffalo*, *Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company their line of Railway, and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Monday, April 28th, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
J. MORRIS,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* presented a Petition from *Thomas Machin* and others of *Granby*, praying that such encouragement may be given to the commerce and industry of the Province as will place native enterprise upon equal terms with foreign competition.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from Messrs. *Knapp* and *Holmes*, along with others of *Montreal*, praying to be incorporated as the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company ;

And also, a Petition from the Natural History Society of *Montreal*, praying that a certain sum may be appropriated to enable Doctor *Smallwood* to publish a series of valuable observations on Meteorological science in *Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a petition from *E. L. Cressé* and others, of *Nicolet* setting forth that their Seigniorship of *Isle de la Fourche* has been surveyed and laid out as a Township and granted by the Crown to others in free and common soccage, and praying for an indemnity,

And also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Ste. Geneviève de Batiscan*, praying that no further aid or guarantee may be given to the Grand Trunk Railway Company or its Contractors.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from the Corporation of *Montreal*, praying that the Petition of *Albert Furniss* and others, seeking to be incorporated for the purpose of supplying the City of *Montreal* with Gas, may not be favorably entertained, and that no act of that nature may be passed.

Ordered That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *John Smith* and others, of *Darlington*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the *Three Rivers* Academy ;

And also a Petition from the Mechanics' Institute of *Three Rivers* aforesaid, severally praying for pecuniary aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Ordinance of *Lower Canada* for the relief of certain Religious Societies."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide in a more certain manner, for Order in Enregistration, and to facilitate Enregistrations and Searches in the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being again read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act for limiting the number of Legislative Councillors, and for more effectually securing the independence of the Legislative Council," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged.

The Order of the Day being again read for the second reading of the Bill

intituled "An Act for more effectually securing the independence of the Legislative Council," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged.

The Order of the Day being again read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of indigent and infirm or helpless persons," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being again read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the care and instruction of idle and truant children," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Thursday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent for Lot number four, Broken Concession A and B, of the Township of Hamilton," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

It was moved

That the Petition presented to this House, on Wednesday last, the 23rd instant, from *A. M. Delisle* and others, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," may not be passed without certain amendments be translated and printed in the English language, for the use of Members.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by *Mr. Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday 24th April, 1856.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, praying their Honors will permit the Honorable *Etienne P. Taché*, Speaker of that House, to attend before the Select Committee of this House appointed to investigate the proceedings of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, on Monday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Ordered, That *Mr. Antoine Aimé Dorion* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,) W. B. LINDSAY.
Clerk Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved

That the Honorable *Etienne P. Taché*, the Speaker of this House, do have leave to go to the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if he thinks fit.

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

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative, Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *Etienne P. Taché*, the Speaker of this House, to go to the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly to investigate the proceedings of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway Company, if he thinks fit.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the *Hamilton* Hotel Company to increase their Capital Stock, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Tuesday, 29th April, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable *ETIENNE P. TACHÉ*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUÉRE,
MCGILL,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
DIONNE,

The Honorable Messieurs

GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
DEBOUCHERVILLE,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,

The Honorable Messieurs

MILLS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a Petition from the Board of Common School Trustees of the City of *Hamilton*, praying that all laws which authorize the establishment of Separate Schools in *Upper Canada* may be repealed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Jacob Noble* and others, of *St. Catharines*, praying that a duty of not less than twenty-five per cent may be imposed on American manufactures when imported into *Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *James R. Benson* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *William Donaldson* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Buchanan Harris* and others, of *Hamilton* ;

Also, a Petition from *James Scott* and others, of *Port Hope* ;

Also, a Petition from *G. H. Chrysler* and others, of *Kingston* ;

Also, a Petition from *Ralph Jones* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *William Bowen* and others, of *Kingston*, aforesaid ;

And also, a Petition from *E. F. Whittemore* and others, of *Toronto*, all engaged or interested in the Commerce and Navigation of the Lakes, severally praying that an appropriation may be made from the Provincial Funds to complete, during the ensuing year the Harbour of *Port Hope*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the Reverend *William T. Leach* and others, members of *St. George's Chapel, Montreal*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented two Petitions from the Board of Trade, of *Montreal*, praying that certain modifications may be made in the proposed new

tariff of Customs Duties, and that it may not come into force until the fifth of July next ; and praying that the Bill to alter the existing rates of Pilotage below the Port of *Quebec*, may not be passed into a law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Reverend *F. X. Delage* and another, of *Saint Jean Port Joli*, praying for aid towards the Colonization of the Townships of *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Line of the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorald* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prévost* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal "and Road Act of 1855, and to authorize the organization of a Municipal Council in the Village of *St. Jérôme*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Angus Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorise the Court of Chancery, "and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Henry Spencer Papps* to practice as a Solicitor and Attorney," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prévost* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order in enregistration, and to facilitate enregistrations and searches in "the Registry Offices in *Lower Canada*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

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

Wednesday, 30th April, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
DIONNE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
DE BOUCHERVILLE,
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from the *Montreal* Board of Trade, praying against the passing of the Bill now before Parliament to repeal the existing laws relative to the Trinity House of *Montreal*, and to make certain provisions regarding Pilots upon the *St. Lawrence* between *Quebec* and *Montreal*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*, praying against the passing of any Bill to authorize the sale of the Agricultural Grounds in the City of *London*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne* presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Bishop of *Three Rivers* and others, praying for increased aid to the Schools of the Education Society in that Town.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from the *St. Lawrence* and *Industry* Village Railroad Company, praying that the Bill to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *L' Assomption* River and Railway Company may not be passed without certain amendments;

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Charles Champoux* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Anne des Plaines*, in the County of *Terrebonne*, praying for a grant of £150, for the purpose of erecting a building for a Model School in that Parish;

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* enters

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to change the name of *George Byron Lyon* and of "his family, by adding the name of *Fellows*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of "indigent and infirm or helpless persons," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of six members.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent for Lot Number Four, Broken Concession A and B, of the Township of *Hamilton*."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Which being objected to;

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to the Order of the day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the "*Hamilton Hotel Company* to increase their Capital Stock, and for other purposes therein mentioned," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie*, *J. Morris*, and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the "Line of the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold Railway Company*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to select Committee of three members.

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Goodhue, J. Morris,* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and to authorize the organization of a Municipal Council in the Village of *St. Jérôme*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada* to admit *Henry Spencer Papps* to practice as a Solicitor and Attorney," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Friday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crawford* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the punishment of the Officers and Servants of Railway Companies contravening the By-laws of such Companies, to the danger of persons and property," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Ass mbly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Owen Sound*, "in the County of *Grey*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act relating to Savings Banks" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Thomas Fortier* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize *Henry Wulf Trigge*, Esquire, and others to construct a Toll Bridge on the North East Branch of the "River *Nicolet*, near the Church of the Parish of *St. Monique* in the County of " *Nicolet*, and to incorporate the said *Henry Wulf Trigge*, and others, under the "name of the *St. Monique* Bridge Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Ferrie* and others with a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Galt*, and to define the limits thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to revive, continue and amend the Act incorporating the Hamilton and Port Dover Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time

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

It was moved

That the nineteenth rule of this House be dispensed with for the purpose of enabling a motion to be made this day on the subject of the sale of Intoxicating Liquors.

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

Resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon, it was moved,

That a Select Committee be appointed to consider and report to this House whether any, and what, measures can be adopted either by Bill or otherwise to restrain the sale of intoxicating Liquors, and for the better regulation of houses where such liquors are sold, and that the various petitions presented to this House on this important subject be referred to the said Committee.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *DeBlawiere*, *Hamilton*, *Ferrie*, *Moore*, *Dionne*, *Goodhue*, *J. Morris*, *Gordon*, *Ferrier*, *Belleau*, and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved

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

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Friday next, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

 Friday, 2nd May, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. MORRIS,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *John Hawkins* and others, of *Port Credit*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière* presented a Petition from the Honorable and Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto* and the Clergy and Laity of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* of the Diocese of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of a Bill to enable them to regulate and manage their own church affairs in the same manner as other religious communities.

Which he read in his place.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Thomas Smart* and others, of *Brockville*, praying that measures may be adopted to prevent the Provincial Penitentiary from becoming a great manufacturing monopoly instead of a place of correction.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *Charles Smith* and others of *Picton*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals* ;

Also a Petition from *Theren Dickey* and others, of *Clarke*, praying for the passing of an Act to authorize a proper survey to be made of the Concession Line between the 7th and 8th Concessions of the Township of *Clarke* ;

And also, a Petition from *John A. Donaldson* and others, of *Toronto*, praying to be incorporated as "The Canadian Loan and Investment Company."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Caistor*, in the County of *Lincoln*, praying that the said Township of *Caistor* may be separated from the County of *Lincoln*, and annexed to the County of *Haldimand*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Beleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. T. Hurtleau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Lin.*

Also, a Petition from *Philip Mount* and others, of the Parish of *St. Henri de Mascouche*.

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *E. H. Hicks* and others, of the parish of *St. Roch*;

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *Etienne Normandin* and others, of the Parish of *Lachenaie*, all in the County of *L'Assomption*, severally praying that in the event of new Judicial Divisions being made in *Lower Canada*, the said County of *L'Assomption* may be annexed to the County of *Terrebonne*, and not to the County of *Montreal*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipality of *Inverness*, in the County of *Megantic*, praying that the Counties of *Arthabaska*, *Megantic* and the Parishes of *St. Agathe*, *St. Giles* and *St. Sylvester*, in the County of *Lotbiniere*, may be created a separate Judicial District, with *Inverness* for the District Town.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Commutations of Tenure effected within the Censive of the late order of Jesuits in the District of *Quebec*, from the 1st September 1854 to 31st December 1855.

Also, a Return of the Commutations of Tenure effected within the Censive of the Seigniorship of *Lauzon* between the 1st January and the 1st July 1854, and from the 1st September 1854 to the 31st December 1855;

Also, a Return of Commutations of Tenure effected within the Censive of the late order of Jesuits, in the District of *Three Rivers*, from the 1st September 1854 to the 31st December, 1855;

And also, a Return of Commutations of Tenure effected within the Censive of *Quebec*, from the 1st October to the 31st December 1855.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson* and *Boulton* be added to the Select Committee appointed to consider and report to this House whether any, and what measures can be adopted either by Bill or otherwise to restrain the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and for the better regulation of Houses where such Liquors are sold.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and to authorize the organization of a Municipal Council in the "Village of *St. Jérôme*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the *Hamilton* Hotel Company to increase "their Capital Stock, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative,

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

The *Honorable* Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the care and instruction of idle and truant children."

It was moved that the said Bill be now read for the second time,

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon,

And the House being equally divided, it was

Resolved in the affirmative by the casting vote of the Speaker, and

The said Bill was then read for the second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An act for the relief of indigent and infirm or helpless persons," with leave to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Ordinance of *Lower Canada* for the relief of certain religious societies," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Henry Spencer Papps* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Ross,* and *Seymour,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Oven Sound*, in the County of *Grey*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson, Ross,* and *Seymour,* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act, relating to Savings Banks," was read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That the Petition presented to this House on Tuesday, the 26th day of February last, from the Directors of the *Montreal City and District Savings Bank*, praying to be authorized to acquire and hold real estate, and to pay the President or Managing Director of the said Bank an annual salary, be referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize *Henry Wulf Trigge*, Esquire, and others, to construct a Toll Bridge on the North-east branch of the River *Nicolet*, near the Church of the Parish of *St Monique*, in the County of *Nicolet*; and to incorporate the said *Henry Wulf Trigge* and others, under the name of the *St. Monique Bridge Company*," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Galt*, and to define the limits thereof," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to revive, continue and amend the Act incorporating the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company", was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Ross* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jackson* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to separate the County of *Bruce* from the County of *Huron*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *A. A. Dorion* and others with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act authorizing disbursements in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Foley* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to naturalize *Hervey Killam*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of the incorporated Joint Stock Companies, for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Freeman* and others with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "*Ontario* Hotel Company." to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière* presented a Petition from *Thomas Byrne*, of the City of *Montreal*, praying that a certain balance alleged to be due to him on account of his contract for work performed on the *Lachine* Canal may be paid and satisfied.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Lewis Shicklune* and others, masters and owners of Vessels at *St. Catharines*, praying that an hospital may be erected on the line of the *Welland* Canal, and that the same may be supported by the imposition of a tax upon all parties engaged in the Lake and River Navigation.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from the Municipality of the Town of *Barrie*, praying that measures may be taken to compel the *Ontario*, *Simcoe*, and Lake *Huron* Union Railway Company, to complete their contract for the construction of a Branch Line of the said Road to the Town of *Barrie*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *Henry Burritt* and others, of the Village of *Burritt's Rapids*, praying that all constitutional means may be adopted to discourage the immigration from the *United States*, of large bodies of *Irish* Roman Catholic settlers into this Province, and also that the clauses which authorise the establishment of Separate Schools may be repealed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Ross* be added to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the line of the "*Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company.

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

Monday, 5th May, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. MORRIS,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR.

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Daniel Gordon* and others, of *Kenyon and Roxborough*;

Also, a Petition from *John Edwards* and others, of *Russell*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *C. C. Johnson* and others, of *Howard* and *Oxford*;

Also, a Petition from *John Harrison* and others of *Belleville*;

Also, a Petition from *John Lindsay* and others, of *Litchfield*;

Also, a Petition from *John Lees* and others, of *Ancaster*;

Also, a Petition from *William Steer* and others of *Three Rivers*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Anderson* and others, of *Lancaster*;

Also, a Petition from *Thomas Henry* and others;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander McGregor* and others, of *Godmanchester*;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *Walter Scott* and others, of *Lachute*;

Also, a Petition from *Gilbert Tweedle* and others, of *Ops*;

Also, a Petition from *A. F. Kemp* and others, of *Montreal*;

Also, Petition a from *T. A. Thompson* and others, of *Trenton*;

Also, a Petition from *Alexander McLean* and others, of *Hamilton*, severally praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*;

Also, a Petition from *William Beamish* of the Town of *Port Hope*, praying for the passing of an Act to define and limit the powers conferred by the law which incorporates the *Upper Canada Trust and Loan Company*;

Also, a Petition from *Andrew Tait* and others, of *Oxford*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

Also, a Petition from *John Grier* and others of *Belleville*;

Also, a Petition from *James W. Green* and others of *Lambton*, severally praying for the repeal of the Separate School Act passed last Session;

Also, a Petition from *James Grier* and others, of the Township of *St. Vincent*, praying that the Bill altering the Constitution of the Legislative Council may be based upon representation by population;

And also, a Petition from *Thomas Murphy* and others of the Township of *Sombra*, praying that the boundary line between *Kent* and *Lambton* may remain as at present, or if any change be made, that the boundary line of the Township of *Sombra* may be the same as it was before the divisions of the two Counties.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *L. W. Sewell* and others, of the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, in connection with the Church of *England and Ireland*, in the City of *Quebec*, praying that the proposed Bill, to give legal sanction within this Province, to the holding of deliberative or Synodical Assemblies, may not be passed into a law, until time shall have been afforded to the members of the said Church to express their opinion on the subject.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from the *Prince Edward Horticultural Society*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Michael Fournier* and others, of the Municipality of *Saint Jean Port Joli*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for certain amendments to the Acts 16th Victoria, chapter 22, and 18th Victoria, chapter 13.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to extend the line of the *Port Dalhousie* and "*Thorold* Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

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

Page 2, Line 7.—After “infants” insert Clauses A and B.

CLAUSE A.

“The Town Council of the Town of *St. Catharines*, may acquire and hold the Stock of the said Company, at present held by private Shareholders; and whenever the said Council shall have acquired and shall hold the whole of the said shares now held by private Shareholders, then and thereafter, each share of the Stock of the Company, held by any Municipality, shall entitle such Municipality to one vote in the election of Directors, and the head of each such Municipality shall represent such Municipality at all such elections, and shall exercise such right of voting under the instructions of the Council of his Municipality; but the head of any Municipality holding Stock in the Company, shall not, after such purchase by the Town Council of *St. Catharines*, of all the Stock held by private Shareholders, be a Director *ex-officio*.”

CLAUSE B.

“In addition to the persons already qualified to be Directors of the said Company, any person residing in any Municipality which lies on the line of the said Railway, and which holds Stock in the Company, who shall be possessed of freehold property in such Municipality of the value of seven hundred and fifty pounds over and above all incumbrances thereon, may be elected a Director of the said Company, without its being necessary that such person should possess any Stock in the said Company.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House—

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled “An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen’s Bench and Common Pleas in Upper Canada, to admit *Henry Spencer Papps* to practice as a Solicitor and Attorney,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly,
 The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?
 It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act relating to Savings Banks," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and
 The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 1, line 20, leave out "first."

Page 2, line 5, leave out from "exceeding" to "pounds" and insert "four hundred."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière* from the Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of the Library of Parliament, presented their fourth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and
 The said Report was then read by the Clerk, as follow :

The members, on behalf of the Legislative Council, of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a fourth Report.

The Committee have directed their attention to the propriety of making suitable acknowledgments for the numerous and important donations which have been received from the Governments of *England* and *France*, and from other sources in aid of the Library. They have drawn up resolutions of thanks, which are herewith submitted, and they recommend the adoption of a Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty the Queen, expressive of the gratitude of this House to Her most Gracious Majesty, and to Her faithful Ally, the Emperor of the French, for their munificent gifts to the Library. Further resolutions have been framed, expressive of thanks to the Houses of Lords and Commons, and to other parties, for similar favours, and for assistance to Mr. *Todd* in his mission to *Europe*, last summer, on behalf of the Library.

The Committee have had under their consideration an Index to the Journals of the Legislative Assembly from 1841 to 1851, compiled by Mr. *Alfred Todd*, Clerk of the Private Bill Office, pursuant to a resolution of the House of the 25th

August, 1851; they have examined the work and are highly satisfied with it regarding it as of indispensable utility, and evincing much skill and labour in its construction. Mr. *Todd* has received on account, during the progress of the work, £275, and they have recommended to the Legislative Assembly that a further sum of £250 be awarded to him, in full compensation for the same.

They have also received an application from Mr. *W. S. Hunter*, for assistance in the publication of a series of views, illustrative of *Canadian* scenery. The first part, comprising scenery around the City of *Ottawa*, is very creditably executed, promising well for the future success of the Artist, in other portions of the work. The Committee have purchased twenty-five copies of the first part for the sum of fifty pounds.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
30th April, 1856.

It was then moved to

1. *Resolved*, That the most respectful and grateful thanks of this House are due and ought to be presented to our Most Gracious Sovereign for the proofs of Her Majesty's solicitude in all that concerns the moral, intellectual and Material progress of this portion of Her Dominions, which have been afforded in the munificent donations made by Her Majesty, through the several Offices of State in *Great Britain*, consisting of books, maps, and engravings in aid of the reconstruction of the Library of the *Canadian* Parliament, which repeated disasters had almost totally destroyed. The gratitude of the Legislature is more deeply felt inasmuch as the present is not the first time wherein we have experienced the liberality of Her Majesty, in causing the *Canadian* Library to be enriched with collections of works valuable for literary research, and useful in aiding the business of Legislation.

2.—*Resolved*, That it is desirable, respectfully to solicit Her Majesty to convey through the proper channal to Her powerful and august Ally, the Emperor of the *French*, the most sincere and heartfelt thanks of Her Majesty's *Canadian* subjects, for the splendid donations of books and maps presented to the Library of Parliament by the different administrative departments of the *French* Government, to whom likewise, we are indebted for similar liberality extended to us, on a former occasion.

3.—*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty founded on the foregoing Resolutions.

4.—*Resolved*, That the thanks of this House are due, and are hereby given to the House of Lords, and to the House of Commons, for the extensive and valuable donations of Journals and Parliamentary Papers presented by the said Houses to the Joint Library of the Parliament of this Province.

5. *Ordered*, That the said Resolution be transmitted by Mr. Speaker to the Lord High Chancellor of *Great Britain*, and to the Speaker of the House of Commons.

6. *Resolved.* That the Thanks of this House are due, and are hereby given to the undermentioned gentlemen for their liberality in contributing donations of books to the Library:—To the Court of Directors of the Honorable *East India* Company; to the President and Secretaries of the British and Foreign Bible Society; to the Committee of the Oriental Translation Fund Society; and to Henry Drummond, Esquire, M. P.

7. *Resolved.* That the thanks of this House are due, and are hereby given to the undermentioned gentlemen for the valuable assistance afforded to the agent of the Legislature in his application to Public Offices and Departments of State, on behalf of the Library:—To *George Mayer*, Esquire, Librarian and Keeper of the Records of the Colonial Office; to *Bennet Woodcroft*, Esquire, Superintendent of Patent specifications, *London*; and to Mr. *Hector Bossange*, of *Paris*.

The said Resolutions been then again severally read,

It was moved to adopt the same,

Whereupon the question of concurrence being put on each the same was *Resolved* unanimously in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That the thanks of this House, expressed in the two preceding Resolutions, be communicated by Mr. Speaker to the several gentlemen named therein.

Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to the Queen's most Excellent Majesty in the following words:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN,

We, your Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to accept our most respectful and grateful thanks for the proofs of Your Majesty's solicitude in all that concerns the moral, intellectual and material progress of this portion of your Dominions, which have been afforded in the munificent donations made by Your Majesty, through your several Officers of State, consisting of books, maps, and engravings, in aid of the re-construction of the Library of the *Canadian* Parliament which repeated disasters had almost entirely destroyed. The gratitude of the Legislature is the more deeply felt inasmuch as the present is not the first time wherein we have experienced the liberality of Your Majesty in causing the *Canadian* Library to be enriched with collections of works valuable for the purposes of literary research, and useful in aiding the business of legislation.

At the same time we desire respectfully to solicit Your Majesty to be pleased to convey through the proper channel, to your powerful and august Ally, the Emperor of the *French*, the most sincere and heartfelt thanks of your *Canadian* subjects, for the splendid donations of books and maps, presented to the Library of Parliament by the different Administrative Departments of the *French* Government, to whom, likewise, we are indebted for similar liberality extended to us on a former occasion.

We avail ourselves of the present opportunity to renew the assurances of our loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to alter the mode of appointment of Members of the Legislative Council," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the punishment of the officers and servants of Railway Companies contravening the By-laws of such Companies, to the danger of person and property," was read a second time.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Ordinance of Lower Canada for the relief of certain religious societies," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to separate the County of *Bruce* from the County of *Huron*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Leslie*, and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act authorizing disinterments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to naturalize *Hervey Killam*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes," it was

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Ontario* Hotel Company," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three members.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sidney Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *Samuel Doolittle* and *Robert Johnson* a certain allowance for roads in the Township of *Haldimand*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time,

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sidney Smith* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to vest a certain allowance for road in the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*, in *John Wade* and *Benjamin Seymour*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Brown* and others as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 2nd May, 1856.

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Legislative Council to request their Honors will give leave to the Honorable *Adam Fergusson*, a member of their House, to attend before the Special Committee appointed to inquire and report as to the truth of certain charges preferred against Mr. *George Brown*, a member of this House, to be examined before the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Brown* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk, Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of "*Canada* North West Railway Company, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make further provision for the Geological Survey of this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Tuesday, 6th May, 1856.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

WIDMER,
J. MORRIS,
GORDON,
LESLIE,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,

PRAYERS.

It was moved

That the Address passed by this House yesterday to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty on the subject of donations of books and maps to the Library of Parliament be signed by his Honor the Speaker on the part of this House.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the said Address, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the punishment of the officers and servants of Rail-way Companies contravening the By-laws of such Companies to the danger of person and property," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That this Bill be read a third presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Ontario* Hotel Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to separate the County of *Bruce* from the County of *Huron*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to naturalize *Hervey K'Winn*," reported that they

had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise *Henry Wulfe Trigge*, Esquire, and "others, to construct a Toll Bridge on the North-east branch of the River *Nicolet*, "near the Church of the Parish of *St. Monique*, in the County of *Nicolet*, and to "incorporate the said *Henry Wulfe Trigge* and others, under the name of the "*St. Monique* Bridge Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to extend the "line of the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the "Act relating to Savings Banks," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill "intituled "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of incorporated Joint

“ Stock Companies for manufacturing, mining, mechanical or chemical purposes.”

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon and the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five members.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled “ An Act to vest a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland* in *John Wade* and *Benjamin Seymour*, was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Ross* and *Belleau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled “ An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the *Canada North-west Railway Company*,” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the said Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Walker*, *Gordon* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled “ An Act to make further provision for the Geological Survey of this Province,” was read a second time.

It was moved,

That the forty sixth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill, and that the same be read a third time presently.

After debate

The question of concurrence was put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly,

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill intituled “ An Act to amend

the Provincial Act appropriating the moneys arising from the Clergy Reserves," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read second time to-morrow.

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

Wednesday, 7th May, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. MORRIS,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
LESSLIE,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a petition from *Edward Glackmeyer*, of the City of *London, Canada West*, one of the Directors of the *London Gas Company*, and Manager of the same, praying that a Petition from the Corporation of the said City tending to deprive him of the right of voting for the election of Directors may not be entertained;

Also, a Petition from *Jean Baptiste Héneau* and others, of the County of *Beauharnois*, praying to be indemnified for damages suffered by them in consequence of the erection of a dam at the head of the *Beauharnois Canal*.

And also, a Petition from *Henry Burnham* and others of the Township of *Melbourne*, praying that at least one of the contemplated Normal Schools to be erected in *Lower Canada*, may be located in the Eastern Townships.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *Siméon Larochelle* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Anselme*, praying for a grant of four hundred pounds towards the erection of a building for a College in that parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Galt*, and to define the limits thereof," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Ordinance of *Lower Canada* for the "relief of certain religious Societies," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act authorizing disinterments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," reported that they gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments which he was ready to submit whenever the House was pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

Page 1, Line 10.—After "authority" insert "of the Roman Catholic Church in "*Lower Canada*."

Page 1, Line 11.—Leave out "Township," and after "mission" insert "of that "*Church in Lower Canada*."

Page 1, Line 14.—After "Priest" insert "or" and leave out from "missionary" to "and."

Page 1, Line 15.—Leave out from "Wardens" to "of," and after "the," where it occurs the second time, insert "Roman Catholic."

Page 1, Line 21.—Leave out "Minister," and leave out from "Wardens" to "as."

Page 1, Line 27.—After "Priest" insert "or," and leave out from "Missionary" to "and" and leave out from "Wardens" to "of" in line 28.

Page 1, Line 29.—After “ Priest” insert “ or,”

Page 1, Line 30.—Leave out from “ Missionary” to “ ministering.”

Page 1, Line 32.—Leave out “ Minister.”

Page 1, Line 33.—Leave out from “ Wardens” to “ for.”

Page 1, Line 38.—After “ Priest” insert “ or.”

Page 1, Line 39.—Leave out from “ Missionary” to “ or,” where it occurs the second time, and leave out from “ Wardens” to “ all,” in line 40.

Page 2, Line 3.—Leave out from “ Wardens” to “ shall.”

Page 2, Line 4.—After “ a” insert “ Roman Catholic.”

Page 2, Line 6.—After “ known” insert Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

“ Before proceeding to any disinterments in any burial ground, under this Act, permission to that effect shall be obtained from the superior Ecclesiastical authority of the “ Roman Chatholic Diocese in which the same is situate.”

IN THE PREAMBLE OF THE BILL.

Page 1, Line 4.—Leave out from “ mentioned” to “ therefore” in line 6.

Ordered, That the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled “ An Act to revive, continue and amend the Act incorporating “ the *Hamilton and Port Dover* Railway Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled “ An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of “ Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical,

“or Chemical purposes,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Page 1, Line 28.—After “by” insert “the votes of a,” and leave out from “of” to “to” and insert “all the Stockholders of the Company given thereat, either in person or by proxy.”

Page 2, Line 38.—Leave out from “subscribed” to “the,” in line 39.

Page 2, Line 39.—Leave out from “Company” to “shall” in line 40.

Page 2, Line 40.—Leave out from “enact” to “By-laws” in line 42.

Page 2, Line 43.—After “purposes,” insert “in addition to those mentioned in the Act first above cited, namely.”

Page 3, Line 15.—Leave out “said.”

Page 3, Line 16.—Leave out from “advantage” to “all” in line 19, and insert “Provided always, that permission to do so be first had and obtained from the Council of the Municipality having the control of such road or street, that no unnecessary damage be done in the execution of the works, and that care be taken, as far as may be, to preserve a free and uninterrupted passage through such road or street, while they are in progress.”

It was moved

That the said amendments be now taken into consideration by the House.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said amendments be not now taken into consideration by the House, but that the Bill and the report of the Select Committee thereon be committed to a Committee of the whole House to-morrow.

After debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company,"

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five members.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to vest in *Samuel Doolittle* and *Robert Johnson*, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Haldimand*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Provincial Act appropriating the moneys arising from the Clergy Reserves," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be a third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend repeal, and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cartier* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Common School Laws, and further to promote the Elementary Education in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Thursday, 8th May, 1856.

The members convened were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

J. MORRIS,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
LESSLIE,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a petition from *H. Henderson* and others, of *Sherbrooke*, praying for the passing of an Act for the encouragement of Horticulture.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* presented a petition from the Municipality of the Town of *Cobourg*, praying that pecuniary aid may be given towards deepening and enlarging the Harbour of the said Town.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the City of *Toronto*, praying that the Act 12th *Victoria*, Chapter 81, may be so amended, as to vest the appointment and dismissal of all the Police Force of Cities, except the Chief Constable, in a Board, to be composed of the Mayor, Recorder and Police Magistrate.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Militia Law."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from a Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House was pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Page 2, Line 4.—After “third” insert “and if the two Arbitrators, appointed as
“aforesaid, either by the parties, or by one of them, and by
“a Judge on behalf of the other, cannot agree as to the ap-
“pointment of a third Arbitrator, it shall be lawful for any
“Judge of the Superior or Circuit Court for *Lower Canada*,
“on the Petition of either of the said Arbitrators and after
“due notice to the other, to appoint such third Arbitrator,
“and the.”

Page 2, Line 5.—Leave out “whom” and insert “the three Arbitrators.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed and the said Bill as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *Thomas Danbee* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *Ralph Jones* and others, all of *Cobourg*, severally praying that pecuniary aid may be granted towards deepening and enlarging the Harbour of the said Town of *Cobourg*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled “An Act to incorporate the Town of *Galt*, and to define the limits thereof,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled “An Act to vest in *Samuel Doolittle* and *Robert Johnson* a certain allowance for road in the Township of *Haldimand*,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Provincial Act appropriating the moneys arising from the Clergy Reserves.

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the Order of the Day for the third reading of this Bill be discharged, and that the Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House, for the purpose of adding to the first clause thereof the following words, viz. : "and that the said amounts shall constitute special funds of such Municipalities, which shall be applied by such Municipalities exclusively for the support of Common Schools within the limits of such Municipalities, and for no other purpose whatever."

Which being objected to,

After debate

The question of concurrence was put thereon and the same was

Resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act authorizing disinterments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*."

Which said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time on Monday next.

The House according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of incorporated Joint Stock Companies, for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," and the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed, and the Honorable Mr. *de Blaquiere* reported from the said Committee that they had taken the said Bill and Report into consideration, and had directed him to report certain further amendments to the Bill, in addition to those proposed by the Select Committee, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said further amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Page 1, Line 23.—Leave out "fifteen" and insert "thirty."

Page 1, Line 24.—After “by” insert “ a written notice signed by the Secretary
“ and addressed to each of the Shareholders or their represen-
“ tatives transmitted through the Post Office, and by.”

In the first amendment recommended by the Report of the Select committee,
after “Stockholders” insert “ holding a majority of shares
“ in.”

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence
put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended,
read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled
“ An Act to amend, repeal, and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein
“ mentioned, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the Courts of
“ Queen’s Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*,” it was

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to amend the
“ Common School Laws, and, further to promote Elementary Education in *Lower*
“ *Canada*,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same on Tuesday
next.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council
of the Township of *Lancaster*, praying that measures may be adopted to define
and establish the boundary line between Eastern and Western *Canada*, as it
passes through the said Township, and that a road may be opened thereon to con-
nect the *St. Lawrence* with the *Ottawa* River.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Macbeth* and
others, with a Bill, intituled “ An Act to vest in *James Taunton*, a certain allow-
“ ance for road in the Township of *Southwold*,” to which they desire the concur-
rence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Munro* and
others, with a Bill, intituled “ An Act to vest in *John Furley*, the younger, a cer-
“ tain allowance for Road in the Township of *Darlington*,” to which they desire
the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sidney Smith*

and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize a Survey of the Broken Front Concession of the Township of *Darlington*, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Church* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to vest in *Daniel Burritt*, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Marlborough*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley*; and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act imposing Duties of Customs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cartier* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to make better provision for promotion of superior Education, and the establishment and support of Normal Schools in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act relating to Savings Banks," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to change the Constitution of the Legislative Council, by rendering the same Elective," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Friday, 9th May, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from the Honorable *Samuel Mills* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*, praying for the passing of a Bill to construct a Railway from *Simcoe*, in the County of *Norfolk*, to the Great Western Railway.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *John de St. Croix* and others, proprietors of Land in the Townships of *Cap Rosier*, *Fox*, and adjoining Townships, forming the upper portion of the County of *Gaspé*, praying for aid to enable them to open a Road in the said County.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical, or Chemical purposes," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled

“ An Act to vest in *Daniel Burritt* a certain allowance for Road in the Township
“ of *Marlborough*, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Tuesday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to amend,
“ repeal, and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned, and to
“ simplify, and expedite the proceedings in the Courts of Queen’s Bench and Com-
“ mon Pleas in *Upper Canada*,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same on Monday
next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Turcotte* and
others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, 8th May, 1856.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council,
acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to the Address to Her Most
Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of their humble thanks to Her Majesty,
and to Her August Ally, the Emperor of the French, for the very valuable Dona-
tion of Books and Maps, with which Their Majesties have been pleased to enrich
the Canadian Parliamentary Library, by filling up the blank with the words “ and
“ Commons.”

Ordered, That Mr. *Turcotte* do carry the said Message to the Legislative
Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clerk, Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

A Message was then brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Turcotte*
and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Thursday, 8th May, 1856.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council,
acquainting their Honors that this House hath passed the accompanying 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 the Queen, expressive of their humble thanks to Her Majesty, and to
Her august Ally, the Emperor of the French, for the very valuable Donation of
Books and Maps with which Their Majesties have been pleased to enrich the
Canadian Parliamentary Library, in such a manner as His Excellency may see
fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne, to which they
desire the concurrence of their Honors.

Ordered, That Mr. *Turcotte* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk, Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in, and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

The Address to His Excellency the Governor General was then read by the Clerk as follows :—

To His Excellency SIR EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, expressive of our humble thanks to Her Majesty, and to Her August Ally, the Emperor of the French, for the very valuable Donation of Books and Maps with which Their Majesties have been pleased to enrich the Canadian Parliamentary Library, in such a way as your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

L. V. SICOTTE,
Speaker; L. A.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HALL,
Thursday, 8th May, 1856.

It was moved

To agree with the Legislative Assembly by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and."

The question of concurrence being put thereon the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the said Address by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and"

Ordered, That the Joint Addresses to Her Majesty and His Excellency the Governor General, be presented to His Excellency, on the part of this House, by His Honor the Speaker and the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*.

Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General humbly to know what time His Excellency will please to appoint, to be attended with the said Joint Addresses.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Roderick McDonald* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Municipal Council of the Town of *Cornwall* to appropriate the surplus of certain moneys "raised for making a Macadamised Road," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bowes* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Victoria Mining Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, presented a Petition from *W. H. Lemoine* and others, of the County of *Montmorency*, praying for a grant of £500, towards the improvement of the road between Parishes of *St. Ferréol*, and *Ste. Anne* in that County.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the "Acts imposing Duties of Customs," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to vest a certain allowance for road in the Township "of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*, in *John Wade* and *Benjamin Seymour*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Owen Sound*, in the County

"of *Grey*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Foley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada and Liverpool* "Mining and Exploring Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Monday, 12th May, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERGUSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER.

The Honorable Messieurs

MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from *James Rosamond* and others, of *Carleton Place*, and the adjacent Townships in the County of *Carleton*, praying that the measures which have been adopted in some parts of the *United States* to induce a large body of Roman Catholic settlers to come into this Province may be effectually discouraged, and that no measure for making free grants of land to such immigrants may become Law.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from *F. W. Henshaw*, of *Montreal*, praying for such an amendment of the Law regulating the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes, as will enable him to resume, without being subject to a penalty, his former occupation of Inspector.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Adolphe de Puisbusque* and *Elizabeth Taylor*, his wife, of the City of *Paris*, in the Empire of *France*, and *Francis Phillips Dawn*, in the Borough of *Bath*, *England*, praying that the Bill before Parliament for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State the property now vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance may not become Law, unless the claims and rights of the said Petitioners be either liquidated or guaranteed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the last mentioned Petition be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *B. Chandonnois* and others of the Parish of *St. Jean les Chaiillons* in the County of *Lotbinière*, praying against the annexation of the said County to the Counties of *Megantic* and *Arthabaska* for Judicial purposes.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented a Petition from *Nicholas Hagerman* and others, of the Township of *Hamilton*, in the County of *Northumberland*, praying against the passing of the Bill to vest in *John Wade* and *Benjamin Seymour* a certain road allowance in the said Township.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker acquainted the House that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General humbly, to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to be attended with the Joint Address, expressive of thanks to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to Her August Ally the Emperor of the French, for the very valuable donation of books and maps with which Their Majesties have been pleased to enrich the *Canadian Parliamentary Library*, as also, the Joint Address requesting His Excellency to transmit

the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and that His Excellency had named to-morrow at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed to-morrow, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon to be attended with the said Joint Addresses, and that the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council and the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* will be in attendance at that time on the part of this House.

It was moved

That the Honorable *Adam Fergusson* do have leave to go to the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of Friday, the second instant, if he thinks fit.

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council doth give leave to the Honorable *Adam Fergusson*, one of their Members, to attend before the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly, appointed to inquire and report as to the truth of certain charges preferred against Mr. *George Brown*, a Member of that House, to be examined before the said Committee, as desired in their Message of Friday, the second instant, if he thinks fit.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act authorizing disinterments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Militia law," it was

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to vest in *James Taunton*, a certain allowance for road in the Township of *Southwold*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Knowlton* and *Leslie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize a Survey of the Broken Front Concession of the Township of *Darlington*, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Gordon* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to vest in *John Farley*, the younger, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Darlington*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee, to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *James Taunton*, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Southwold*."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to make better provision for promotion of superior Education, and the establishment and support of Normal Schools in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice—That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the delay in the Office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in affording answers to applications to that department, in matters connected therewith, and that such Committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to report thereon—it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until this day week.

The Order of the Day being read for putting the House into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend, repeal and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned, and simplify and expedite the proceedings in the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Municipal Council of the Town of *Cornwall*, to appropriate the surplus of certain moneys raised for making a Macadamized Road," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Wednesday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Victoria Mining Company*," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Thursday next.

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Daly* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Dufresne* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *A. A. Dorion* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to *La Banque du Peuple*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Crawford* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the *Brockville* Gas Light Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Tuesday, 13th May, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable **ETIENNE P. TACHÉ**, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from *Fennings Taylor*, Clerk Assistant and Master in Chancery, praying that he may receive a like Salary to that enjoyed by his Colleague in rank and title.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from *Elkanah Billings*, of the City of *Ottawa*, praying for pecuniary aid to enable him to continue the publication of the *Canadian Naturalist and Geologist*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker reported to the House, that pursuant to the order of yesterday the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* and himself had waited on His Excellency the Governor General at the Government House, where they found certain Members from the Legislative Assembly, and that they presented the Address to His Excellency the Governor General, agreed upon by both Houses on the subject of donations of books and maps to the Parliamentary Library, and that His Excellency was pleased to say that he would have much pleasure in transmitting the Joint Address to the Queen, to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *John Farley*, the younger, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Darlington*," reported that they had gone

through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *James Taunton* a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Southwold*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style "of the *Canada North West Railway Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House according to order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Common "School Laws, and further to promote Elementary Education in *Lower Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to notice, it was moved to

Resolve, That an Humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, respectfully to represent that *Charles de Lery*, Esquire, late Clerk of the Legislative Council received a larger sum of money many years ago, when such Clerk, on account of the Contingencies of said Council, and misapplied a large part thereof.

That this Council expressed its desire soon after such default on the part of the said *Charles de Lery*, that legal steps should be taken to recover the money so misapplied by him, and was informed that such legal steps had been taken.

That the Legislative Council respectfully begs His Excellency to inform this House whether legal proceedings have been adopted for this purpose, and when they were commenced, and what Counsel or Solicitor has been employed on the occasion.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That such Members of the executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *Daniel Burritt* a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Marlborough*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Boulton* and *Dickson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada and Liverpool* Mining and Exploring Company," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Moore*, *J. Morris* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the "Militia Law," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill intituled "An Act to make better provision for promotion of Superior Education, and the establishment and support of Normal Schools in Lower Canada, and for other purposes."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable *Mr. Leslie* reported from the said Committee that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

The Honorable *Mr. Walker* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Jasper Hume Nicolls* M.A. Principal of Bishops' College, and others, Members of Universities established in *Lower Canada* by Royal Charter, praying that the Bill before Parliament for the establishment and support of Normal Schools in *Lower Canada*, may not be passed without certain amendments.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Ordered, That the last mentioned Petition be printed in both languages for the use of members.

The Honorable *Mr. Walker* presented a Petition from the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Quebec*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department and on the *St. Lawrence* Canals.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Acts relating to La Banque du Peuple," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant the Order of Day the Bill intituled "An Act to explain an amend the Charter of the *Brockville* Gas Light Company," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Boulton* and *Dickson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable *Mr.*

Morrison and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Charter of the "Ontario, Simcoe and Lake Huron Railroad Union Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, to return the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act "to provide for the formation of incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Papin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectual means for securing the payment of constituted rents and life rents," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *J. B. E. Dorion* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to legalize a certain School Assessment in the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the Line of the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

It was moved.

That the time for receiving Private Bills from the Legislative Assembly be extended to the twenty fifth instant.

The question of concurrence being put thereon the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

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

Wednesday, 14th May, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton* and *Leslie* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Acts relating to *La Banque du People*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the “Act incorporating the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend, repeal and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the Courts of Queen’s Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* reported from the said committee that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Municipal Council of the Town of *Cornwall* to appropriate the surplus of certain moneys raised for making a Macadamized Road," was read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Militia Law."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Charter of the *Ontario*, *Simcoe* and *Lake Huron* Railroad Union Company," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Ross* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Biggar* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to vest certain Road allowances in the Township of *Brantford*, in *George S. Wilkes*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sydney Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize *William Weller* to hold and convey the *Canada* Grand Trunk Telegraph Line," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act for

“the qualification of Justices of the Peace,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled “An Act to impose an “additional Excise Duty on Spirits,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time tomorrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, with a Bill, intituled “An Act to facilitate the examination of Candidates for “admission to the Notorial Profession in *Lower Cwnada,*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication, announcing the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to come down to this House on Friday next, at half-past three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of assenting in Her Majesty's name, to certain Bills passed by the two Houses of the Legislature.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Thursday, 15th May, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *N. S. Pelletier* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Jean Port Joly*, in the County of *L'Islet*, praying for aid for the promotion of Colonization in *Lower Canada*, and that certain amendments may be made to the *Lower Canada Municipal and Road Act of 1855*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Annual Report of University College, *Toronto*, for the year ending 1855.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the *Brockville Gas Light Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *Daniel Burritt* a certain allowance for

“Road in the Township of *Marlborough*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative

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

The Honorable Mr. *Moore*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled “An Act to incorporate the *Canada and Liverpool* Mining and “Exploring Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Page 2, Line 10.—Leave out from “due” to “possessed” and insert “to or”

Page 2, Line 13.—Leave out “Corporation” and insert “Association—”

Page 2, Line 16.—Leave out “Association” and insert “Corporation.”

Page, Line 21.—Leave out from “property” to “do”, in line 22.

The said amendments being read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize a Survey of the Broken Front Concession “of the Township of *Darlington*, and for other purposes,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a petition from *Thomas Brunskill* and others;

And also, a Petition from *George Wright* and others, all of *Toronto*, severally praying against the passing of a Bill to incorporate the *Millers Association*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the “*Militia Law*,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Victoria Mining Company*," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide more effectually for securing the payment of constituted rents and life rents," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to legalize a certain School Assessment in the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remedy defects in the Patent for Lot "number Four, Broken Concession A. and B. of the Township of *Hamilton*."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read, but that it be read a second time this day six months.

Which being objected to.

After a long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon and the same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the same was also *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest certain

“Road allowances in the Township of *Brantford* in *George S. Wilkes*,” was read a second time,

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton*, *Ross* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “An Act to authorize *William Weller* to hold and convey the *Canada Grand Trunk Telegraph Line*,” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Boulton*, *Ross* and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled “An Act to amend the Act for the qualification of Justices of the Peace,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “An Act to impose an additional Excise Duty on Spirits,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “An Act to facilitate the Examination of Candidates for admission to the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*,” was read a second time.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled “An Act to authorize *William Weller* to hold and convey the *Canada Grand Trunk Telegraph Line*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not read a third time to-morrow, but that it be referred back to the same Select Committee to which it was formerly referred.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Alley* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to render the Mayor of *Quebec* elective by the electors of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Rhodes* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Larwill* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham* to dispose of the land now set apart for a Cemetery in the said Town," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Frazer* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Stamford*, in the Township Council," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved

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

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Friday, 16th May, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIÉ,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS,

The House was adjourned during pleasure.
After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency *Sir Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick* and the *Island of Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know, "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately " in this House."

Who being come with the Speaker,

The Acting Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow :—

An Act to incorporate the *Buffalo* and Lake *Huron* Railway Company, with power to purchase from the *Buffalo, Brantford* and *Goderich* Railway Company their line of Railway, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide in a more certain manner for order in Enregistration, and to facilitate Enregistrations and searches in the Registry Offices of *Lower Canada*.

An Act to change the name of *George Byron Lyon* and of his family by adding the name of *Fellowes*.

An Act to amend the *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Act of 1855, and to authorize the organization of a Municipal Council in the Village of *St. Jérôme*.

An Act to enable the *Hamilton* Hotel Company to increase their Capital Stock and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Henry Spencer Papps* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney.

An Act for the punishment of the Officers and Servants of Railway Companies contravening the By-laws of such Companies to the danger of person and property.

An Act to incorporate the *Ontario* Hotel Company.

An Act to separate the County of *Bruce* from the County of *Huron*.

An Act to naturalize *Hervey Killam*.

An Act to authorize *Henry Wulf Trigge*, Esquire, and others, to construct a Toll Bridge on the North-east branch of the River *Nicolet*, near the Church of the Parish of *St. Monique*, in the County of *Nicolet*; and to incorporate the said *Henry Wulf Trigge*, and others, under the name of the "*St. Monique* Bridge Company."

An Act to make further provision for the Geological Survey of this Province.

An Act to incorporate the Town of *Owen Sound*, in the County of *Grey*.

An Act to vest a certain allowance for Road, in the Township of *Hamilton*, County of *Northumberland*, in *John Wade* and *Benjamin Seymour*.

An Act to amend the Provincial Act, appropriating the moneys arising from the Clergy Reserves.

An Act to vest in *Samuel Doolittle* and *Robert Johnson*, a certain allowance for Road, in the Township of *Haldimand*.

An Act to incorporate the Town of *Galt*, and to define the limits thereof.

An Act to revive, continue and amend the Act incorporating the *Hamilton* and *Port Dover* Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act relating to Savings Banks.

An Act to extend the line of the *Port Dalhousie* and *Thorold* Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act to provide for the formation of incorporated Joint Stock Companies, for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes.

An Act to amend the Common School Laws, and further promote Elementary Education in *Lower Canada*.

An Act to vest in *James Taunton*, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Southwold*.

An Act to vest in *John Farley* the younger, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Darlington*.

An Act to amend the Acts imposing Duties of Customs.

An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *L'Assomption* River and Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name and style of the "*Canada North-west Railway Company*."

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Stratford* and *Huron* Railway Company.

An Act to amend the Act relating to *La Banque du Peuple*.

An Act to vest in *Daniel Burritt*, a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *Marlborough*.

An Act to explain and amend the Charter of the *Brockville* Gas Light Company.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House in the words following :—

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

Then the Acting Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the title of another Bill to be passed as follows :—

"An Act to change the constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering the same Elective,"

To this Bill the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did thereupon say,

"His Excellency the Governor General doth reserve this Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon."

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

The Honorable Messieurs *McGill* and *Ross* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from *John Graybiel* and others, of the Township of *Humberstone* in the County of *Welland*, praying that the representation of Canada may be placed on the basis of population, without regard to a separating line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Townsend*, praying that a Charter may be granted for the con-

struction of a Railway from the Town of *Simcoe*, in the County of *Norfolk*, to some point on the Great Western Railway at or near *Fairchild's Creek*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière* from the Joint Committee of both Houses, for the direction of the Library of Parliament, presented their fifth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

The Members on behalf of the Legislative Council, of the Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a fifth Report.

In order to supply the place of Mr. *Langton* in carrying out the views expressed in their Fourth Report, last Session. The Committee upon the motion of the Honorable *John Ross* have requested the Honorable *P. H. Moore*, a Member of your Honorable House, to proceed to *Washington*, to *Louisiana*, and to certain border States of the American Union, for the purpose of organizing a system of exchange of the Laws, Journals, and Public Documents of the principal Legislatures of the United States, with this Province; and also to procure for the Library such important historical and constitutional works, concerning America as he may be unable to obtain by way of gift. Mr. *Moore* has consented to undertake this mission, and the Committee trust that by his exertions, this portion of the Library may be rendered useful and complete.

The official Publications which can be presented to the American Legislatures, in return for the works we may receive from them, will unavoidably be few in number, and confined to those which have been issued within the last two years, the stocks on hand of the Journals and papers of former years having been destroyed by fire. The Committee consider however, that, so far as is may be practicable, complete sets of the revised Laws of *Lower* and *Upper Canada*, of the Statutes of *Canada*, and of the Journals and Papers of both Houses for the present Parliament, should be presented to those States with whom an exchange may be effected; together with any other Official Publications, or Books at the disposal of the Legislature, and in order to ensure a punctual delivery of these Books the Committee recommend that the Clerk of Legislative Council and the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly do forward, from time to time, such official publications with any other works available for this purpose, agreeably to the directions of the Committee to be conveyed through their Secretary, and that the cost of the same be defrayed proportionally out of the Contingences of both Houses.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
16th May, 1856.

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to legalize a certain School Assessment in the Parish

“ of *St. Cristophe d'Arthabaska*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled “ An Act to facilitate the examination of Candidates for admission to “ the Notarial profession in *Lower Canada*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill intituled “ AN Act to incorporate “ the *Canada and Liverpool Mining and Exploring Company*,” was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize a “ Survey of the Broken Front Concession of the Township of *Darlington*, and for “ other purposes,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative,

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide more “ effectual means for securing the payment of constituted rents and life rents,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the “ Act for the qualification of Justices of the Peace,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to impose an “ additional Excise Duty on Spirits,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice certain resolutions in regard to the restoration of the late Faculties of Law and Medicine in the University of *Toronto*, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend, repeal and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the said Committee reported that they had again taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some further progress therein, and asked leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to render the Mayor of *Quebec* elective by the Electors of *Quebec*," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham* to dispose of the Land now set apart for a Cemetary in the said Town," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Stamford*, in the Township Council," was read a second time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Clarke* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the Partition made by the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of the late *Anne Powell*, of the Real Estate of the late Honorable *William Dummer Powell*, and for the appointment of new Trustees, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time,

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Clifton*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Monday, 19th May, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
HAMILTON,
FERRIS,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
BOURRET,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *l'Institut Canadien des Artisans de Ste. Scholastique*, praying for aid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Jean Baptiste de l'Isleverte*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying for aid to open a certain road ;

And also, a Petition from *P. Fournier* and others, of the Parish of *Trois Pistoles*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying that the Village of *Saint Patrice de la Rivière du Loup* may be made the *chef-lieu* of the Judicial District of

Kamouraska instead of the Village of *Saint Louis de Kamouraska*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The *Honorable* Mr. *Walker* enters.

The *Honorable* Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *William Weller* to hold and convey the "*Canada* Grand Trunk Telegraph Line," reported that they had again gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The *Honorable* Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to render the Mayor of *Quebec* elective by the Electors of *Quebec*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The *Honorable* Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the report be now received, and:

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows:—

Page 1, Line 24.—Leave out from "words" to "five," and insert "a qualified
"person, or two, three, four, or."

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to legalize a certain School Assessment in the Parish of *St. Christopher & Arthabaska*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to facilitate the

“Examination of Candidates for admission to the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham*, to dispose of the land now set apart for a Cemetery in the said Town,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Stamford*, in the Township Council,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Order of the Day being read for moving, pursuant to notice, for the appointment of a Committee to inquire into and report upon the causes of the delay occasioned in the office of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, in obtaining answers to applications made to that Department, in relation to matters connected therewith, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill intituled “An Act to make better provision for promotion of superior Education, and the establishment and support of Normal Schools in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to notice, the following Resolutions were read and moved :

FIRST. That the means of instruction in law is an important ingredient in every system of liberal education, and that an University on a broad basis, is imperfect without a Faculty of Law. Moreover, it is anomalous in an University to undertake to grant degrees in law without providing any means for affording instruction thereon. And therefore it is desirable that the Faculty of Law be restored in the University of Toronto.

SECOND. That the 32nd Clause of the Toronto University Amendment Act, in as far as it concerns the Faculty of Medicine, has proved most injurious in its effects to the interests of the Province by diminishing the means of instruction afforded to the Students of Medicine, resident in Western *Canada* and its vicinity.

THIRD. That no such facilities can be obtained for completing the education of Medical Students in Institutions with contracted means,—but the joint efforts of an accomplished Staff of highly educated Professors, constituting a Faculty, whose exertions may be concentrated solely on the object in view, are essential to success.

FOURTH. That a Library and a certain amount of expensive apparatus for the elucidation of various subjects requiring to be taught in a complete course of medical instruction, are not at the command of individual teachers or small Institutions, but can only be available through the aid of an amply endowed University.

The first Resolution being then again read,

It was moved to adopt the same,

Which, being objected to

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

The second, third and fourth Resolutions being then again severally read

It was moved to adopt the same,

Whereupon the question of concurrence was put on each, and the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

It was then moved to

Resolve, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to communicate for His Excellency's information, a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was also

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General with the said Resolution and Address.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill intituled "An Act to amend, repeal and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned and to simplify and

“expedite the proceedings in the Courts of Queen’s Bench and Common Pleas in “*Upper Canada*.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to confirm the “partition made by the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of the late *Anne Powell*, “of the Real Estate of the late Honorable *William Dummer Powell*, and for the “appointment of new Trustees, and for other purposes,” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate “the Town of *Clifton*,” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Matheson* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “An Act to “amend the Act to alter and amend the Act regulating the practice of the County “Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to extend the Jurisdiction thereof.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Charter of the *Ontario*, *Simcoe* and *Lake* “*Huron* Railroad Union Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest certain Road allowances in the Township of *Brantford* in *George S. Wilkes*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the "Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Municipal Council of the Town of *Cornwall*, to appropriate the surplus of certain moneys raised for making a *Macadamized Road*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Freeman* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act for the construction of Water Works in the "City of *Hamilton*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:

EDMUND HEAD.

The Governor General, lays before the Honorable the Legislative Council a copy of a Despatch, which he has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, C. W., May 19th, 1856.

(Copy.)—No. 79.

Downing Street, 2nd May, 1856.

SIR,—You are aware that the treaty of Peace provides for the prompt evacuation by Her Majesty's Forces of the Foreign Territories at present held by them; and that among other arrangements for the distribution of the Army on its return from active service, orders have been given that five Regiments shall be selected to be stationed in *British North America*, of which three are allotted to *Canada*.

2. Such an amount of Force is not of a character to afford much room for misconception, as to the purpose of Her Majesty's Government; but still I think it better to address to you a few remarks in explanation of that purpose.

3. Earl *Grey's* Despatch to Lord *Elgin*, of the 14th March, 1851, laid down the principles which were then adopted by Her Majesty's Government, in regard to their Colonial policy, considered in a Military point of view, and in reserving to the Mother Country the duty of maintaining Garrisons for Fortresses of chief importance, such as *Quebec*, invited the co-operation of the Province for the auxiliary measures of defence. The vigor with which, at this moment, a Militia force is being organized, justifies our continuing to place, as we do place, the fullest reliance on this policy.

4. It is not, of course, to be expected that the force of the Garrisons alluded to, should be at all times of an unvarying strength. It may vary occasionally from military or political reasons. During the War, just ended, when the chief Military strength of the Empire had to be concentrated for the operations in the East, Regiments stationed in *Canada* were withdrawn; and as my predecessor, Sir *George Grey*, explained in a despatch, dated 11th August, 1854, increased responsibility was thrown upon the Province. That emergency has now happily passed away; but although the regular soldiers in *Canada* may be more or fewer at any particular time, the policy of Her Majesty's Government continues the same, and they desire to place their main dependence on the well-proved loyalty and courage of Her Majesty's Canadian subjects to repel any hostile aggression, should the occasion ever unfortunately occur; although, in that event, Her Majesty's Government would not fail to give to the Province the full support of the whole power of the British Empire.

5. You will take care that no misapprehension on this subject shall exist in

Canada, which might produce any relaxation of the honorable exertions which the Province is now making to establish a suitable Military organization.

I have had the greatest satisfaction in submitting to Her Majesty the accounts which you have transmitted to me of the spirit and energy with which all classes of Her Canadian subjects have come forward to carry into effect the provisions of the new Militia Act, and I trust that the result will be, that this local force will speedily be placed on a footing of permanent efficiency.

I have, &c.,

(Signed)

H. LABOUCHERE.

Governor,

SIR EDMUND HEAD, Baronet,

&c., &c., &c.

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

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

EDMUND HEAD,

The Governor General, lays before the Honorable the Legislative Council, a copy of Her Majesty's Proclamation on the conclusion of Peace.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Toronto, C. W., May 19th, 1856.

BY THE QUEEN.

A PROCLAMATION.

VICTORIA R.

WHEREAS a Definitive Treaty of Peace and Friendship between Us and Our Allies and His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of All the *Russias* was concluded at *Paris* on the Thirtieth Day of *March* last, and the Ratifications thereof have now been duly exchanged : In conformity thereunto, we have thought fit hereby to command that the same be published throughout all Our Dominions : And We do declare to all Our loving Subjects Our Will and Pleasure, that the said Treaty of Peace and Friendship be observed inviolably, as well by Sea as by Land, and in all places whatsoever, strictly charging and commanding all Our loving Subjects to take Notice hereof, and to conform themselves thereunto accordingly.

Given at Our Court at *Buckingham Palace*, this Twenty-eighth Day of *April*, in the Year of Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and in the Nineteenth Year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

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

Tuesday, 20th May, 1856.

The members convened were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
BOURRETT,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the partition made by the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of the late *Anne Powell*, of the Real Estate of the late Honorable *William Dummer Powell*, and for the appointment of new Trustees, "and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Victoria Mining Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Page 7, Line 11.—Leave out from "Stock" to "this" in line ult.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon the same was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *William Weller* to hold and convey the *Canada Grand Trunk Telegraph Line*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative

Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to Notice, it was moved to

Resolve, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct a Return to be made to this House, showing the number of Licenses issued in the years 1854, 1855 and 1856 in *Upper and Lower Canada*, for the sale of intoxicating liquors, distinguishing the number issued in each City, Town, Township or Parish in the Province, and also the amount received in each locality for the issue of such Licenses; and also shewing to what extent the persons who obtained such Licenses have sleeping accommodation for Travellers.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to alter and amend the Act, regulating the practise of the County Courts in *Upper Canada* and to extend the Jurisdiction thereof," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the construction of Water Works in the City of *Hamilton*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Matheson* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Wednesday, 21st May, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
FERRIE,
KNOWLTON,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.,
GORDON,
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
BOURRET,
DE BEAUJEU,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS,

It was moved

That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

Friday, 23rd May, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
GORDON,
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,
BOURRET,
DEBEAUJEU,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
PERRY,

PRAYERS.

It was moved,

That the House do now adjourn.

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

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

Monday, 26th May, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MOORE,
GOODHUE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
GORDON,
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
LESLIE,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *C. J. Duchesnay* and others, of the Parish of *St. Ours*, in the County of *Richelieu*, praying for the abolition of tythes, and the payment of *Curés* by fixed salaries, to be provided for by assessment on all their Parishoners without distinction.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Sorel* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Town of *Sorel*, severally praying that the Bill, now before Parliament, for the decentralization of the Judicial system in *Lower Canada*, may be so amended as to form a Judicial District, composed of the Parishes of *Pierreville*, *St. François*, *St. David*, *St. Guillaume*, and *Yamaska*, in the County of *Yamaska*, of the Parishes of *St. Antoine* and *Contrecoeur*, in the County of *Verchères*, and of the Counties of *Berthier* and *Richelieu*, with *Sorel* as the District Town.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Scholastique* ;

Also, a Petition from *C. Laroux* and others, of the Parish of *St. Placide* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *St. Scholastique* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *P. Poulim* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hermas* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Two Mountains* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *F. Burgeault* and others, of the Parish of *St. Joseph*, all in the County of *Two Mountains*, severally praying that *St. Scholastique* may be the District Town of the proposed Judicial District of *Terrebonne* ;

Also, a Petition from *F. O. Cartier*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Vaudreuil* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Jeanne de l'Isle Perrot*, severally praying that the Counties of *Vaudreuil* and *Soulanges* may be erected into a separate District for Judicial purposes.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. André*, in the County of *Kamouraska* ;

And also, a Petition from *Francois Lepine* and others, of the County of *Montmorency*, praying that the Commissioners of the *Quebec Turnpike Trust* may not be allowed to re-build the Suspension Bridge over the Falls of the River *Montmorency*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from the Honorable *George*

Saveuse René de Beaujeu, of *Coteau du Lac*, in the District of *Montreal*, praying that the proposed Bill, to transfer to one of Her Majesty's Secretaries of State the property now vested in the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance may not become Law, unless his rights are specially reserved.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the last mentioned Petition be printed in both languages, for the use of Members.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Town Council of *Brantford*, praying for the passing of the Bill to incorporate the *Norfolk, Brant and Wentworth* Railway Company.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Messieurs *Crooks* and *Ferrie* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, to borrow a sum of £50,000, for the purpose of completing the new Water Works in the City of *Montreal*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquiere*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses for the direction of the Library of Parliament, presented their sixth Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

The Members on behalf of the Legislative Council of the Joint Committee for the direction of the Library of Parliament, beg leave to present a sixth Report.

The attention of the Committee has been directed to the necessity of making adequate provisions, without delay, for securing the several apartments wherein the Library is now deposited, from risk of accident by fire. At present the Library is exposed to imminent danger, in the event of a fire occurring in any part of the Parliament Buildings, and in such a contingency there is no way of egress from the principal Library apartments, situated on the Upper Stories of the East and West Wings, but by a circuitous route through the main Building.

The Committee are therefore of opinion that, until secure and adequate accommodation shall have been provided by the Government for the large and valuable Library which has recently been purchased, authority should be given to the Clerks of each House, to advance, out of the moneys in their hands for contingent expenses, the sum of £500, (in equal proportion on behalf of either House,) to be expended under the authority of the Speakers, in constructing Iron Doors, at the different points of connection between the Library Wings, and the Main Building, Iron Shutters on certain Windows more especially exposed to the risk of Fire from the Main Building, and outer Staircases communicating with the Courtyard from the Rooms now occupied as Libraries on the upper floors.

These precautions, in connection with an adequate Insurance of the Books, which has been already effected, will, it is hoped, suffice to prevent the recurrence of the disasters, or to mitigate the extent of loss should an accident unfortunately occur.

At the same time the Committee would beg to call the attention of the Government to the dangerous state of the Roofing of the Buildings generally, which is composed of inflammable materials, liable at any moment to ignite by sparks from the chimneys.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,

21st May, 1856.

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr *DeBlaquière* from the Select Committee appointed to consider and report to this House whether any, and what measures can be adopted either by Bill or otherwise to restrain the sale of intoxicating Liquors, and for the better regulation of Houses where such Liquors are sold, and to whom has been referred the various Petitions presented during the present Session on the same subject, presented their Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, May 21st, 1856.

The Committee to whom was referred to consider and report whether any and what measures can be adopted, either by Bill or otherwise, to restrain the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and for the better regulation of Houses where such Liquors are sold, and the Petitions presented to your Honorable House, in favour of a Stringent Prohibitory Liquor Law—

Beg leave to report and to state, that they have taken into their serious consideration the subject matter of the said reference and Petitions, which are in number 289, and are signed by 72,357 persons, from all parts of the Province, and which bear testimony in the strongest terms, to the vast extent of intemperance every where pervading its entire limits, and the demoralizing influence rapidly spreading in every direction ; the consequent increase of crime, and the necessity for stringent measures to arrest an evil, which, if left unchecked, must engender ruin and desolation throughout the land, and undermine the very elements of Society.

Your Committee are of opinion, that general as is the opinion of the fearful extent to which this degrading vice has already attained, and as to which the Police Reports of Cities and Towns afford strong illustration, no adequate idea can be formed of its universality, or of the causes which have mainly led to this baneful result, without an official and statistical Return of the manner in which the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors has been carried on for some years past

throughout the Province. This information your Honorable House has already sought to obtain by an address to His Excellency the Governor General; when this information is obtained, and compared with the actual population, your Committee believe it will be found, that the spread of intemperance has been accelerated by the injudicious manner in which Licenses have been issued; the vast and unnecessary increase of places where Intoxicating Liquors are sold, which everywhere greatly exceed the requirements of the population; and the almost total disregard as to the persons by whom, or places where, such Liquors should be vended, and which has led to the establishment of innumerable low tippling and gambling houses, the fruitful nurseries of every crime. No effectual check is any where apparent to control a system pregnant with calamity to the whole community, and which includes an awful desecration of the Sabbath.

Your Committee doubt whether a Prohibitory Liquor Law can be effectually enforced; and they are strengthened in this opinion by the operation of such a Law in that portion of the *United States* (the State of *Maine*) where it originated, and where the subject had undergone long and anxious consideration; the result has been the repeal of this Law, having proved, upon full trial an utter failure; and the substitution of a Law to prevent the adulteration and to regulate the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, to define the extent and manner in which the Licensing system may be adopted, and establishing stringent penal enactments against the contravention of the Law in question.

Your Committee believe that this Law is based upon sound principles, limiting the number of places where Intoxicating Liquors may be sold in proportion to population, and the actual requirements of the public; and calculated, if honestly enforced, to create a formidable obstacle to the continuance of the lamentable evils so loudly and generally complained of.

But inasmuch as your Honorable House has not the power to originate any measure involving, as this does, modifications of sources of public revenue, your Committee must limit themselves to the expression of a hope that the people of this Province will earnestly press upon their Representatives, before the next Session of the Provincial Parliament, the necessity of enacting some such restrictions upon the sale of intoxicating liquors as are contained in the Act of which a copy is hereto annexed.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. B. DE BLAQUIÈRE,
Chairman.

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIX.

An Act to restrain and regulate the sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and to prohibit and suppress Drinking Houses and Tippling Shops.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows :

SECTION 1. No person shall be allowed, at any time, to sell, by himself, his clerk, servant or agent, directly or indirectly, any intoxicating liquors, except as hereinafter provided.

SECT. 2. No person shall be allowed to manufacture intoxicating liquors within this State, unless he shall first give a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with good and sufficient sureties, payable to, and to be filed with the treasurer of the city or town, within which such manufactory shall be established, and to be to the satisfaction and approval of the aldermen of such city, or the selectmen of such town, conditioned that he will in all things conform to the requirements of the thirty-seventh chapter of the revised statutes ; that he will not sell any intoxicating liquors except of his own manufacture ; that he will not by himself or another, in any mode adulterate such liquors, either by coloring matter, or any other drug or ingredient ; that he will not sell any intoxicating liquors in quantities less than thirty gallons, delivered in a single vessel, and carried away at one time, and that he will not sell any intoxicating liquors to any person residing in this state, except to such persons as are authorized by this act to sell the same.

SECT. 3. Any person, who shall manufacture within this state, any intoxicating liquors, without first giving the bond provided in the foregoing section, shall forfeit the sum of one thousand dollars, to be recovered by indictment, to the use of the state. And if any person who has given such bond, shall commit any breach of the conditions thereof, it shall be the duty of the aldermen and selectmen respectively, of the city or town within which such manufactory shall be established, to cause the same to be put in suit, and prosecuted to final judgment and satisfaction.

SECT. 4. The provisions of this act respecting the sale of intoxicating liquors, shall not, extend to wine or spirituous liquors, which shall have been imported into the *United States* from any foreign port or place, when sold by the importers in quantities not less than are prescribed by the revenue laws of the *United States* for importation, and delivered and carried away at one time, in the packages in which the same were imported ; nor to the manufacture and sale of cider, or of wine made from fruit grown within this state.

SECT. 5. Physicians, apothecaries and druggists, chemists, artists and manufacturers, may purchase alcoholic liquors from manufacturers within this State,

and may sell the same, when combined with other ingredients in the necessary proportions to form such compounds as are sold in the proper exercise of their art trade or profession, and which cannot be used for drink; all persons may sell in the ordinary course of trade such articles compounded in part of alcohol, as cannot be used for drink.

SEC. 6. The aldermen and city clerk in any city, the selectmen, treasurer and clerk in any town, and the assessors, treasurer and clerk in any plantation may authorize persons to sell intoxicating liquors within their respective cities, towns and plantations, not exceeding the number of such persons hereinafter prescribed, if application shall be made by suitable persons in writing therefor. In every city, town and plantation, at least one person and not more than two, shall be so authorized; in every city and town having more than three thousand and less than eight thousand inhabitants, such authority may be given to three additional persons, and in every city and town having more than eight thousand inhabitants, two persons additional may be so authorized for every additional three thousand inhabitants; the enumerations aforesaid, being ascertained, in all such cases, by the last preceding census. Whenever the city and town officers aforesaid, shall deem it proper; they may also authorize apothecaries in their respective cities and towns, to sell intoxicating liquors for medical purposes only, upon the written prescription of a physician, and upon their giving bond as provided in the tenth section of this act. All such authority shall be limited to, and shall expire on the first day of May next after the granting of the same. But no person authorized under this section, shall sell any such intoxicating liquors to be drank in the place where sold, or in any place in the vicinity thereof, which is under the control of the person so selling.

SEC. 7. Innholders, duly licensed as such, may also be authorized, in like manner, within their respective cities, towns and plantations, to sell intoxicating liquors only to travellers and strangers, who shall be the guests and lodgers of such innholders. But no such innholder shall be allowed to keep a bar for selling such liquors, or to sell the same in any other manner than is in this section provided. The authority granted under this and the preceding section shall be limited to such place or building as shall be specified in every case, for the sale of such liquors, and the person so authorized shall not be allowed to sell the same, directly or indirectly, in any other place or building.

SEC. 8. No person, authorized as aforesaid to sell intoxicating liquors, shall sell such liquors to any minor without the direction in writing of his parent, master or guardian, to any Indian, to any soldier in the army, to any drunkard, to any intoxicated person, or to any such persons as are described in the seventh section of the one hundred and tenth chapter of the revised statutes, as being liable to guardianship, knowing them respectively to be of the condition herein prescribed; nor to any intemperate person, of whose intemperate habits he has been notified by the relatives of such person, or by the aldermen, selectmen or assessors, respect

tively of any city, town or plantation. And proof of notice so given by aldermen, selectmen or assessors, or by their authority, shall be conclusive of the fact of the intemperate habits of such person, in any prosecution or suit under this act; and notice so given by the relatives of such person shall be presumptive evidence of such habits.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the aldermen, selectmen and assessors aforesaid, whenever they shall be informed by the relatives of any person that he is of intemperate habits, and shall be satisfied that such is the fact, forthwith to give notice thereof, to all persons authorized to sell intoxicating liquors within their respective cities, towns and plantations, and in such adjoining places as they may deem expedient.

SEC. 10. No person authorized to sell intoxicating liquors as aforesaid, shall, make any sale under such authority, unless he shall first give bond in the sum of four hundred dollars, to the city, town or plantation, wherein he is so authorized, with two good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the aldermen, selectmen and assessors thereof, respectively, conditioned that he will not violate any of the provisions of this act.

SEC. 11. Any person, authorized as aforesaid, who shall violate any of the provisions of the seventh or eighth sections of this act, shall be punished, on conviction therefor, by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars for every such offence; and shall also be liable, notwithstanding such conviction and punishment, to a suit upon his bond given as aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the aldermen, selectmen or assessors, respectively, of the city, town or plantation to which such bond was given, to cause the same to be put in suit and prosecuted to judgment and satisfaction to the use of the city, town or plantation. The court by which judgment shall be rendered upon any such bond, or upon any bond required to be given by this act, shall have such chancery powers therein, as the supreme judicial court now has in cases of forfeiture of penalties to the state. And whenever any such conviction shall be obtained or judgment recovered as aforesaid, all the authority of such person to sell intoxicating liquors shall be absolutely vacated; and it shall be the duty of the aldermen, selectmen and assessors respectively, to revoke such authority whenever they shall be satisfied of any violation of the conditions of the same.

SEC. 12. No person shall procure and furnish any intoxicating liquors for the use of any of the persons to whom the sale of such liquors is forbidden by law; and for a violation of the provisions of this section, the offender shall be punished by fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 13. If any person not duly authorized as aforesaid, shall sell, by himself or his agent, any intoxicating liquors, he shall be punished for every such offence by a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

SEC. 14. Any person against whom three several unlawful sales of intoxicating liquors, within the time laid in the indictment therefor, shall be proved under such indictment, shall be held to be a common seller of intoxicating liquors,

and may be convicted thereof upon indictment. If any person, who has been twice convicted of unlawful sales of intoxicating liquors against the provisions of this Act, shall commit a third offence against the same, within six months subsequent to the last of such convictions, he shall be liable to be indicted as a common seller of intoxicating liquors; and proof of such third offence, and of such two former convictions, shall be sufficient evidence to sustain such indictment. Any person convicted of being a common seller, as aforesaid, shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months.

SECT. 15. No person shall keep a drinking house or tippling shop within this State.

SECT. 16. The offence of keeping a drinking house or tippling shop consists in selling intoxicating liquors in any place, except an inn, the keeper of which is duly licensed as an innholder, and authorized under the seventh section of this Act, and allowing the same to be drank in the place where sold, or in any place in the vicinity thereof, which is under the control of the person so selling.

SECT. 17. Any person convicted of keeping a drinking house or tippling shop, shall be punished by fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not more than one year.

SECT. 18. No action shall be maintained upon any claim or demand, promissory note, or other security given for intoxicating liquors, sold in violation of the provisions of this Act; but the provisions of this section shall not extend to negotiable paper in the hands of any holder for a valuable consideration and without notice of the illegality of the contract.

SECT. 19. It shall be the duty of the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, respectively in every city, town and plantation, to prosecute for all violations of this Act.

SECT. 20. If any person authorized under this Act as aforesaid, to sell intoxicating liquors, shall sell the same to a drunkard, or to any one while intoxicated, knowing them to be such, or shall sell any such liquors to any person to whom by the eight section of this Act he is forbidden to sell the same, he shall be liable for all the injuries, which such drunkard or intoxicated person, or person to whom liquors are forbidden to be sold as aforesaid, shall commit, while in a state of intoxication, arising from drinking the liquors sold as aforesaid, in an action on the case, in favor of the person injured.

SECT. 21. If any person, not authorized as aforesaid, shall sell any intoxicating liquors to any person, he shall be liable for all the injuries which such person may commit while in a state of intoxication arising from drinking the liquors aforesaid, in an action on the case in favor of the person injured.

SECT. 22. No person shall sell within this State, any intoxicating liquors which are impure or adulterated. If any person shall violate the provisions of this section, he shall be punished by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

SECT. 23. If any person shall appeal from a judgment of a justice of the peace

or judge of a municipal or police court, upon complaint for any unlawful sale of intoxicating liquors, and shall be convicted at the same term of the appellate court upon three such complaints, he shall be deemed a common seller of intoxicating liquors, and shall be punished by fine or imprisonment, as provided in the fourteenth section of this act.

SEC. 24. Any person who shall lease or let any building to another, or make any contract for the use and occupation of any building by another, knowing that intoxicating liquors are to be sold therein, by such tenant or occupant, contrary to law, shall be punished by fine therefor, not exceeding five dollars, for every day that such liquors may be sold therein, to be recovered by complaint or indictment

SEC. 25. If the tenant or occupant of any building, under any lease, or contract for use and occupation, made subsequently to the time this act shall take effect, shall sell any intoxicating liquors therein, contrary to law, his estate in the premises shall thereby be determined, and the owner of the building may recover possession thereof, according to law, without any notice to quit.

SEC. 26. Justices of the peace, and judges of municipal and police courts, shall have jurisdiction by complaint, of all prosecutions under this act, where the penalty provided for the offence cannot exceed twenty dollars, and may try the same and pass sentence thereon. But where the punishment may be by fine exceeding twenty dollars, or by imprisonment, the prosecution shall be by indictment, and the magistrates aforesaid, shall have power upon complaint, in such cases, to examine and bind over, as in other cases of offences which are subject to indictment.

SEC. 27. Any intoxicating liquors belonging to cities, towns and plantations, at the time this act shall take effect, and then remaining in the hands of their agents, may be disposed of under the direction of the aldermen, selectmen and assessors, respectively, for such purposes as were before that time authorized by law; or the same may be sold to persons who shall be authorized under this act to sell intoxicating liquors. But all such agencies shall be closed and the said liquors remaining in the hands of agents, disposed of within sixty days after this act shall take effect. All such agents shall be held to adjust and settle their accounts with their respective cities, towns and plantations.

SEC. 28. The act approved March 16th, 1855, entitled "An Act for the suppression of drinking houses and tippling shops," and all the sections hitherto unrepealed, of an Act approved August 7th, 1846, entitled "An Act to restrict the sale of intoxicating drinks," and all other Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed. And this repeal shall not be held to revive any Acts or parts of Acts, which were before repealed.

SEC. 29. This Act shall take effect from and after the fifteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

[Approved April 7, 1856.]

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

Ordered, That the last mentioned Report be printed in both languages, for the use of Members.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to confirm the partition made by the Trustees of the Will and Codicils of the late *Anne Powell*, of the Real Estate of the late Honorable *William Dummer Powell*, and for the appointment of new Trustees, and for other purposes," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate *Victoria Mining Company*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read, for putting the House into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to alter and amend the Act regulating the practice of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to extend the jurisdiction thereof," it was

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

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

Tuesday, 27th May, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIE,
MOORE,
GOODRUE,

The Honorable Messieurs

WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

LESLIE,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER, "
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Richelieu*, praying that *Sorel* may be selected as the *Chef-lieu* of a proposed Judicial District, instead of *St. Hyacinthe* ;

And also, a Petition from *Paul Denis*, of the Parish of *Ste. Magdeleine de Rigaud*, in the County of *Vaudreuil*, on behalf of the Municipal Council of the said Parish, praying that the Bill "to prepare for the decentralization of the "Judicial system in *Lower Canada*" may be so amended as to provide for the formation of the Counties of *Vaudreuil* and *Soulanges* into a District by themselves.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Jérôme* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Saint Sauveur* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *Lacorne* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipality of *Ste. Anne des Plaines* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the parish of *Ste. Adèle* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Saint Janvier*, all in the County of *Terrebonne* ;

Also, a Petition from the Warden and Councillors of the aforesaid County of *Terrebonne* ;

Also, a Petition from *M. Prevost* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *John Conroy* and others ;

Also, a Petition from *Robert Gilmour* and others, all of the County of *Two Mountains* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Western section of *St. Jérôme*, lying within the limits of the County of *Two Mountains* aforesaid ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Mille Isle* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Western Section of the Township of *Morin* ;

Also, a Petition from *M. Conway* and others, of that part of the Parish of *St. Jérôme* lying within the limits of the County of *Argenteuil* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Western Section of the Township of *Abercrombie* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Sainte Thérèse de Blainville* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Village of *Sainte Thérèse de Blainville*, severally that the schedule of the Bill, now before Parliament, for the decentralization of the Judicial system in *Lower Canada* may not be amended.

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Janvier* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Jérôme* ;

Also, a Petition from *L. E. Laroque* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jérôme* aforesaid ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *St. Sauveur* ;

Also, a Petition from the Mayor of the Parish of *Lacorne*, on behalf of the inhabitants of the said Parish ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Ste. Adèle* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *B. Lemonde* and others, of the Parish of *St. Sauveur* ;

Also, a Petition from *L. J. D. Cloutier* and others, of *Sainte Agathe*, in the Township of *Beresford* ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne* ;

Also, a Petition from the Reverend *M. Fournier* and others ;

And also, a Petition from *William Campbell* and others, all of the County of *Terrebonne* aforesaid, severally praying that the Parishes of *Terrebonne* and *Ste. Thérèse* may not be annexed to the County of *Laval*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled

“ An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen, and Citizens of the City of *Montreal*, “ to borrow a sum of £50,000, for the purpose of completing the new Water “ Works of the City of *Montreal*,” it was

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

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act to alter “ and amend the Act regulating the practise of the County Courts in *Upper* “ *Canada*, and to extend the jurisdiction thereof.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented to the House a Bill, intituled “ An Act “ further to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Com- “ pany in the City of *Toronto*.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Wednesday, 28th May, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
GOODHUE,

The Honorable Messieurs

WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
ROSS,

The Honorable Messieurs

BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the Canadian Institute, *Toronto*, praying that in any Bill to regulate Grammar Schools in *Lower Canada*, provisions may be introduced to secure, as is the case in *Upper Canada*, that the Masters of such Schools shall be compelled to make the requisite observations for keeping a Meteorological Journal, to be presented annually by the Chief Superintendent of Schools, to His Excellency the Governor General.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Luke Corcoran* and others, of the Parish of *St. Alphonse*, in the County of *Joliette*, praying for aid towards the making and repair of roads in the rear part of the Township of *Cathcart*;

And also, a Petition from the Mayor and Councillors of the Parish of *Saint Jean Baptiste de l'Isle Verte*, in the County of *Temiscouata*, praying for aid towards the prolongation of a certain road through the Township of *Viger*, in rear of that Parish.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act for the construction of Water Works in the City of *Hamilton*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee, appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, presented their second Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Committee Room, 19th May, 1856.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, beg leave to make their second Report, as follows :—

Your Committee regret that they cannot report favorably on the reference made to them of the Petitions of *Janet Fenwick*, widow of the late *John Fenwick*, in his life time door-keeper of your Honorable House ; and of *Louisa Gordon Douaire*, widow of the late *François Douaire*, in his life time one of the messengers of your Honorable House, praying for pensions. The practice of giving pensions is one which your Committee cannot recommend your Honorable House to adopt.

The Petitions of *Timothy Neary*, and of *Antoine Lachance* and others, Messengers in the employ of your Honorable House, praying for an increase of their Sessional allowances, and, in the latter case, for the conversion of the same into Salaries, have been referred to your Committee. Your Committee are of opinion that the Sessional allowances of seventy-five pounds to your messengers, generally afford them sufficient remuneration for their Sessional attendance, and that it would not be advisable to convert them all into salaries ; but your Committee recommend that gratuities of ten pounds each be given to five of them, namely :—*Antoine Lachance*, *Timothy Neary*, *James Doherty*, *John Hanley*, and *John Young* at the close of the present Session, in consideration of its length, and of the cost of living in *Toronto* ; and that other two of the Messengers, namely :—*Samuel Skinner* and *François Boulet*, be employed in the service of your Honorable House throughout the year, at Salaries of one hundred pounds each, payable monthly, from the first of June next, in lieu of their present Sessional allowances—the former to reside in the basement of that portion of the Parliament Buildings allotted to the use of your Honorable House, and to be, and be called, “Assistant Housekeeper,” as well “Messenger.”

In answer to the reference made to your Committee of *Mr. Fennings Taylor's* Petition to be placed on an equality, as respects salary with *Mr. Lemoine*, his Colleague, as Assistant Clerk ; your Committee beg leave to express their opinion that the difference of one hundred pounds between the salaries of those Officers is perhaps, too great, all things considered ; and they therefore recommend that it should be reduced one-half by the addition of fifty pounds per annum to *Mr. Taylor's* Salary, dating from the first day of June next.

And on the reference made to your Committee of the Petition from the Clerk and other officers of your Honourable House, praying that the per centage increase made to their Salaries in 1855, on the scale of the increase allowed to the subordinate officers, in the different departments of the Executive Government, by 18th Vict. cap. 89 may be continued, and that their Salaries may be further augmented, in consequence of the great cost of living in *Toronto*, your committee beg leave to report that in their opinion, the salaries of the officers of your Honorable House

in general, are sufficient, and that the per centage increase thereof, above referred to, should be continued for this year only. A list of the Officers and Servants of your Honorable House, shewing the Salaries paid to each of them, is appended to this Report.

In view of the increase in the number of Members of your Honorable House, which will result from the provisions of the Bill for rendering it elective, and the possibility of some additions to its staff of officers being ultimately required in consequence, your Committee deem it right to invite your attention to the question of the mode in which any such appointment ought to be made. It appears to your Committee that the rule of conduct adopted by your Honourable House for its own guidance, and prescribed for that of its chief Officers, in this respect, during the first Session of the first Parliament, should be scrupulously observed in any such case, as well as in any case of vacancy occurring among your present Officers, and your Committee are unanimously of opinion accordingly, that no appointment should be made, or Salary promised, otherwise than by your Honorable House.

Your Committee find it necessary to renew the recommendation made by the Committee on Contingent Accounts, in the fourth Session of the third Parliament, that no additional writers be at any time employed by the Clerk of the House for any purpose whatever. And lastly, your Committee recommend that it be resolved, and ordered, that in future no work or repairs shall be done, or articles of any kind purchased, for the use of your Honorable House, without an order in writing from the Clerk; and that no more than three fourths of any account whatever, be paid by the Clerk, without the previous authority of the Committee on Contingent Accounts.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. MORRIS,
Chairman.

RETURN of the Name, Official Title, and total amount of Annual Salary of each Individual on the Permanent Staff of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, upon the 13th day of May, 1856.

NAMES.	OFFICIAL TITLES.	SALARY.		
		£	s.	d.
JOHN F. TAYLOR.	Clerk, Master in Chancery, and Acting Accountant..	750	0	0
ROBERT LEMOINE.	Deputy and Assistant Clerk, Master in Chancery, and French Translator	550	0	0
FENNINGS TAYLOR.	Deputy and Assistant Clerk, Master in Chancery, and Chief Office Clerk	450	0	0
JOSEPH E. DOUCET.	Additional Clerk Assistant, and Assistant French Translator	325	0	0
W. ANSTRUTHER MAINGY	Additional Clerk Assistant, and Second Office Clerk..	325	0	0
JAMES ADAMSON.	Clerk of the English Journals	250	0	0
J. G. COUILLARD.	Clerk of the French Journals	250	0	0
G. DEBLAQUIÈRE	Clerk	150	0	0
REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.	Chaplain and Librarian	500	0	0
E. L. MONTIZAMBERT. ...	Law Clerk, acting also as English Translator, and Clerk of Select Committees	550	0	0
RENÉ KIMBER.	Gentlemen Usher of the Black Rod	250	0	0
O. VALLERAND.	Sergeant-at-Arms.	250	0	0
E. BOTTERELL.	Door-keeper	100	0	0
M. KEATING.	House-keeper and Chief Messenger	225	0	0
S. SKINNER.	} Messengers, at £75 per Session, each.			
F. BOULET.				
A. LACHANCE.				
T. NEARY.				
J. DOHERTY.				
J. HANLEY.				
J. YOUNG.				
J. CASAULT.				
PETER DUNN.				

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Clifton*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act to alter and amend the Act regulating the practise of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to extend the Jurisdiction thereof," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Master in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Moore* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the united Townships of *Camden* and *Zone*, praying that authority may be given to the Township Councils to raise the rate of commutation for Statute Labour in *Upper Canada*;

And also, a Petition from the Local Municipal Council of *Ste. Marie de la Beauce*, praying that no further aid may be given to the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of *Montreal* to borrow a sum of £50,000 for the purpose of completing the new Water Works in the City of *Montreal*."

It was moved,

That the forty-ninth rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company in the City of *Toronto*," it was

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Foley* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada and Liverpool Mining and exploring Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *A. A. Dorion* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act authorizing "disinterments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any amendment.

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

Thursday, 29th May, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,

BOULTON,
LESLIE,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,

SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented a Petition from *S. W. Emerson* and others, of *Carradoc*, praying against the passing of any Bill to authorize the sale of the Agricultural Grounds in the City of *London*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

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

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :

EDMUND HEAD,

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

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

TORONTO, 29th May, 1856.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal* to borrow a sum of £50,000 for the purpose of completing the new Water Works in the City of *Montreal*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said Bill with the amendment be printed and read a third time presently.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

The House according to Order proceeded to the consideration of the second Report of the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the **Contingent Accounts of this House** for the present Session.

The First paragraph of the said Report being again read,
It was moved to adopt the same.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was
Resolved in the affirmative.

The second paragraph of the said Report being again read,
It was moved to adopt the same,

Which being objected to

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

The third paragraph of the said report being again read,

It was moved to adopt the same.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the following words be added at the end of the said paragraph, "and that
"the sum of Twenty five pounds be added to the Salaries of Mr. *J. E. Doucet* and
"Mr. *W. Anstruther Mainy*,"

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, it was also
Resolved in the affirmative.

The fourth paragraph of the said Report being again read,

It was moved to adopt the same.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

The fifth paragraph of the said report being again read.

It was moved to adopt the same.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said paragraph be not adopted, but that it be expunged from the
Report,

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the negative,

The question being then put on the original motion, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

The sixth paragraph of the said Report being again read,

It was moved to adopt the same.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, it was
Resolved in the affirmative.

The seventh paragraph of the said Report being again read,

It was moved to adopt the same

Which being objected to,
After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said Report, as amended, be adopted, and that the same, together with the Schedule appended thereto, be printed in both languages, for use of Members.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company in the City of *Toronto*," it was

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bowes* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Victoria* Mining Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Rhodes* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Quebec* and *St. Francis* Mining and Exploring Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

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

Friday, 30th May, 1856. .

The members convened, were

The Honorable *ETIENNE P. TACHÉ*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WALKER,

The Honorable Messieurs

WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,

The Honorable Messieurs

ARMSTRONG,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS,

The Order of the being read for moving, pursuant to notice, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the proposed appropriation of a part of the University Grounds, at *Toronto*, and the Stone Building thereon, to the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum, it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company in the City of *Toronto*," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Cartier* presented a Petition from *John Burke* and others, of *St. Columbin*, in the County of *Two Mountains*, praying that the Village of *Ste. Scholastique* may, for Judicial purposes, be the *chef-lieu* of the said County

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

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

Monday, 2nd June, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,
MATHESON,
LESLIE,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the City of *Toronto* Water Company, praying that the Bill to amend the Charter of the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company may not be passed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Saint Jean Port Joli*, in the Township of *Fournier*, praying for aid to improve the *Elgin* Road ;

Also, a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Terrebonne*, praying for the improvement of the navigation of *La Rivière du Nord*, by the construction of Locks at the Villages of *St. André* and *Lachute* :

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *A. Groux*, Curé, of *St. Benoit*, praying for aid in behalf of the "Hospice *Youville*."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a general Statement of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials made in the District of *Montreal*, for the year 1855, with a Supplementary Statement for the years 1852 and 1854 :

And also, the *Upper Canada* Municipal Returns required by the Statute 16th Vict., Cap. 163, intituled "An Act to provide for the making of certain Annual Returns to the Government."

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Order of the Day being again read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company in the City of *Toronto*," it was

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

The Order of the Day being again read for moving, pursuant to notice, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the proposed appropriation of a part of the University Grounds at *Toronto*, and the stone building thereon, to the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum. it was

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

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

Tuesday, 3rd June. 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
LESLIE,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from *Ross, Mitchell*, and others, of *Toronto*, praying that the Bill before Parliament, to amend the Charter of the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company of *Toronto*, may be passed into a Law ;

And also, a Petition from *Frederick C. Capreol*, of *Toronto*, praying on behalf of the Shareholders, for the amendment of the Charter of the said Metropolitan Gas and Water Company of *Toronto* aforesaid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Upon the Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the Metropolitan Gas and Water "Company of the City of *Toronto*."

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Consumers' Gas Company of *Toronto*, praying that the Bill to amend, and give further powers to the Metropolitan Gas and Water Company of *Toronto*, may not be passed into a Law.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Petition do lie on the Table.

It was then moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved

That the said Bill be not now read for the second time, but that the same be read a second time this day six months,

Which being objected to,

After a long Debate.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

The Order of the Day being again read for moving pursuant to notice, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of the proposed appropriation of a part of the University Grounds at *Toronto*, and the stone building thereon to the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum, it was
Ordered, That the same be discharged until Thursday next.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return to an Address from the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General dated the 1st April last, praying His Excellency to cause a statement to be made, shewing :

1st. The average amount of gold and silver coins kept in reserve by all the Banks of the Province of *Canada* for the redemption of their Notes in each of the last five years.

2nd. The average amount of the notes of all the Banks of *Canada* in circulation during each of the last five years.

3rd. What amount of specie, either in gold or silver coins has been imported into the Province of *Canada* during the last five years, and what amounts have been exported from the Province each year, during the said last five years.

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

(*Vide Appendix No. 2.*)

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *A. A. Dorion* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the several " Acts incorporating and relating to the Bank of *Montreal*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Etienne Baillargeon* and others, praying that an appropriation of money may be made for the purpose of building a bridge over the River *Chaudière*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved

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

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

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

Thursday, 5th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
FERRIER.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
LESLIE,
QUESNEL,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* enters.

Ordered, That the Return to an Address from the Honorable the Legislative Council, presented to this House, on Tuesday last, by His Honor the Speaker, on the subject of the gold and silver coins, kept in the Banks, and the Notes in circulation, &c., be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

The Order of the Day being again read for moving, pursuant to notice, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the proposed appropriation of a part of the University Grounds, at Toronto, and the stone building thereon, to the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum, it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be discharged until to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating and relating to the Bank of *Montreal*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* enters.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *J. Sanfield Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Woodstock and Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Church Wardens of *St. George's Church* of the Town of *St. Catharines* to sell and convey four Acres of Land originally purchased as a site for a Parsonage, and for other purposes," and to acquaint this House, that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *A. A. Dorion* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Mayor Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal* to borrow a sum of £50,000, for the purpose of completing the new Water Works in the City of *Montreal*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

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

Friday, 6th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
LESLIE,
QUESNEL,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating and relating to the Bank of *Montreal*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with several amend-

ments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Page 7, Line 42.—Leave out “ or Officer.”

Page 8, Line 2.—After “ are” insert “ *bona fide*” after “ payable” insert “ at a place” and leave out from “ Province” to “ different.”

Page 8, Line 4.—Leave out from “ discount” to “ not” and insert “ receive or retain an amount.”

Page 8, Line 6.—Leave out from “ the” to “ expenses.”

The said amendments being read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, “ An Act for enabling all the Chartered Banks in this Province to enjoy a certain privilege therein mentioned.”

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Woodstock* and *Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company,” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *De Blaquièrè*, *Hamilton* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* enters.

The Order of the Day being again read for moving pursuant to notice, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General on the subject of the proposed appropriation of a part of the University Grounds at *Toronto*, and the stone building thereon to the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum.

It was moved to

Resolve, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General respectfully to inform His Excellency that the proposed appropriation of a part of the University Grounds in the City of *Toronto*, and the stone building thereon, to the purposes of a Lunatic Asylum, will in the opinion of this House create very general dis-satisfaction, that a much better arrangement may be made for the unfortunate class of persons referred to, and praying that some other accommodation may be provided and a more suitable locality selected.

In amendment, it was moved

That the following words be added to the original motion, "That the Legislative Council has learnt with deep regret, that it is intended to appropriate for a Lunatic Asylum the Building in the College Avenue, and the grounds adjacent, which are now being enclosed, and lately occupied by the University of *Toronto*, and to represent to His Excellency that the building and grounds in question form part of the Trust property of the said University, and the identical spot fixed upon for the erection of the University Buildings prior to the Government assuming charge of the property of this Institution, and for which buildings £50,000, (or £75,000) has since been set apart for such purpose."

"That these grounds are also a place of recreation highly prized by the citizens of *Toronto*, and the public at large, whose enjoyment of this indulgence will be utterly marred, if the Asylum for Lunatics is located thereon, and therefore praying His Excellency will be pleased not to permit this building or the grounds adjacent to be applied to any but the uses of the University of *Toronto*, for which they were originally intended, and in conformity to a special agreement entered into by the Government to that effect, if not required for Parliamentary Buildings."

Which being objected to,

After a long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion,

Which being also objected to, the same was

Resolved in the negative.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Ross* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes connected with Agriculture in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Price* and others with a Bill intituled "An Act for the protection of the Salmon and Salmon

“ Trout Fisheries in *Lower Canada*” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Casault* and others, to return the Bill intituled “ An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against un-incorporated Companies,” and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* and others, with a Bill intituled “ The *Lower Canada* Judicature amendment Act of 1856,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, with a Bill, intituled “ An Act to authorize *Henry Augustus Fitzgerald McLeod* to practice as a Provincial Land Surveyor,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

It was moved

That the forty-ninth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this Bill.

Which being objected to,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

It was moved

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Saturday, 7th June, 1856.

The members convened were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
QUESNEL,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* presented a Petition from *Duncan McCraw* and others of the Township of *Somerset*, complaining that the Lands they have been occupying for many years have been granted to one *Charles Adrien Pacaud* without due notice to them, and praying for redress.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act of incorporation of the *Woodstock and Lake Erie Railway and Harbour Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier*, *Matheson* and *Leslie* enter.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for enabling all the Chartered Banks in this Province to enjoy a certain privilege therein mentioned," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *Walker*, *J. Morris*, *Gordon* and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in Lower Canada

“and for other purposes connected with Agriculture in *Upper and Lower Canada*,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “The *Lower Canada* Judicature Amendment Act of 1856,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same on Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled “An Act to authorize *Henry Augustus Fitzgerald McLeod* to practice as a Provincial Land Surveyor.” was read a second time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend and consolidate the several “Acts incorporating and relating to the Bank of *Montreal*,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Brown* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Town of *Sarnia*, in the County of *Lambton*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bell* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act for incorporating Library Associations and Mechanics Institutes,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Sanborne* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the Act establishing Mutual Fire “Insurance Companies in *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to vest a certain allowance for Road in the “Township of *South Dumfries*, in the County of *Brant*, in *Horace Capron* and “*Myron Ames*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House,

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gamble* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Millers Association of *Canada West*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gamble* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the suppression of Lotteries," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Freeman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Insolvent *Debtor's Act of Upper Canada*, and for the relief of a certain class of persons therein mentioned," to which they desire concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Mackenzie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the execution of the Office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in certain cases," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Freeman* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of *Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyne* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage Ship-building within this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wilson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *London and Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved

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

In amendment, it was moved,
To leave out "two" and insert "three,"

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Monday, 9th June, 1856.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
HAMILTON,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
QUESNEL,
BELLEAU.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Mayor and Secretary, on behalf of the Council of the local Municipality of the Parish of *Ste. Marie de la Beauce*, praying for certain amendments to the Bill, "To prepare for the de-centralization of the Judicial system in *Lower Canada*."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *deBlaquière* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Canada*, to meet in Synod.

The said Bill was read for the first time,
Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act for enabling all the Chartered Banks in this Province "to enjoy a certain privilege therein mentioned," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and
The said amendments were then read by the Clerk.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize "*Henry Augustus Fitzgerald McLeod* to practice as a Provincial Land Surveyor," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act for the protection of the Salmon and Salmon Trout Fisheries in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

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

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole, on the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*, and "for other purposes connected with Agriculture in *Upper and Lower Canada*."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Widmer* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative

Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled "The *Lower Canada* Judicature Amendment Act of 1856."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Sarnia*, in the County of *Lambton*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie*, *J. Morris* and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act establishing Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Millers Association of *Canada West*."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read a second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read a second time, but that it be read a second time this day six months.

Which being objected to,

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

Resolved in the affirmative,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the suppression of Lotteries," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the execution of the Office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in certain cases," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage Ship building within this Province," was read a second time.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *London* and Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *De Blaquiere, Gordon* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Township of *Litchfield*, in the County of *Pontiac*, praying for aid to construct a road from *Portage du Fort* to the foot of the Grand Callumets in the said Township.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for incorporating Library Associations and Mechanics Institutes," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *South Dumfries*, in the County of *Brant*, in *Horace Capron* and *Myron Ames*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the provisions of the Insolvent Debtors Act of *Upper Canada*, and for the relief of a certain class of persons therein mentioned," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Gordon* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled,
“ An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of *Canada*.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read a second time.

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Walker, J. Morris, Ferrier* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

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

Tuesday, 10th June, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.

The Honorable Messieurs

GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
QUESNEL,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,

PRAYERS,

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the Great Western Railway Company, praying that the Bill to authorize the construction of a line of Railway from *St. Mary's* to *London*, with authority for the said Railway to amalgamate with and form part of the Grand Trunk Railway of *Canada*, may not be passed into a Law.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now read.
The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, That that said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of *Cornwall*, praying for the passing of an Act to legalize a certain By-law authorizing the issue of Debentures, for the purpose of purchasing a site for, and erecting a Town Hall in *Cornwall*, aforesaid.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Blaquièrè* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *London*, and Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

It was moved,

That the said Report be now received.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Report be not now received, but that the said Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee to whom it was formerly referred, together with the Petition presented this day from the Great Western Railway Company, and any other evidence bearing on that subject.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Sarnia*, in the County of *Lambton*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act establishing Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in *Lower Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to encourage Ship-building within this Province," reported that they had again gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act for enabling all the Chartered Banks in this Province to enjoy a certain privilege therein mentioned," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the execution of the office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, in certain cases," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act for incorporating Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest a certain allowance for Road in the Township of *South Dumfries*, in the County of *Brant*, in *Horace Capron* and *Myron Ames*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative

Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Canada*, to meet in "Synod," was read a second time.

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

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled "An Act for the suppression of Lotteries."

After some time the House was resumed, and The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

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

Wednesday, 11th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
WALKER,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
ROSS,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *William Fitch* and others, of the Counties of *Lincoln*, *Welland* and *Haldimand*, praying to be incorporated as the Bank of Western *Canada*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *De Blaquière* from the Select Committee to whom was again referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *London* and Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company," together with the Petition presented yesterday from the Great Western Railway Company, and any other evidence bearing on that subject presented their report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

The said Report was then read by the Clerk as follows :

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 11th June, 1856.

The Select Committee to whom was again referred the Bill from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *London* and Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company," have in obedience to the order of reference of the tenth instant again gone through the said Bill, and now beg leave again to report the same without any amendment.

And on the reference made to your Committee of the Petition of the Great Western Railway Company against the passing of the said Bill, your Committee beg leave to report that they have taken the said Petition into consideration, and have also heard Mr. *Brydges*, Managing Director of that Company, in support thereof, and that they are of opinion that the agreement of the said Company with the Grand Trunk Railway Company does not apply to the Railway under consideration, which does not form any part of the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

All which is respectfully submitted,

P. B. DEBLAQUIÈRE,

Chairman.

Upon the adoption of the said Report being moved, and

A Debate having ensued thereon,

It was moved in amendment,

That the Report be not now adopted, but that it be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Which being also debated,

The said motion in amendment was, by leave of the House, withdrawn, and

The question of concurrence being then put on the original motion, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

It was then moved,

That the last mentioned Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland*, in *Canada*, to meet in "Synod," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative,

Ordered, That one of the *Masters* in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prevost*, and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the improvement of Water Courses," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Thursday, 12th June, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs.

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
FERRIE,
GOODHUE,
WIDMER,
GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHIESON;
SEYMOUR,
PERRY,
DICKSON;

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Walker, J. Morris, Ferrier, Quesnel, Ross* and *Belleau* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Council of the local Municipality of the Parish of *Saint François du Lac*, in the County of *Yamaska*, praying for certain amendments to the Bill, "to prepare for the decentralization of the Judicial system in *Lower Canada*."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* enters.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *London* and Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

After a long Debate,

It was moved, in amendment,

That the said Bill be not now read for the third time, but that it be read a third time this day six months.

Which being objected to,

After a farther long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was *Resolved* in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was *Resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the "improvement of Water Courses," was read a second time.

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

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wilson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the City of *London* to negotiate "a loan of Sixty three thousand pounds to consolidate the debt of the City, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "The Seignorial amendment Act of 1856," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the powers and estates and property therein described now vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and for vesting other part of the Ordnance Estates and property therein described in Her Majesty the Queen, for the benefit, use and purposes of this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chisholm* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to provide for the separation of the County of *Peel* from the County of *York*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return to an Address from the Legislative Council of the thirtieth ultimo for information relative to the proceedings adopted against the Clerk of the said Council, *Charles De Lery*, Esquire, for the recovery of certain money which he misapplied.

Ordered, That the said Return be now read.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, That the said Return do lie on the table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Appendix No. 3.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of *Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:

Page 2, Line 7.—Leave "one" and insert "two."

Page 2, Line 40.—After "say" insert "the sum of one hundred thousand pounds within eighteen months, the further sum of two hundred

“ thousand pounds within three years, the further sum of
 “ two hundred thousand pounds within four years, and the
 “ further sum of four hundred and fifty thousand pounds,”
 and leave out from “ years” to the end of the clause, and in-
 sert “ after the Bank shall have so commenced the business of
 “ banking, under penalty of forfeiture of their charter.”

Page 2, Line 47.—Leave out from “ Stockholders” to “ residing.”

Page 3, Line 22.—After “ Shares” insert “ and shall be a natural born or natur-
 “ alized subject of Her Majesty, and resident in this Pro-
 “ vince.”

Page 3, Line 32.—Leave out from “ least” to “ prior,” and insert “ three months.”

Page 3, Line 34.—Leave out from “ say” to “ and,” and insert “ for one share,
 “ and not more than two, one vote; for every two shares
 “ above two, and not exceeding ten, one vote, making five
 “ votes for ten shares; for every four shares above ten and
 “ not exceeding thirty, one vote, making ten votes for thirty
 “ shares; for every six shares above thirty, and not exceed-
 “ ing sixty, one vote, making fifteen votes for sixty shares:
 “ for every eight shares above sixty, and not exceeding one
 “ hundred, one vote, making twenty votes for one hundred
 “ shares, and no shareholder shall be entitled to give a
 “ greater number of votes than twenty; and where two or
 “ more persons are joint holders of a share, one only of them,
 “ empowered by Letter of Attorney from the other or others,
 “ or a majority of the others of them, shall be entitled to re-
 “ present such share, and vote accordingly.”

Page 3, Line 41.—After “ purpose” insert “ and provided also, that no share-
 “ holder, not a natural born or naturalized subject of Her
 “ Majesty, shall, either in person or by proxy, vote at or
 “ assist in calling any meeting of the shareholders; any thing
 “ in this Act, or in any law or usage to the contrary notwith-
 “ standing.”

Page 5, Line 6.—Leave out “ order” and insert “ note.”

Page 5, Line 14.—After “ places” insert “ in this Province.”

Page 6, Line 29.—After “ Bank,” insert “ either directly or indirectly, raise loans
 “ of money or.”

Page 6, Line 42.—Leave out “ or officer.”

Page 7, Line 38.—Leave out “or local Director.”

Page 9, Line 2.—Leave out from “Debentures” to “held” in line 3.

Page 10, Line 45.—Leave out from “proper” to “If” in page 11, line 19.

Page 13, Line 14.—Leave out “ten” and insert “twenty.”

Ordered, That the said amendmente be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

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

Friday, 13th June, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
HAMILTON,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.,
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
ROSS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Alexander Moffatt*, Warden of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*, as Chairman of a public meeting of the Inhabitants of the County of *Renfrew*, praying for relief to the sufferers by the disastrous fire which occurred in the said County on the 23rd May last.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intitled, “An Act to authorize the

“City of *London* to negotiate a Loan of Sixty three thousand pounds to consolidate the Debt of the City, and for other purposes,” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *De Blaquière*, *Hamilton*, *J. Morris*, *Matheson* and *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “The Seignorial Amendment Act of 1856,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same at the next sitting thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State the powers and estates and property therein described now vested in the Principal Offices of Her Majesty’s Ordnance, and for vesting other part of the Ordnance Estates and Property therein described in Her Majesty the Queen, for the benefit use and purposes of this Province,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same at the next sitting thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to provide for the Separation of the County of *Peel* from the County of *York*,” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Seymour* and *Dickson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of *Canada*.”

It was moved,

That the said Order be discharged until Monday next.

After Debate.

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gamble* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of *England* and *Ireland* in *Canada* to meet in Synod,” and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill with an amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Line 18. After the word "degree" insert "any rights of the Crown to the contrary
"notwithstanding,"

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the amendment made to the last mentioned Bill, without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Town Council of the Town of *St. Catherines*, to sell and convey certain land purchased by the said Council for the purpose of a Public Cemetery," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered. That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chapais* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to set off part of the County of *Chicoutimi* as a separate Municipality, and to render valid certain elections in the Townships therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at the next sitting of the House.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act for enabling all the chartered Banks in this Province to enjoy a certain privilege therein mentioned," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

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

Saturday, 14th June, 1856.

At four o'clock in the afternoon, there were

PRESENT,

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,
WIDMER,
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,
PANET,
BELLEAU.

And there being then no quorum, the Speaker declared this House continued until Monday next at three o'clock in the afternoon, pursuant to the Seventy first Standing Order.

Monday, 16th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
MATHESON.

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the Parish of *Saint David*, in the District of *Three Rivers*, praying for certain amendments to the Bill, "to prepare for the decentralization of the Judicial system in *Lower Canada*."

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* presented a Petition from the *New York, New-*

foundland and *London* Telegraph Company, praying that the Bill to incorporate the Trans-atlantic Telegraph Company may not be passed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the separation of the County of *Peel* from the County of *York*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier* and *Boulton* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the improvement of Water Courses," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Page 1, Line 5.—Leave out from "land" to "authorized" in line 6, and insert "is hereby."

Page 1, Line 6.—Leave out from "improve" to "bordering" in line 7, and insert "any water course."

Page 1, Line 7.—Leave out from "upon" to "or," and insert "running along."

Page 1, Line 9.—Leave out "description," and insert "descriptions."

Page 1, Line 11.—Leave out "water courses," and insert "water course," and leave out "their" and insert "its."

Page 1, Line 14.—Leave out "establishment," and insert "works."

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Messieurs *Ross* and *Panet* enter.

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice, To refer the

Return to the Address of the Legislative Council respecting the defalcation of their late Clerk to a Select Committee.

It was moved,

That the said Return be referred to a Select Committee.

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That the said Return be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* be substituted for the Honorable Mr. *Armstrong* on the last mentioned Committee.

The Order of the Day being again read for the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of *Canada*", and

The first, second and third amendments being read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally agreed to by the House.

The fourth amendment being read a second time.

It was moved to adopt the same.

It was moved in amendment,

That the said amendment be not adopted, but that the words "and shall be a natural born or naturalized subject of Her Majesty and a resident in this Province," be expunged therefrom.

Which being objected to

After a long Debate,

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

Resolved in the negative.

In amendment, it was then moved,

That after "and" in the said fourth amendment the following words be inserted, "that seven at least of the Directors be natural born or naturalized subjects of Her Majesty and resident within this Province."

Which being also objected to,

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

Resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said fourth amendment was then agreed to by the House.

The fifth amendment being read a second time,

It was moved to adopt the same,

In amendment it was moved, that the said amendment be not adopted, but that "three" be left out and "one" inserted in lieu thereof.

Which being also objected to.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the negative,

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said fifth amendment was then agreed to by the House.

The sixth amendment being read a second time,

It was moved to adopt the same.

In amendment, it was moved

That the said amendment be not adopted but that it be expunged and the following inserted in lieu thereof, Page 3, Line 34.—Leave out from say to “and” and insert “one share and not more than two, one vote, and for every two shares “above two, one vote,”

Which being objected to,

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

Ordered accordingly.

The seventh amendment being read a second time,

It was moved

To adopt the same,

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the negative.

The remaining amendments being then read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

The House according to order was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “The Seignorial amendment Act “of 1856.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* reported from the said Committee that they had taken the said Bill, into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House according to order was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, “An Act for transferring to one of “Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State the powers and estates and property “therein described now vested in the Principal Officers of Her Majesty’s Ordnance, “and for vesting other part of the Ordnance Estates and property therein described “in Her Majesty the Queen, for the benefit, use and purposes of this Province,”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* reported from the said Committee that they had

gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to enable the Town Council of the Town of *St. Catherines*, to sell and convey certain land purchased by the said Council, for the purpose of a Public Cemetery," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to set off part of the County of *Chicoutimi* as a separate Municipality, and to render valid certain elections in the Townships therein mentioned," was read a second time.

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

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Roblin* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Reverend *Henry Patton* to convey in fee simple a portion of a certain glebe," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act for the Inspection of Flour, Indian Meal and Oatmeal," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to provide a uniform mode of incorporation of Societies, formed for Religious, Charitable and Educational purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow

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

Tuesday, 17th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON.

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR.
CARTIER.
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled “An Act to set off part of the County of *Chicoutimi* as a “separate Municipality, and to render valid certain Elections in the Townships “therein mentioned,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the improvement of Water Courses,” was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill as amended shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate “the Union Bank of *Canada*,” was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to enable the “Town Council of the Town of *St. Catherine's* to sell and convey certain land

“purchased by the said Council, for the purpose of a Public Cemetery,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled “The Seigniorial amendment “Act of 1856.”

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the “*Reverend Henry Patton* to convey in fee simple a portion of a certain Glebe.” was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act for the Inspection “of Flour, Indian Meal and Oatmeal,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five members.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “An Act to provide a “uniform mode of incorporating Societies, formed for Religious, Charitable and “Educational purposes,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

Wednesday, 18th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TAOHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that he had received a communication, announcing the intention of His Excellency the Governor General to come down to this House to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of assenting, in Her Majesty's name, to certain Bills passed by the two Houses of the Legislature.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of *Beauce*, praying for certain amendments in the Bill, "to prepare for the decentralization of the Judicial system in *Lower Canada*."

And also, a Petition from the Reverend *John Brady* and others, of the Townships of *Buckingham* and *Lochaber*, praying that a District Court may be established to hold its sittings in the Village of *Buckingham*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session, presented their third Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Committee Room, 18th June, 1856.

The Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session, beg leave to make their third Report :—

Since the last audit of the Clerk's Accounts, which extended to the thirty-first day of March last, inclusive, that officer has received the sum of five thousand pounds (£5,000) in pursuance of your Address to His Excellency the Governor General; and from the first day of April last to the twelfth day of June instant, both days inclusive, the Clerk has paid for your Honorable House, (as shewn by vouchers, numbered from one to one hundred and thirty-eight inclusive, to the satisfaction of your Committee,) the sum of three thousand nine hundred and fifty-one pounds twelve shillings and tenpence, (£3,951 12s. 10d.) which, with the balance of nine hundred and forty-seven pounds eighteen shillings and fourpence (947 18s. 4d.) remaining due to the Clerk, at the date of the last audit of his accounts, makes a total of four thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine pounds eleven shillings and twopence, (£4,899 11s. 2d.) thus leaving a balance of one hundred pounds eight shillings and tenpence (£100 8s. 10d.) in his hands on the twelfth instant.

In order to enable the Clerk to defray the unavoidable expenses of the remainder of this Session, and of the now approaching recess, including the printing and binding of the Journals and Sessional Papers, your Committee recommend that application be made in the proper quarter for an advance of ten thousand pounds in the usual manner.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. MORRIS,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorise the City of *London* to negotiate a Loan of sixty-three thousand pounds, to consolidate the debt of the City, and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Master in Chancery do go down to the Legislative

Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act for the Inspection of Flour, Indian Meal and Oat-meal," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Reverend *Henry Patton* to convey "in fee simple, a portion of a certain glebe," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide a uniform mode of incorporating Societies formed for Religious, Charitable and Educational purposes."

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* presented a Petition from *M. Lambert* and others, of that part of the Township of *Upton*, which is in the County of *Drummond*, praying that *Sorel* may be the chief town of their Judicial District, instead of *Three Rivers*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of *Canada*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Prevost* and others to return the Bill intituled "An Act to authorize the improvement of "water courses," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council, to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the several "Acts incorporating the *Mount Royal Cemetery Company*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill with several amendments to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—
Page 4, Line 30.—Leave out from "Public Act" to the end of the clause.

Page 4, Line 37.—After "poor" insert "belonging to the several Denominations
"mentioned in the third section of this Act."

The said amendments being read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally argued to by the House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council doth agree to the amendments made to the last mentioned Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, to return the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Militia "Law," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill with an amendment, to which they concurrence of the Legislative Council.

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

Page 1, Line 42.—After "Veterinary Surgeons" insert the following clause :—" In
" amendment of the sixth section of the said Act, be it
" enacted and declared that in case the muster day for the
" sedentary Militia as fixed by law, shall happen to fall on a
" Sunday, the day following such Sunday shall be deemed to
" be the day of Muster in *Lower*, as well as in *Upper*
" *Canada*."

The said amendment being read a second time and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council doth agree to their amendment made to the last mentioned Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gamble* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating "to the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*, and to change its corporate

“name to the *Commercial Bank of Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said bill be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr *John S. Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled “An Act for incorporating “and granting certain powers to the Canadian Loan and Investment Company,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, at noon, the House so decreeing.

Thursday, 19th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
WIDMER,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
FERRIER,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipal Council of the County of *Nicolet*, praying that a certain bridge over the River *Nicolet* may be repaired at the expense of the Province.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the third Report of the Select Committee, appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for this present Session.

Which said Report being again read by the Clerk, it was

Ordered, That the same be adopted.

It was moved to

Resolve, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to direct that a Warrant be issued in favor of the Clerk of this House, for the sum of ten thousand pounds, to enable him to meet the Contingent expenses of this House for the current year, for which he will hereafter account.

The question of concurrence was put thereon and the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to change its corporate name to the *Commercial Bank of Canada*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *J. Morris* and *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the *Canada* Loan and Investment Company," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of five members.

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton*, *J. Morris*, *Belleau*, *Seymour* and *Dickson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable *Mr. deBlaquière* enters.

His Excellency Sir *Edmund Walker Head*, Baronet, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to let the Assembly know "it is His Excellency's pleasure that they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Acting Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally as follow :—

An Act to enable the Municipal Council of the Town of *Cornwall* to appropriate the surplus of certain moneys raised for making a Macadamized Road ;

An Act to vest certain Road allowances in the Township of *Brantford*, in *George S. Wilkes* ;

An Act to amend the charter of the *Ontario, Simcoe and Huron* Railroad Union Company ;

An Act to authorize the Municipal Council of the Town of *Chatham* to dispose of the land now set apart for a Cemetary in the said Town ;

An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Stamford*, in the Town Council ;

An Act to authorize *William Weller* to hold and convey the *Canada Grand Trunk* Telegraph line ;

An Act to make better provision for promotion of Superior Education and the establishment and support of Normal Schools in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes ;

An Act to facilitate the examination of Candidates for admission to the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada* ;

An Act to legalize a certain School Assessment in the Parish of *St. Christophe d'Arthabaska* ;

An Act to render the Mayor of *Quebec* elective by the electors of *Quebec* ;

An Act to amend, repeal and consolidate the provisions of certain Acts therein mentioned, and to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada* ;

An Act to confirm the partition made by the Trustees of the will and codicils of the late *Anne Powell*, of the real estate of the late Honorable *William Dummer Powell*, and for the appointment of new Trustees, and for other purposes ;

An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Quebec and St. Francis* Mining and exploring Company ;

An Act to incorporate the *Victoria* Mining Company.

An Act to incorporate the *Canada and Liverpool* Mining and exploring Company ;

An Act to amend the Act authorizing dis-interments in certain cases in *Lower Canada* ;

An Act to incorporate the Town of *Clifton* ;

An Act for the construction of **Water Works** in the City of *Hamilton* :

An Act to extend the provisions of the Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against un-incorporated Companies ;

An Act to authorize the Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of the City of *Montreal* to borrow a sum of Fifty thousand pounds for the purpose of completing the New **Water Works** in the City of *Montreal* ;

An Act to enable the Churchwardens of St. George's Church, in the Town of *St. Catherines* to sell and convey four acres of Land, originally purchased as a site for a parsonage, and for other purposes ;

An Act to amend the Act of Incorporation of the *Woodstock and Lake Erie* Railway and Harbour Company ;

An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating and relating to the Bank of *Montreal* ;

An Act to authorize *Henry Augustus Fitzgerald McLeod* to practise as a Provincial Land Surveyor ;

The *Lower Canada* Judicature amendment Act of 1856 ;

An Act to amend the Act to provide for the better organization of Agricultural Societies in *Lower Canada*, and for other purposes connected with Agriculture in *Upper and Lower Canada* ;

An Act to vest a certain allowance for Road, in the Township of *South Dumfries*, in the County of *Brant*, in *Horace Capron* and *Myron Aymes* ;

An Act to amend the Act for incorporating Library Associations and Mechanics' Institutes ;

An Act to provide for the execution of the Office of Speaker of the Legislative Assembly in certain cases ;

An Act to encourage Ship-building within this Province ;

An Act to amend the Act establishing Mutual Fire Insurance Companies in *Lower Canada* ;

An Act to incorporate the Town of *Sarnia*, in the County of *Lambton* ;

An Act for the suppression of Lotteries ;

An Act to incorporate the *London and Grand Trunk Junction Railway Company*;

An Act for enabling all the Chartered Banks in this Province to enjoy a certain privilege therein mentioned;

An Act to provide for the separation of the County of *Peel* from the County of *York*;

An Act for transferring to one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State the powers and estates and property therein described, now vested in the principal Officers of Her Majesty's Ordnance, and for vesting other part of the Ordnance Estates and property therein described, in Her Majesty the Queen, for the benefit, use and purposes of this Province.

An Act to set off part of the County of *Chicoutimi*, as a separate Municipality, and to render valid certain Elections in the Townships therein mentioned.

The Seignorial Amendment Act of 1856.

An Act to amend the Militia Law.

An Act to authorize a Survey of the Broken Front Concession of the Township of *Darlington*, and for other purposes.

An Act to provide more effectual means for securing the payment of constituted rents and life rents.

An Act to amend the Act for the qualification of Justices of the Peace.

An Act to impose an additional Excise Duty on Spirits.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following:—

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

Then the Acting Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the title of another Bill, to be passed as follows:—

An Act to enable the Members of the United Church of *England and Ireland*, in *Canada*, to meet in Synod.

To this Bill the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency's command, did there-upon say—

“His Excellency the Governor General doth reserve this Bill for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon.”

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

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, from the Select Committee, to whom was re-

ferred the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to change its corporate name to the *Commercial Bank of Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :

Page 11, Line 16.—Leave out from "thereof" to "any," in line 20.

The said amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the forty-sixth rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to the last mentioned Bill, and that the said amendment be engrossed, and the Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* presented to the House a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Order of the Sons of Temperance in *Canada West*."

The said Bill was read for the first time,

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

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

Tuesday, 20th June, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,

CROOKS,

HAMILTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

WIDMER,

MORRIS, J.

GORDON,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,
ROSS,
PANET,
MATHESON,
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented a Petition from the *Montreal and Bytown* Railway Company, praying that the proposed Bill to render operative the *Carleton* and *Grenville* section of the said Railway may not become Law in its present shape.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the *Canadian Loan and Investment Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

It was moved,

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

The same was resolved in the affirmative. and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Order of the Sons of Temperance in *Canada West*," was read the second time.

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

It was moved

That the period limited for recovering private Bills from the Legislative Assembly be extended to Monday next, the twenty-third day of June instant.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Rankin* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and extend the charter of the "*Amherstburgh and St. Thomas Railway Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gamble* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts forming "the Charter of the Bank of *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Canada Marine Insurance Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate as amended, the laws relative to the incorporation of the "Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Munro* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the "*Bond Head Harbor Company* to increase the Capital Stock of the said Company, "and to incorporate the Village of *Newcastle*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

 Saturday, 21st June, 1856.

The members convened were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

CROOKS,
MORRIS J.
GORDON,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURETT.

The Honorable Messieurs

ROSS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* enters.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Order of the Sons of Temperance in *Canada West*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and extend the charter of the *Amherstburgh* and *St. Thomas* Railway company," was read a second time.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts forming the Charter of the Bank of *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Hamilton* and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate, as amended, the laws relative to the incorporation of the Trustees of the *Kingston* Hospital," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged until Monday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act incorporating the *Bond Head* Harbour Company, to increase the Capital "Stock of the said Company, and to incorporate the Village of *Newcastle*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton* and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

It was moved

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at twelve o'clock at noon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Monday next at twelve o'clock at noon, the House so decreeing.

Monday, 23rd June, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
WIDMER,
GORDON,
MATHESON,
BOULTON.

The Honorable Messieurs

PANET,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *McGill*, *J. Morris*, *Bourret* and *Perry* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from *Martin Bainbridge* and others, of *Oshawa*, praying that the Provincial Penitentiary may not be converted into a great Manufacturing monopoly, instead of a place of correction, for which the said Institution was originally designed.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière* presented a Petition from *Henry Allen*, Esquire, late Judge of the District Court of the District of *London*, praying for an inquiry, by a Committee of the Legislative Council, into the cause of his dismissal from office, in the year 1847, and that relief may be afforded him.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved,

That the Return to an Address of this House, shewing the average amount of gold and silver coins, kept in reserve by the Banks of *Canada*, and the average amount of their notes in circulation, for the period of five years, be printed *de novo*, in consequence of an error having been made in the printed statement of the Commercial Bank, in which the average amount of specie held by the said Bank, in the year 1855, is represented to have been “£17,603,” instead of “£117,603,” the latter amount being the sum returned by the Cashier of that Institution in his statement made to Government.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled “An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Bond Head Harbour Company*, to increase the Capital Stock of the said Company, and to “incorporate the Village of *Newcastle*,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend and “extend the Charter of the *Amherstburgh* and *St. Thomas* Railway Company,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate “the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company,” was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and consolidate, as amended, the Laws relative to the incorporation of the Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*," was read a second time.

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

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery for *Upper Canada* to admit *Geoffry Hawkins* to practice as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to alter and amend the Act regulating the practice of the County Courts in *Upper Canada* and to extend the Jurisdiction thereof," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Clarke* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Incorporation of the *Saugeen Harbour Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to cancel part of the Letters Patent for the endowment of a Rectory in the Township of *Warwick*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Benjamin Walker* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively."

Also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada* to admit *Thomas Wright Lawford* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney,"

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Hewitt Barnard* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein," to which they severally desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to alter and amend the law in relation to these Courts," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Queenston* and *St. Catherines* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Judges for the Superior Court of *Lower Canada* to appoint Commissioners for taking affidavits in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Transatlantic Telegraph Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts forming the Charter of the Bank of *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the

said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* enters.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *A. A. Dorion* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Society, called "the "Union of *St. Joseph* of *Montreal* ;"

And also, with a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the provisions of the several "Acts for the incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," to which they severally desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquière* presented a Petition from the Corporation of *Toronto*, praying for the passing of an Act to confirm a Road, as made under their direction, along the northern boundary of the said City.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved

That during the remainder of the present Session, this House do meet at twelve o'clock at noon.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gamble* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts "relating to the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District, and to change its "Corporate name to the *Commercial Bank of Canada*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, at noon, the House so decreeing.

Tuesday, 24th June, 1856.

The Members convened were :—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.,
GORDON,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL.

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET.
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honourable Mr. *Ross* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—
Page 8, Line 10.—After “in” insert “or out of.”

Page 8, Line 11.—Leave out from “*Canada*” to “as.”

The said amendments being read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read the time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to extend the provisions of the Insolvent Debtor’s Act of “*Upper Canada*, and for the relief of a certain class of persons therein mentioned,”

reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved to *Resolve*,

FIRST. That it is highly derogatory to the dignity of this House, and contrary to the principles of the Constitution under which we live, that any measure, requiring the advice and concurrence of Parliament, should be carried in effect upon the representation of one branch of the Legislature only.

SECOND. That it would be extremely inexpedient and a grave departure from the usages and customs which have hitherto governed the proceedings of this Legislature, to declare that a measure of a permanent nature, which effects the best interests of the whole Province, and has moreover the force of law, should derive its authority from a vote of the Legislative Assembly alone.

THIRD. That Her Majesty the Queen having been graciously pleased, before determining the site for the permanent Seat of Government of *Canada*, to consider the convenience, and seek the advice of her dutiful and loyal subjects in Parliament Assembled, this Council, in common with the other branches of the Legislature, claims the undoubted right of tendering to Her Majesty such advice as the nature of the case, and the expectations of the people of this Province may properly suggest.

Which being objected to, and a question stated thereupon,

After Debate,

The previous question was put. "whether the said question shall be now put, It was resolved in the negative.

In amendment of the main motion, it was then moved that the further consideration of the said Resolutions be postponed until Thursday next.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative. and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery, for *Upper Canada*, to admit *Geoffry Hawkins* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the *Saugen Harbour Company*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks*, *Widmer*, *J. Morris*, *Matheson* and *Dickson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to cancel part of the Letters Patent for the endowment of a Rectory in the Township of *Warwick*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Chancery, and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Benjamin Walker*, to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Thomas Wright Lawford* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Hewitt Bernard* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time, the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to alter and amend the Law in relation to these Courts," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Queenston and St. Catherines* Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Gordon* and *Dickson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* to appoint Commissioners for taking Affidavits in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Transatlantic Telegraph Company*,"

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After Debate.

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

Resolved in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill*, *Crooks*, *Boulton*, *Ross*, *Belleau*, *Armstrong* and *Dickson*, with power to send for persons, papers, and records, and to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Society, called Union of *St. Joseph* of *Montreal*," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the provisions of the several Acts for the incorporation of the City of *Montreal*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill*, *Quesnel*, *Panet*, *Belleau* and *Armstrong*, to meet and adjourn as they please, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Committee to inquire whether the Rules of this House have been complied with, in so far as they relate to the said Bill.

Ordered, That the Petition presented to this House on the twenty-third day of April last, praying that the said Bill may not be passed without certain amendments, be referred to the last named Select Committee.

Then the Clerk having been called upon for his certificate under the 83rd Standing Order of this House, deliver the following in relation to the last mentioned Bill.

"The Corporation of *Montreal* have petitioned for the amendment of their charter, no notice has been given on the subject in the *Canada Gazette*, and it is for the Council to decide whether the Bill is of a nature to come within the meaning of the 49th Rule.

(Attest,)

J. F. TAYLOR,
Clk. Leg. Council.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE,
24th June, 1856.

It was then moved,

That the said last named Select Committee be discharged.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Order of the Sons of Temperance in *Canada West*," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wright* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province to solemnize Matrimony and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend so much of the *Upper Canada Juror's Law* amendment Act of 1853, as "fixes the amount of Fees payable to Sheriffs and Clerks of the Peace."

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the survey of that part of the third Concession of the Township of *Onendaga*, commonly called "*Martin's Bend*," and to confirm a new Survey thereof, and for other purposes," to which they severally desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chisholm* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of persons owning Lands "on the Shore of *Lake Ontario*, in the Counties of *York*, *Peel* and *Huron*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Angus Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto and Georgian Bay Canal Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *James Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the separation of the County of *Victoria* from the County of *Peterborough*, and to fix the County "Town at *Lindsay*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to erect *St. Lambert*, opposite the City of "*Montreal*, into a separate Municipality," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Biggar* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Farmers' Union Insurance Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stevenson* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to provide a Standard Weight for the "Bushel of certain Roots, Seeds, and Dried Fruit, and Salt," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bellingham* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to erect part of the Township of *Chatham*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, into a separate Municipality," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Loranger* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to naturalize *Alfred Falkenberg*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bowes* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Colonial Bank of "*Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, noon, the House so decreeing.

Wednesday, 25th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
CROOKS,
HAMILTON,
MORRIS J.
GORDON,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

BOURRET,
ROSS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Dickson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Queenston and St. Catharines* "Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment,

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Society called the Union of *St. Joseph of Montreal*" reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled,

“ An Act to extend the provisions of the Insolvent Debtor’s Act of *Upper Canada*,
 “ and for the relief of a certain class of persons therein mentioned.”

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out now and after time to insert “ this day three months.”

Which being objected to,

After a short Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the negative.

The question was then put on the main motion,

Which being also objected to,

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the
 “ Courts of Queen’s Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery for *Upper Canada*, to
 “ admit *Geoffry Hawkins* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein
 respectively,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to cancel part
 “ of the Letters Patent for the endowment of a Rectory in the Township of *War-*
 “ *wick*,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was Resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to authorize
 “ the Courts of Queen’s Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*,
 “ to admit *Benjamin Walker* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein,
 “ respectively,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled “ An Act to authorize
 “ the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen’s Bench and Common Pleas in
 “ *Upper Canada*, to admit *Thomas Wright Lawford* to practise as a Solicitor and
 “ Attorney,” was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas, and Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Hewitt Bernard* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada*, to appoint Commissioners for taking affidavits in *Upper Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House, according to order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled "An Act to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to alter and amend the law in relation to these Courts."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Perry* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony, and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *DeBlaquière*, *Goodhue* and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend so much of the *Upper Canada Jurors' Law* amendment Act of 1853, as fixes the amount of Fees payable to Sheriffs and Clerks of the Peace," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same at the next sitting thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to alter the survey of that part of the third Concession of the Township of *Onondaga*, commonly called *Martin's Bend*, and to confirm a new survey thereof, and for other purposes," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same at the next sitting thereof.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled "An Act for the protection of persons owning Lands on the shore of Lake *Ontario*, in the Counties of *York*, *Peel*, and *Halton*."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Which being objected to.

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the negative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto* and *Georgian Bay* Canal Company," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Gordon* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the separation of the County of *Victoria* from the County of *Peterborough*, and to fix the County Town at *Lindsay*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to the last mentioned Select Committee.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled

“ An Act to erect *St. Lambert*, opposite to the City of *Montreal*, into a separate Municipality.”

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

And the Clerk having been then called upon for his certificate, under the 83rd Standing Order of this House, delivered the following in relation to the said Bill.

“ A Petition was presented to this House on the 26th day of March last, from *A. M. Delisle* and other of *St. Lambert*, in the Municipality of *Longueuil*, praying that the said Municipality may be incorporated as the Village or Borough of *St. Lambert*.”

“ No notice has been given on the subject in the *Canada Gazette*, and it is for the Council to decide whether the last mentioned Bill is of a nature to come within the meaning of the 49th Rule.

(Attest,)

J. F. TAYLOR,
Clerk, Legislative Council.

In amendment to the main motion, it was then moved,

That the said Bill be not now read for the second time, but that the order for the second reading thereof be discharged.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was Resolved in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended, the same was also Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the British Farmers Union Insurance Company,” was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a select committee of five Members.

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs, *J. Morris*, *Boulton*, *Belleau*, *Seymour* and *Perry*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Committee to ascertain whether the Rules of this House have been complied with in so far as they relate to the last mentioned Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide a Standard Weight for the Bushel of certain Roots, Seeds, and Dried Fruit and Salt,” was read a second time.

It was moved,

That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out from “ be ” to “ to-morrow ” and insert “ Committed to a Committee of the whole House,”

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect part of "the Township of *Chatham*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, into a separate Municipality," was read a second time.

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

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

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the said Committee to ascertain whether the Rules of this House have been complied with in so far as they relate to the last mentioned Bill.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to naturalize "*Alfred Falkenberg*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Colonial bank of *Canada*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Goodhue*, *J. Morris* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the *Saugeen* Harbour Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to make a special report thereon, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 25th June, 1856.

The Select committee to whom was referred the Bill from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, "An Act for the incorporation of the *Saugeen* Harbour Company," have in obedience to the order of reference of the twenty fourth instant, gone through the said Bill, and now beg leave to report thereon as follows:

By virtue of the Act 16 Vict., Cap. 124, any number of persons not less than five may form themselves into a Company for the purpose of constructing any piers or wharves, or for dredging or deepening or making any Harbour in *Upper Canada*.

It does not appear to Your Committee that more is to be done under the present Bill, and there is nothing on the face of it to shew that there is any ground, for

exempting the parties, or the undertaking named in it, from the provisions of the Act above cited.

Your Committee are of opinion that application of such provisions to these parties and their proposed undertaking would be best secured by leaving the parties to form themselves into a Company under the Act itself; and they accordingly recommend that this Bill, which contains very different provisions in several respects, be no further proceeded with.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. MORRIS,
Chairman.

It was then moved,

That the said Report be taken into consideration by the House at the next sitting thereof.

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Hamilton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend and consolidate as amended the Laws relative to the incorporation of the Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

It was moved to

Resolve, That during the remainder of the present Session, the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with.

After debate,

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled "The *Lower Canada Municipal and Road Amendment Act of 1856*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Foley* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to confirm the titles of the persons therein mentioned to certain lands in the Town of *Simcoe* and Township of *Windham*, " in the County of *Norfolk* ;

And also, a Bill, intituled "An Act so incorporate the *Waterloo* and *Saugeen* "Railway Company," to which they severally desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bellingham* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to render operative the *Carillon* and *Grenville* section of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Rankin* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to alter and amend the Game Laws of *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Drummond* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to regulate the amount of "Security to be given by the Registrars of *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bowes* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to settle the Northern Boundary Line of "the City of *Toronto*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, That the same be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to grant additional aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wilson* and others, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, 25th June, 1856.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting their Honors to give leave to the Honorable *John Ross*, one of their Members, to attend before the Select Committee, appointed to inquire whether any and which of the Members of the Administration, directly or indirectly, hold any office of emolument, or receive any emolument from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, or directly or indirectly receive any emolument from that Company, or from any of its Contractors, and whether any of the said Members of the Administration, by themselves or their partners, act as Counsel or Solicitors for the said Company, or any of its Contractors; and whether the position held by any Members of the Administration in the said Company, conflicts with the interests of this Province, to be examined before the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Wilson* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

(Attest,)

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clerk, Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Messengers were again called in and informed that the Legislative Council will send an answer by a Messenger of their own.

It was then moved

That the Honorable Mr. *Ross* do have leave to go to the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message received this day, if he thinks fit.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council do give leave to the Honorable Mr. *Ross* to go to the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Assembly to inquire whether any and which of the Members of the Administration directly or indirectly hold any Office of emolument, or receive any emolument from the Grand Trunk Railway Company, or directly or indirectly receive any emolument from that Company or from any of its Contractors, and whether any of the said members of the Administration by themselves, or their partners act as Counsel or Solicitors for the said Company or any of its Contractors, and whether the position held by any Members of the Administration in the said Company conflicts with the interests of this Province, if he thinks fit.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *J. B. Eric Dorion* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Squatters

“in the Townships of *Lower Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chryster* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “An Act to legalize a certain By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Cornwall*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Southwick* and others, with a Bill intituled, “An Act to vest in the Agricultural Societies of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* certain Lands in the City of *London* granted for Agricultural purposes, with power to dispose of the same,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

It was moved

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

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

Thursday, 26th June, 1856.

The Members convened were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,

MCGILL,

CROOKS,

FERGUSSON,

The Honorable Messieurs

HAMILTON,

FERRIE,

GOODHUE,

WIDMER,

The Honorable Messieurs

MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,
QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
ROSS,

The Honorable Messieurs

PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUR,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Farmers' Union Insurance Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to make a special report thereon, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and
The same was then read by the Clerk as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 26th June, 1856.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill from the Legislative Assembly, intituled "An Act to incorporate the British Farmers' Union Insurance Company," have, in obedience to the order of reference of the twenty-fifth instant, gone through the said Bill, and now beg leave to report the same without any amendment.

Your Committee beg leave to report further, that they have enquired, pursuant to your instructions, whether the Rules of this House have been complied with, in so far as they relate to this Bill, and that they find that the forty-ninth Rule has been complied with, but the fifty-seventh Rule has not been complied with.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. SEYMOUR,
Chairman.

It was then moved

That the fifty-seventh Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to this Bill.

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

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to enable Ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in this Province, to solemnize Matrimony, and to keep Registers of Marriages, Baptisms and Burials," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto* and *Georgian* Bay Canal Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect part of the Township of *Chatham* in the County of *Argenteuil* into a separate Municipality," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to make a special report thereon, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

Committee Room, 26th June 1856.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill from the Legislative Assembly, intituled, "An Act to erect part of the Township of *Chatham*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, into a separate Municipality," have in obedience to the order of reference of the twenty fifth instant, gone through the said Bill, and now beg leave to report the same with the following amendment.

Page 1, Line 31.—Leave out "Township" and insert "County."

Your Committee beg leave to report further that they have enquired, pursuant to your instructions, whether the Rules of this House have been complied with in

relation to this Bill, and that they find that the forty-ninth Rule has been complied with, but the fifty-seventh Rule has not been complied with.

All which is respectfully submitted.

G. S. BOULTON,
Chairman.

It was then moved that the fifty-seventh Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to the said Bill.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

The said amendment being then read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, be read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with an amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the separation of the County of *Victoria* from the County of *Peterborough*, and to fix the County Town at *Lindsay*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Colonial Bank of *Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Page 2, Line 10.—After "published," insert "in the *Canada Gazette* and also."

Page 2, Line 30.—Leave out from “within” to “the,” and insert “eighteen months.”

Page 3, Line 50.—Leave out from “Least” to “prior,” in line 51, and insert “three months.”

Page 3, Line 52 — Leave out from “say,” to “and,” and insert “for one share and not more than two, one vote; and for every two shares above two, one vote.”

Page 4, Line 23.—Leave out from “Bank” to “and” in line 26.

Page 6, Line 10.—After “debts,” insert Clause A.

CLAUSE A.

“ Any number not less than twenty of the Shareholders of the said Bank, who, together, shall be proprietors of at least five hundred Shares of the paid-up Capital Stock of the said Bank, by themselves or their proxies, or the Directors of the said Bank, or any three of them, shall respectively have power, at any time, to call a special general meeting of the Shareholders of the said Bank, to be held at their usual place of meeting, in the City of *Toronto*, upon giving six weeks previous public notice thereof, and specifying in such notice the object or objects of such meeting; and if the object of any such special general meeting be to consider of the proposed removal of the President or Vice-President, or of a Director or Directors of the Corporation, for mal-administration, or other specified and apparently just cause, then, and in any such case, the person or persons whom it shall be so proposed to remove, shall, from the day on which the notice shall be first published, be suspended from the duties of his or their office or offices; and if it be the President or Vice-President, whose removal shall be proposed as aforesaid, his office shall be filled up by the remaining Directors (in the manner hereinbefore provided in the case of a vacancy occurring in the office of President or Vice-President,) who shall choose or elect a Director to serve as such President or Vice-President, during the time such suspension shall continue or be undecided upon.”

Page 7, Line 9.—Leave out “or officer.”

Page 13, Line 18.—Leave out “ninety” and insert “seventy.”

The said amendments being read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to naturalize "*Alfred Fulkenberg*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Order of the Day being read for moving pursuant to notice certain Resolutions relative to the site of the permanent Seat of Government.

It was moved to resolve,

FIRST. That it is highly derogatory to the dignity of this House, and contrary to the principles of the Constitution under which we live, that any measure, requiring the advice and concurrence of Parliament, should be carried in effect upon the representation of one branch of the Legislature only.

SECOND. That it would be extremely inexpedient and a grave departure from the usages and customs which have hitherto governed the proceeding of this Legislature to declare that a measure of permanent nature, which affects the best interests of the whole Province, and has moreover the force of Law, should derive its authority from a vote of the Legislative Assembly alone.

THIRD. That Her Majesty the Queen having been graciously pleased, before determining the site for the permanent Seat of Government of *Canada*, to consider the convenience, and seek the advice of her dutiful and loyal subjects in Parliament Assembled, this Council, in common with other branches of the Legislature, claims the undoubted right of tendering to Her Majesty such advice as the nature of the case, and the expectations of the people of this Province, may properly suggest.

FOURTH. That this House not having been in any way consulted, which, as an independent branch of the Legislature it ought to have been, as to the fixing the permanent Seat of Government, resolves that it will not concur in any vote for a supply to erect Public Buildings for such purpose, until after the first election of Members to sit in this House.

Which being objected to,

After a long debate,

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

DISSENTIENT :—

PETER MCGILL,
E. P. TACHÉ,
F. A. QUESNEL,
JOS. BOURRET,
JNO. ROSS,
LOUIS PANET,
N. F. BELLEAU,
D. M. ARMSTRONG,
EUS. CARTIER,
EBENEZER PERRY.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend so much of the "*Upper Canada* Juror's Law Amendment Act of 1853 as fixes the amount of "Fees payable to Sheriffs and Clerks of the Peace."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the survey of that part of "the Third Concession of the Township of *Onondaga* commonly called "*Martin's Bend*," and to confirm a new Survey thereof, and for other purposes."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into

a Committee of the whole on the Bill intituled "An Act to provide a standard weight for the Bushel of certain Roots, Seeds and Dried Fruit and Salt."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the said Bill into consideration, had made some progress therein, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the said Committee have leave to sit again to-morrow.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act for the incorporation of the *Saugeen* Harbour Company."

Which said Report, being read by the Clerk,

It was moved to adopt the same.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Report be not adopted, but that it be referred back to the same Select Committee to which the Bill was formerly referred, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

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

Resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "The *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road amendment Act of 1856," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same at the next sitting thereof.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to confirm the titles of the persons therein mentioned to certain Lands in the Town of *Simcoe* and Township of *Windham* in the County of *Norfolk*."

It was moved,

That the same be discharged until to-morrow.

In amendment, it was moved, to leave out all the words after "the" and insert "said Bill be read a second time this day six months."

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the affirmative.

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Waterloo and Sarageen Railway Company*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Crooks, J. Morris* and *Gordon*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to render operative the *Carillon and Grenville* Section of the *Montreal and Bytown Railway*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel, Bourret* and *Armstrong*," to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Game Laws of *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ross, Panet* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the amount of security to be given by the Registrars of *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to settle the Northern Boundary Line of the City of *Toronto*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time at the next sitting of the House.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to grant additional aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*."

It was moved,

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Which being objected to,

After a long debate

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining items stand upon the Orders for this Day be discharged until to-morrow.

It was moved -

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Waterloo and Saugeen* Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for and encourage the construction of a Railway from Lake *Huron* to *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Matheson* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Woodstock*, and to divide the same into Wards, and to define the limits thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Kingston* and *Newburg* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *James Smith* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to "admit *William Lynn Smart* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Church* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *Robert John Martin* portions of "certain Road allowances in the Township of *Saltfleet*."

And also, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Village of *Kemptville*," to which they severally desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, That the said Bills be read a second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought; from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bellingham* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lachute* College," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Alleyn* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a Recorder's Court in the City "of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gould* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the *Port Whitby* "and *Lake Huron* Railway Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Friday, 27th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
MCGILL,
CROOKS,
FERGUSON,
FERRIE,
GOODHUE,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
MATHIESON.
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
ROSS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
PERRY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Widmer* and *Seymour* enter.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to render operative the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Section of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Colonial Bank of *Canada*," was, as amended, read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several amendments to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the amount of security to be given by the Registrars of *Lower Canada*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to settle the Northern Boundary Line of the City of *Toronto*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to grant additional aid to Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to,

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT,

J. MORRIS,
B. SEYMOUR,
R. MATHESON,
WALTER H. DICKSON,
ADAM FERRIE.

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

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide a Standard Weight for the Bushel of certain Roots, Seeds and Dried Fruit and Salt."

After some time the House was resumed.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Squatters in the Townships in *Lower Canada*."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment, it was moved,

To leave out "now" and after "time" to insert "this day three months,"

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

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

Resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Bourret, Ross, Panet, Belleau, Armstrong* and *Cartier*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "The *Lower Canada* Municipal and "Road Amendment Act of 1856."

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendmments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Page 3, Line 27.—After "Municipality" insert "if the By-law, report, *proces*
" *verbal*, or valuation Roll be made passed, approved, homolo-
" gated or published after the passing of this Act, otherwise
" within thirty days from and after the passing of this Act.

Page 5, Line 2.—After "Act" insert "9, And notwithstanding any thing in the
" thirty-third section or in any other part of the said Act
" contained whenever a Township or part of a Township in
" one County is annexed to a tract of land in another County
" to form a Parish, such Parish shall be a separate Muni-
" cipality unless the population of such Township or part of a
" Township amount to three hundred souls, in which case
" such Township, or part of a Township, shall form a separate
" Municipality, and shall for all Municipal purposes be held
" and considered as forming part of the County in which the
" remaining portion of the Parish is situate."

Page 6, Line 34.—Leave out from "Councillor" to "fixed"

Page 6, Line 37.—After "be" insert "elected or."

Page 6, Line 36.—Leave out from "Councillor" to "to" in line 37.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time presently.

The said Bill, as amended, was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to legalize a certain By-Law of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Cornwall*," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Matheson*, *Boulton* and *Dickson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to vest in the Agricultural Societies of *Middlesex* and *Elgin* certain Lands in the City of *London*, granted for agricultural purposes, with power to dispose of the same," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill intituled "An Act to provide for and encourage the construction of a Railway from Lake *Huron* to *Quebec*."

It was moved

That the said Bill be now read for the second time.

After Debate,

The previous question was then moved, viz. :—" shall the main question be now put."

After a further long Debate

The said motion was, by leave of the House, withdrawn,

In amendment to the main motion, it was then moved,

To leave out "now" and after "time" to insert "this day six months."

Which being objected to

After a further long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon,

And the House being equally divided, the same was

Resolved in the negative, by the casting vote of the Speaker.

The question being then put on the main motion,

Which being also objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon,

And the House being equally divided, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, by the casting vote of the Speaker, and

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House,

Ordered, That the House be put into a Committee on the same presently.

The House was then, according to order, adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the last mentioned Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, That the Report be now received, and

The said amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :

Page 5, Line 47.—After “width” insert “and quantity.”

Page 6, Line 8.—After “commenced,” insert “and twenty miles thereof completed,” and after “and” insert “the whole line.”

The said amendments being read a second time and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read a third time to-morrow, and that the said Bill do stand as the first item upon the Orders of that day.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bellingham* and others, to return the Bill, intituled “An Act to erect part of the Township of “*Chatham*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, into a separate Municipality,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendment made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bowes* and others, to return the Bill, intituled “An Act to incorporate the Colonial Bank of “*Canada*,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Drummond* and others, to return the Bill, intituled “The *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Amendment Act of 1856,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

It was moved,

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

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Kingston and Newburgh* Railway Company," was read a second time.

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

Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Boulton* and *Seymour*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada* to admit *William Lynn Smart* to practise as an Attorney and "Solicitor," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Village of *Kemptville*," was read a second time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lachute* College," was read a second time.

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

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

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to establish a "Recorders Court in the City of *Quebec*," was read a second time.

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

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

The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the Port *Whitby* and Lake *Huron* Railway Company," it was

Ordered, That the same be discharged.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Belleau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled "An Act to establish a Recorders Court in the City of *Quebec*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to legalize a certain By-law of the Municipal Council "of the Town of *Cornwall*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill,

and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Kingston* and *Newburgh* Railway Company," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Lachute* College," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

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

Saturday, 28th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were:—

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
HAMILTON,
FERRIE,
GOODHUE,
MORRIS, J.
GORDON,
MATHESON,
BOULTON,

The Honorable Messieurs

QUESNEL,
BOURRET,
ROSS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
SEYMOUE,
ARMSTRONG,
PÉREY,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for and encourage the construction a Railway from *Lake Huron* to *Quebec*," as amended.

It was moved that the said Bill, as amended, be now read for the third time.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Bill be not now read for the third time, but that it be again Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon,

And the House being equally divided, the same was

Resolved in the negative by the casting vote of the Speaker.

It was then again moved in amendment.

That the said Bill, as amended, be not now read for the third time, but that the same be read a third time this day six months.

Which being also objected to,

After a further long debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon.

And the House being equally divided, the same was also

Resolved in the negative, by the casting vote of the Speaker.

The question being then put on the main motion,

And the House being again equally divided, the same was

Resolved in the affirmative, by the casting vote of the Speaker, and

The said Bill was then, as amended, read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT:—

FIRST. Because a great proportion of the Country embraced in this Scheme and through which the Railways in question are intended to pass, is not yet surveyed, nor is there any proof yet adduced that such Railways can be executed.

SECOND. Because to assume under such circumstances, what will be the cost per mile of such Railways as is done by this Bill, is altogether unjustifiable, and calculated to mislead those who may be called upon to subscribe capital for such undertakings.

THIRD. Because that portion of the contemplated line of Railway to be established between *Montreal* and *Quebec* will, if executed, become a competing line with the Grand Trunk Railway, and therefore not only highly injurious to the Shareholders of that Railway in *England*, but also to this Province, now about to become Shareholders in the same to a very large extent, and thus adding greatly to the responsibility the Province has assumed in its guarantee and aid to that Railway.

FOURTH. Because a grant of Four Millions of acres of the Lands of this Province, which are as yet wholly unsurveyed, and consequently the value thereof altogether unknown, for the purpose of inducing persons to undertake this enterprize, is a measure highly injudicious and improvident; and particularly before it is ascertained whether the Public Lands could not be more beneficially disposed of through the intervention and assistance of the Imperial Government in completing, in the

first instance the great national undertaking of a continuous Line of Railway from the present Eastern terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway to *Halifax* through British Territory.

P. B. DEBLAQUIÈRE,
 ADAM FERGUSSON,
 JNO. HAMILTON,
 GEORGE J. GOODHUE,
 ADAM FERRIE,
 J. MORRIS,
 JAS. GORDON,
 G. S. BOULTON,
 B. SEYMOUR,
 WALTER H. DICKSON.

Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, with several amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in the Agricultural Societies of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*, certain Lands in the City of *London*, granted for Agricultural purposes, with power to dispose of the same," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *William Lynn Smart* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Village of *Kemptville*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to establish a Recorder's Court in the City of *Quebec*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to legalize a certain By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Cornwall*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill intituled "An Act to incorporate the *Kingston and Newburgh Railway Company*," was read a third time.
The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Lachute College*," was read a third time.
The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?
It was resolved in the affirmative.
Ordered, That one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills without any amendment.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Woodstock*, and to divide the same into Wards, and to define the limits thereof," was read a second time.
Ordered, That the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.
Ordered, That the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *DeBlaquière*, *Goodhue*, and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest in *Robert John Martin*, portions of certain Road allowances in the Township of *Saltfleet*," it was
Ordered, That the same be discharged.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government for the year 1856, and for certain other expenses connected with the Public Service, and also for raising a loan on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.
It was moved

That the nineteenth rule of this House be dispensed with prior to the moving of the following Resolution, viz. :—

Resolved, That this House not having been consulted on the subject of fixing any place for the permanent Seat of Government of this Province, and the other branch of the Legislature having resolved upon *Quebec* as such permanent Seat of Government; and having, moreover, passed a Bill of Supply, making provision for erecting Public Buildings at *Quebec*, this House feels itself imperatively called upon to declare that it cannot concur in the said Bill of Supply.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
 It was then moved,
 That the House do concur in the said Resolution,
 Which being objected to,
 After a long Debate,
 The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered accordingly.

DISSENTIENT :—

FIRST. Because the adoption, by this House, of a Resolution not to proceed beyond the first reading of a Bill sent up from the Legislative Assembly is unusual and highly unparliamentary.

SECOND. Because such a course of proceeding is calculated to disturb the good understanding hitherto so happily subsisting between the two Houses.

THIRD. Because no Bill should be rejected except at its first, second or third reading.

FOURTH. Because a refusal on the part of this House, to concur in granting to Her Majesty the sums required to defray the expenses connected with the public service, must be productive of great inconvenience and of detriment to the interests and credit of the Province.

FIFTH. Because the reasons set forth in the Resolution are altogether insufficient to justify a resort to such an extreme measure as stopping the supplies.

SIXTH. Because that measure, being the last resource of the subject in resisting oppression, is decidedly extreme in its character and tendency, and ought not to be resorted to until all other means have failed in securing due consideration for any opinion expressed by this House.

SEVENTH. Because the exclusive right of granting or withholding supplies has always been admitted to be vested by the Constitution under which we live, in the representative branch of the Legislature.

EIGHTH. Because it was competent to this House to have passed the Bill under protest, or to have demanded a conference with the Legislative Assembly on the subject thereof.

NINTH. Because the adoption of either of these courses would have been more consistent with the duty which this House owes to itself and to the Country, as well as more courteous to the Legislative Assembly.

TENTH. Because, by the thirtieth clause of the [Imperial [Statute, 3 & 4 Vict. ; Cap. 35, commonly called the Union Act, the Governor of this Province is authorized and empowered to fix such place or places within the same for holding the Sessions of the Legislative Council and Assembly thereof, as he may think fit.

ELEVENTH. Because it rests also with the Governor, in the exercise of the Royal

Prerogative delegated to him in that behalf, to select a place for the residence of the various officers of the Government, as well as for the transaction of business in the different departments of the public service.

TWELFTH. Because it is no breach of the privilege of either House of the Provincial Parliament for His Excellency to accept the advice of the other in a matter in which he is free to act without the advice of either.

THIRTEENTH. Because it was competent to this House to have tendered its advice to His Excellency on the subject of the selection of a locality for the permanent seat of the Provincial Parliament, at any time during the Session.

FOURTEENTH. Because, in the event of such advice having been tendered, and having been at variance with that received from the Legislative Assembly, it would have been natural for His Excellency to have given the preference to the advice of that House in which alone, by law, the grant of the necessary funds for the purpose could originate.

FIFTEENTH. Because, under these circumstances, to refuse to concur in such an appropriation is to abuse the opportunity afforded to this House, by the necessity for its concurrence in Bills of Supply.

SIXTEENTH. Because the impropriety of such a proceeding is greatly aggravated by the circumstance of this House having hitherto abstained from any expression of its opinion on the subject of a locality for the Seat of Government.

SEVENTEENTH. Because, moreover, this House did, on the 25th day of April, 1855, adopt an address to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased, in the exercise of the Royal Prerogative, to fix permanently upon some convenient place for the annual assembling of Parliament; and, assuring His Excellency of the cheerful concurrence of this House in any proposition His Excellency might think fit to make, for the appropriation of public money for the erection of suitable buildings for the accommodation of the three branches of the Legislature at the place which might be so fixed upon by His Excellency.

E. P. TACHÉ,
F. A. QUESNEL,
JNO. ROSS,
JOS. BOURRET,
LOUIS PANET,
N. F. BELLEAU,
D. M. ARMSTRONG,
EUS. CARTIER,

It was moved,

That the nineteenth Rule be dispensed with, prior to the moving of the following Resolution, vizt.:

That when this House has deliberately expressed its opinion, by Resolution, as to any matter brought under its consideration, the same subject may not be resumed for re-consideration at a future day in the same Session.

Which being objected to,

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

It then was moved,

That the House do concur in the said Resolution.

Which being also objected to,

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

Ordered accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Woodstock*, and to divide "the same into Wards, and to define the limits thereof," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was *Resolved* in the affirmative.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* and others, to return the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for and encourage the construction of a Railway from Lake *Huron* to *Quebec*, and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

It was moved

That when the House adjourns this day it do stand adjourned until Monday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

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

The Speaker then declared this House continued until Monday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, the House so decreeing.

Monday, 30th June, 1856.

The Members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DEBLAQUIÈRE,
FERRIE,
WIDMER,
MORRIS J.
GORDON,
MATHESON,
QUESNEL,

The Honorable Messieurs

ROSS,
PANET,
BELLEAU,
ARMSTRONG,
CARTIER,
DICKSON.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Game Laws of *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

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

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

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

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

EDMUND HEAD,

The Governor General lays before the Legislative Council copies of two despatches which he has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, relative to the Addresses to Her Majesty on the subject respectively of the donations to the Legislative Library, and the exemption of *Canadian* securities from Income tax.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, *Toronto*, 30th June, 1856.

(Copy.)—No. 99.

Downing Street, 9th June, 1856.

Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your Despatch, No. 69, of the 14th of May, transmitting a joint Address to the Queen from the Legislative Council and the House of Assembly of *Canada*, conveying their thanks for the donations made to their Library, I have laid this Address before the Queen, and Her Majesty was pleased to receive it very graciously: such portions of the Address as relate to the donations from the French Government, will be communicated to His Majesty the Emperor of the French, through the proper Channel.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) H. LABOUCHERE,

Governor

SIR EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,
Canada.

(Copy.)—No. 102.

Downing Street, 13th June, 1856.

SIR,—I have had the honor to receive your despatches of the 10th and 24th April, Nos. 55 and 62, and having laid before the Queen the joint Address of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, forwarded in your second Despatch, praying that residents in *Canada* may be relieved from Income tax on *Canadian* Securities payable in *England*. I have now to inform you that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the same very graciously, and to command that it should be referred to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. Their Lordships having in consequence taken this Address into their consideration, I have to instruct you to acquaint the two House of Parliament that their Lordships have felt themselves at liberty to exempt all persons living in *Canada* from the Income Tax in respect of Dividends belonging to them paid in this Country on Loans or Securities of the Province.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) H. LABOUCHERE

Governor

SIR EDMUND HEAD, Bart.,
&c., &c., &c.

The Honorable Mr. *DeBlaquiere* from the Select Committee of both Houses for the management and direction of the Library of Parliament, presented their seventh Report.

Ordered, That it be received, and the same was then read by the Clerk as follows :—

The Members, on the part of the Legislative Council of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament, beg leave to make a seventh Report.

Mr. *Todd*, the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly having represented to the Committee that the per diem allowance of five dollars a day, granted him to defray the cost and charges attending his recent mission to Europe on behalf of the Library proved inadequate for that purpose, and that he was obliged to incur additional expenses over and above the same, the Committee recommend that a further allowance of five shillings per day, which would amount in all to the sum of £60, be paid to Mr. *Todd*, upon the understanding that this extra payment will fully indemnify him for his personal expenses while engaged in this service.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
30th June, 1856.

Ordered, That the said Report be adopted.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.
After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks*, from the Select Committee of whom was referred the the Bill, intituled “ An Act to incorporate the Transatlantic Telegraph Company,” reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

It was moved

That the forty-ninth Rule of this House be dispensed with, in so far as it relates to this Bill.

Which being objected to,

After Debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was
Resolved in the affirmative.

It was then moved,

That the said Report be now adopted.

In amendment, it was moved,

That the said Report be not now adopted, but that the same be taken into consideration at the next sitting of the House, and that it do then stand as the first item upon the Orders of the Day.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon.

And the House being equally divided, the same was

Resolved in the negative by the casting vote of the Speaker.

The question being then put on the main motion,

Which being also objected to.

After a long debate,

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

Resolved in the negative.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Inspector General *Cayley* and others, with a Bill, intituled "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Civil Government for the year 1856, and for certain other expenses connected with the public service, and also for raising a Loan on the credit of the consolidated Revenue Fund," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The said Bill was then read a second time accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

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

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the Reverend *Robert Wallace* and others, of *Ingersoll*, praying that measures may be adopted to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day in the Post Office Department, and on the *St. Lawrence Canals*;

Also, a Petition from *G. A. Purvis* and others, of *Litchfield*, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law;

And also, a Petition from *John Moodie* and others, of the Township of *Bentinck*, in the County of *Grey*, praying for the repeal of the Separate School Act of last Session.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

It was moved,

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

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

Resolved in the affirmative, and

The Speaker then declared this House continued until to-morrow at twelve o'clock, at noon, the House so decreeing.

Tuesday, 1st July, 1856.

The members convened, were

The Honorable ETIENNE P. TACHÉ, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

DE BLAQUIÈRE,
CROOKS,
FERGUSSON,
FERRIE,
GORDON.

The Honorable Messieurs

MATHESON,
BOULTON,
ROSS,
DICKSON,

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the payment of Dividends by Insurance Companies." and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Ordinance of *Lower Canada* for the relief of certain Religious Societies," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chisholm* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Municipal and Assessment Acts of *Upper Canada*, in so far as they relate to the Commutation of Statute Labour," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency Sir Edmund Walker Head, Baronet, Governor General of British North *America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black to let the Assembly know "it is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker.

The Acting Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of the Bills to be passed severally, as follow:—

An Act to incorporate the Union Bank of *Canada* ;

An Act to authorize the improvement of Water-courses ;

An Act to authorize the City of *London* to negotiate a Loan of sixty-three thousand pounds to consolidate the debt of the City, and for other purposes.

An Act to enable the Town Council of the Town of *St. Catherines*, to sell and convey certain Land purchased by the said Council for the purpose of a Public Cemetery ;

An Act to authorize the Reverend *Henry Patton* to convey in fee simple a portion of a certain Glebe ;

An Act for Inspection of Flour, Indian Meal and Oatmeal ;

An Act to amend and consolidate the several Acts incorporating the Mount Royal Cemetery Company ;

An Act for incorporating and granting certain powers to the *Canadian Loan and Investment Company* ;

An Act to amend the Act to alter and amend the Act regulating the practice of the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to extend the jurisdiction thereof ;

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the *Bond Head Harbour Company*, to increase the Capital Stock of the said Company, and to incorporate the Village of *Newcastle* ;

An Act to amend and extend the Charter of the *Amherstburgh and St. Thomas Railway Company* ;

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts relating to the Commercial Bank of the Midland District, and to change its corporate name to the "Commercial Bank of *Canada* ;

An Act to amend and consolidate the Acts forming the Charter of the Bank of *Upper Canada* ;

An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Order of the Sons of Temperance in *Canada West*.

An Act to extend the provisions of the Insolvent Debtors' Act of *Upper Canada* and for the relief of a certain class of persons therein mentioned ;

An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Geoffry Hawkins* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively ;

An Act to cancel part of the Letters Patent for the endowment of a Rectory in the Township of *Warwick* ;

An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Chancery and Common Pleas in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Benjamin Walker* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein respectively;

An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Thomas Wright Lawford* to practise as a Solicitor and Attorney.

An Act to authorize the Courts of Queen's Bench, Common Pleas and Chancery, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *Hewitt Bernard* to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor therein

An Act to continue for a limited time the several Acts and Ordinances therein mentioned, and for other purposes

An Act to simplify and expedite the proceedings in the County Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to alter and amend the law in relation to these Courts.

An Act to incorporate the *Queenston and St. Catherines* Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Society, called the "Union of *St. Joseph of Montreal*."

An Act to amend and consolidate, as amended, the laws relative to the incorporation of the Trustees of the *Kingston* Hospital.

An Act to authorize the Judges of the Superior Court for *Lower Canada* to appoint Commissioners for taking Affidavits in *Upper Canada*

An Act to incorporate the *Canada* Marine Insurance Company.

An Act to incorporate the *Waterloo and Sarugeen* Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the British Farmers' Union Insurance Company.

An Act to incorporate the *Toronto and Georgian Bay* Canal Company.

An Act to amend so much of the *Upper Canada* Jurors' Law Amendment Act of 1853, as fixes the amount of Fees payable to Sheriffs and Clerks of the Peace.

An Act to alter the survey of that part of the Third Concession of the Township of *Onondaga*, commonly called "*Martin's Bend*," and to confirm a new survey thereof, and for other purposes

An Act to amend the 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 naturalize *Alfred Falkenberg*.

An Act to provide for the separation of the County of *Victoria* from the County of *Peterborough*, and to fix the County Town at *Lindsay*.

- An Act to incorporate the Colonial Bank of *Canada*.
- The *Lower Canada* Municipal and Road Amendment Act of 1856.
- An Act to erect part of the Township of *Chatham*, in the County of *Argenteuil*, into a separate Municipality.
- An Act to render operative the *Carillon* and *Grenville* Section of the *Montreal* and *Bytown* Railway.
- An Act to regulate the Amount of Security to be given by the Registrars of *Lower Canada*.
- An Act to grant additional Aid to the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.
- An Act to settle the Northern Boundary Line of the City of *Toronto*.
- An Act to provide for and encourage the construction of a Railway from *Lake Huron* to *Quebec*.
- An Act to legalize a certain By-law of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Cornwall*.
- An Act to incorporate the Town of *Woodstock*, and to divide the same into Wards, and to define the limits thereof.
- An Act to incorporate the *Lachute* College.
- An Act to incorporate the *Kingston* and *Newburgh* Railway Company.
- An Act to establish a Recorder's Court in the City of *Quebec*.
- An Act to incorporate the Village of *Kemptville*.
- An Act to authorize the Court of Chancery, and the Courts of Queen's Bench and Common Pleas, in *Upper Canada*, to admit *William Lynn Smart*, to practise as an Attorney and Solicitor.
- An Act to vest in the Agricultural Societies of *Middlesex* and *Elgin*, certain Lands in the City of *London* granted for Agricultural purposes, with power to dispose of the same.
- An Act to alter and amend the Game Laws of *Upper Canada*.
- An Act providing for the payment of dividends by Insurance Companies.
- An Act to amend an Ordinance of *Lower Canada*, for the Relief of certain Religious Societies.

To these Bills the Royal Assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following:—

“In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to this Bill.”

Then the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency as follows:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Commons, in their liberality, have voted the supplies required to defray the expenses of your Government. I have the honor to present to Your Excellency, for this purpose, a Bill intituled “An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required to defray certain expenses of the Civil Government for the year 1856, and for certain other expenses connected with the Public Service, and also for raising a loan on the credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund,” for which Bill Her Majesty’s faithful Commons solicit the Royal Assent.

To this Bill the Clerk of this House, by His Excellency’s command, did thereupon say:—

“His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her Majesty’s dutiful and loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill in Her Majesty’s name.”

Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following Speech:—

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

In the present Session of Parliament you have passed an Act altering the Constitution of the Legislative Council. I sincerely hope that the result of this change will prove the expediency of entrusting to the good sense of our people, the choice of that body whose calm and deliberate judgement must form an important element in the process of successful Legislation.

I rejoice that you have done your best to simplify the procedure of the Courts in the Western portion of the Province, and have thus far facilitated the Administration of Justice.

From the measure of last Session abolishing the Seigniorial Tenure, the Country expects substantial benefits, and the supplementary Act of this Session will render easier the attainment of those benefits.

In the same way, I trust that the arrangements which have been made for secur-

ing to each Municipality of *Upper Canada*, the immediate benefit of its share in the Clergy Reserve Funds, will be found satisfactory to the people.

Your Act for establishing Normal Schools and improving superior Education in *Lower Canada*, is calculated to increase the number of those who will hereafter be qualified by instruction and training to advance the prosperity of their country.

The liberality of Her Majesty's Government has given over to the Province the mass of the Ordnance Lands, and has thus placed their proceeds at our disposal for the purpose of meeting the expenses of that Militia, whose loyalty and zeal have been so graciously acknowledged by the Queen.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

In Her Majesty's name I thank you for the supplies you have granted for the public service. I trust that the aid afforded to the Grand Trunk Railway of *Canada* will be sufficient to secure the completion of that great work, essential as it is to the progress and unity, political and commercial, of both sections of the Province.

Honorable Gentlemen,

And Gentlemen :

At the opening of this Session, I expressed a hope that I might soon have occasion to congratulate you on the conclusion of an honorable peace. By the blessing of God that hope has been fulfilled. Tranquility has been restored in Europe, and I hope that it may bring with it renewed vigor to the interests of trade and productive industry.

I am happy in being able to relieve you from the toils of a laborious Session, by proroguing the Parliament of *Canada* as I now do.

Then the Speaker of this House said :—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Saturday the ninth day of August next, to be here held ; and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Saturday the ninth day of August next.

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To an Address of the Honorable the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL to His
EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL, dated 1st April,
1856; for Statement, showing the Number and Tonnage
of Vessels and the Average Tonnage of each Vessel, Built
and Registered at the several Ports in Canada, during
the years 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855.

By Command,

GEO. ET. CARTIER,

Secretary.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 14th April, 1856.

Number and Tonnage of Vessels.—Appendix No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the NUMBER and TONNAGE of VESSELS, and the AVERAGE during the years 1850, 1851,

PORTS.	1850.					1851.					18		
	Built.			Regist'd.		Built.			Regist'd.		Built.		
	No.	Tons.	Ave'g.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	Aver'g.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	Aver'g.
Amherstburg				6	290								
Bath													
Belleville													
Brighton				4	421				2	225	1	81	81
Brockville													
Burwell	1	88	88	4	277								
Bytown													
Chippawa				14	700				1	115			
Clarenceville													
Cobourg						2	105	53					
Côteau du Lac													
Cramahe	1	28	28	4	291								
Credit	1	113	113	9	616	1	139	139	6	598	2	250	125
Dalhousie	1	40	40										
Dover	1	38	38	7	445								
Dundas				23	1255				30	1613			
Dunnville	1	38	38	3	171				2	121	3	79	26
Fort Erie				17	2223				17	2645	1	90	90
Gaspé	1	230	30	5	581	5	618	124	8	704	1	224	224
Goderich				3	706	1	300	300	1	11	1	342	342
Hamilton	3	444	148	3	159	1	114	114	4	273	1	185	185
Hope	1	59	59	3	159	1	67	67	3	210	2	212	106
Kingston	2	123	62	45	4956	1							
Milford	1	91	91	1	47								
Montreal													
Newcastle													
Niagara									26	2217	2	99	50
New Carlisle									2	260	2	130	
Oakville				1	91	91	1	106					
Oshawa													
Owen Sound													
Penetanguishene													
Picton									1	121	121		
Quebec	73	32043	439	91	22188	68	41655	612	66	18631	52	28575	550
Rowan				3	147				1	100	100		
Sarnia				4	785								
Sault Ste. Marie													
Stanstead	1	81	81						1	81			
Stanley													
Toronto				1	22								
Wellington													
Whitby													
	87	33178	382	244	36133	81	43099	532	171	27697	71	31118	488

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, CUSTOMS' DEPARTMENT,
Toronto, 10th April, 1856.

Number and Tonnage of Vessels.—Appendix No. 1.

TONNAGE of each VESSEL, Built and Registered at the several Ports in CANADA, 1852, 1853, 1854 and 1855.

52.	1853.					1854.					1855.							
	Regist'd		Built.			Regist'd.		Built.			Regist'd		Built.			Regist'd		
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	Aver'g.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	Aver'g.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	Aver'g.	No.	Tons.	
											2	230	1	400	400			
	1	109									1	91	2	450	225	3	325	
	5	502											1	50	50			
			5	365	73	5	365	6	360	60			1	57	57	1	199	
			2	132	66	1	196	1	104	104								
			2	330	165													
									1	25	25	1	25	2	252	126	1	184
	2	250	4	959	240	4	1290	322	2	570	7	2200	315					
	8	636	2	266	133	2	266	5	592	119	3	346						
									1	874	874							
									1	340	340	1	340					
									4	203	51	10	617	4	214	54	5	265
	2	67	30	1583	53	30	1583	4	174	44	3	134	1	351	351	14	2106	
	13	1755	5	188	38	8	363	2	398	199	2	398	3	1229	410	6	1710	
			6	842	140	9	928	2	457	228	2	444	3	1229	410	6	1710	
			7	2008	287	18	1564											
			5	373	75	6	420											
	4	450	7	526	75	7	526	1	76	76	5	366	30	3147	105	30	3147	
									3	407	136			1	150	150	1	529
									2	162	81	19	1030	3	428	143	2	160
	24	1247	5	630	126			3	635	212			2	250	125	1	160	
			1	283	283	21	1073						1	223	223			
									1	300	300							
	2	180	1	161	161	3	348											
	79	33188	50	49541	990	81	53003	76	47308	622			75	32720	436	95	35494	
	4	224	3	303	101	1	72	1	79	79	1	79	1	78	78	1	78	
	2	331						1	328	328	109	55268						
	1	185																
	1	30											1	722	722	4	610	
													1	50	50			
	148	39162	138	59070	430	200	61512	118	53772	454	160	59598	137	42971	313	165	45088	

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE,
Commissioner of Customs.

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APPENDIX No. 2.

(*Vide Journals 3rd June, 1856.*)

RETURN

To an Address from the Honorable Legislative Council, to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the first of April last, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before that Honorable House a Statement shewing,

FIRST. "The average amount of Gold and Silver Coins kept in reserve by all the Banks of the Province of Canada, for the redemption of their Notes in each of the last five years."

SECOND. "The average amount of Notes of all the Banks of Canada in circulation during each of the last five years."

THIRD. "What amount of Specie, either in Gold or Silver Coins, has been imported into the Province of Canada during the last five years, and what amounts have been exported from the Province each year, during the said last five years."

By Command,

E. A. MEREDITH.

Assistant Secretary.

Secretary's Office,

Toronto, June 3rd, 1856.

STATEMENT, Showing the average amount of Gold and Silver kept in reserve by the BANK OF UPPER CANADA; and the average amount of its Notes in circulation, between the 1st of April, 1851, and 31st March, 1856.

PERIODS.	Average Amount of Specie in the Vaults.			Average Amount of Notes in circulation.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Between 1st April, 1851, and 31st March, 1852.....	51098	0	0	275631	0	0
Do. do. 1852, do. do. 1853.....	89147	0	0	363794	0	0
Do. do. 1853, do. do. 1854.....	115957	0	0	552753	0	0
Do. do. 1854, do. do. 1855.....	80907	0	0	731034	0	0
Do. do. 1855, do. do. 1856.....	81091	0	0	796760	0	0

THOMAS G. RIDOUT,

Cashier.

BANK OF UPPER CANADA,

Toronto, 14th April, 1856.

MEMORANDUM.

During the above period, the Bank has Imported Specie as follows, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Between 1st April, 1851, and 31st March, 1852.....	40000	0	0
Do. do. 1852, do. do. 1853.....	75500	0	0
Do. do. 1853, do. do. 1854.....	187500	0	0
Do. do. 1854, do. do. 1855.....	281250	0	0
Do. do. 1855, do. do. 1856.....	218750	0	0
In all.....	£803,000	0	0

STATEMENT, Shewing the average amount of Gold and Silver kept in reserve by the BANK OF MONTREAL and the average amount of its Notes in circulation, from the year 1851 to 1855, inclusive. In accordance with instructions received from the Secretary of the Province, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, dated 9th April, 1856.

Year.	Average amount of Gold and Silver			Average Amount of Notes in Circulation.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1851.....	160570	8	0	585795	0	0
1852.....	156029	13	0	624992	0	0
1853.....	208725	3	0	850016	0	0
1854.....	243146	4	0	1182319	0	0
1855.....	194536	0	0	1012487	0	0

D. DAVIDSON,
Cashier.

J. KEAT,
Accountant.

BANK OF MONTREAL,
Montreal, April 16th, 1856.

STATEMENT, Showing the average circulation of, and Specie held by the COMMERCIAL BANK, M. D., in the years 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, and 1855.

Year.	Average Circulation.			Average Amount of Specie.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1851.....	220836	0	0	53565	0	0
1852.....	271891	0	0	55445	0	0
1853.....	429417	0	0	82330	0	0
1854.....	507731	0	0	81643	0	0
1855.....	508225	0	0	117603	0	0

C. S. ROSS,
Cashier.

COMMERCIAL BANK, M. D.,
Kingston, April 14th, 1856.

NOTE.—The Bank held in 1854 Government Debentures averaging..... £76766 0 0
 1855 do. do. do. 73540 0 0
 The Bank now holds do. do. do. £91250 0 0

Cy.

STATEMENT, Shewing the average amount of Notes of the BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA in circulation; and also the average amount of Specie held for the redemption of such Notes during the years 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855.

Year.	Average Circulation.			Average Amount of Specie held.		
	Currency.			Currency.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1851.....	360431	8	4	159944	19	1
1852.....	436769	5	0	189151	14	5
1853.....	700198	5	10	215318	11	4
1854.....	868487	2	11	293633	10	10
1855.....	807853	1	8	298512	10	5

THOMAS PATON,
Inspector.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA,
Montreal, April 15th, 1856.

STATEMENT, of the CITY BANK OF MONTREAL, shewing the average amount of Gold kept in reserve; and also the average amount of Notes in circulation for the five years, from March 31st, 1851, to March 31st, 1856.

	Average Yearly Circulation of Notes.			Average Yearly Amount of Specie Reserved.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March 31st, 1852..	103634	0	0	20342	0	0
March 31st, 1853..	125796	0	0	33856	0	0
March 31st, 1854..	212277	0	0	44896	0	0
March 31st, 1855..	258270	0	0	41866	0	0
March 31st, 1856..	236031	0	0	42212	0	0

F. MACCULLOCH,
Cashier.

CITY BANK, Montreal,
April 17th, 1856.

STATEMENT, Shewing the average amount of Gold and Silver Coins kept in reserve by LA BANQUE DU PEUPLE in each of the last five years commencing from the 1st March, 1851, and ending on the first March, 1856; and also the average amount of the Notes of the said Bank in circulation during each of the said five years.

Gold and Silver Coins in the Vault.	Average.			Notes in Circulation.	Average.		
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
From 1st March, 1851, to 1st March, 1852.....	21619	16	7	From 1st March, 1851, to 1st March, 1852.....	69499	15	0
“ 1st March, 1852, to 1st March, 1853.....	26382	19	10	“ 1st March, 1852, to 1st March, 1853.....	71909	0	0
“ 1st March, 1853, to 1st March, 1854.....	31474	8	7	“ 1st March, 1853, to 1st March, 1854.....	122921	10	0
“ 1st March, 1854, to 1st March, 1855.....	28149	18	3	“ 1st March, 1854, to 1st March, 1855.....	128574	0	0
“ 1st March, 1855, to 1st March, 1856.....	30925	10	3	“ 1st March, 1855, to 1st March, 1856.....	109695	10	0

B. H. LEMOINE,

Cashier.

G. PELTIER,

Accountant.

LA BANQUE DU PEUPLE,

Montreal, 17th April, 1856.

STATEMENT of the monthly average of Notes in circulation and Cash on hand, belonging to the *Quebec* Bank, for the last five years, from the 31st March, 1851, to the 31st March, 1856, as required by the Provincial Secretary's letter of the 9th April instant.

Period.	Total Circulation.			Monthly Average.			Total Coins.			Monthly Average.		
	£	s.	s.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
From 31st March, 1851, to 31st March, 1852.....	929747	15	0	77478	19	7	258611	12	10	21550	19	5
“ 31st March, 1852, to 31st March, 1853.....	1114200	15	0	92850	1	3	252343	0	9	21028	11	9
“ 31st March, 1853, to 31st March, 1854.....	1529296	5	0	127441	7	1	371549	11	5	30962	9	3
“ 31st March, 1854, to 31st March, 1855.....	2245798	15	0	187149	17	11	494420	3	10	41201	13	8
“ 31st March, 1855, to 31st March, 1856.....	1899327	15	0	158277	6	3	375408	18	0	31284	1	6

C. GETTINGS,
Cashier.

QUEBEC BANK,
Quebec, 17th April, 1856.

GORE BANK.

STATEMENT of the Average Amount of Notes in Circulation, and Gold and Silver Coins, on the 30th April, 1852, to 30th April, 1856, for the Honorable the Legislative Council.

NOTES IN CIRCULATION.

30th April, 1852.....	£128,037	0	0
30th April, 1853.....	164,119	10	0
30th April, 1854.....	230,284	10	0
30th April, 1855.....	255,203	0	0
30th April, 1856.....	251,462	10	0

GOLD AND SILVER COINS.

30th April, 1852.....	£11,501	16	6
30th April, 1853.....	11,009	0	1
30th April, 1854.....	12,316	15	5
30th April, 1855.....	29,776	12	7
30th April, 1856.....	40,008	7	8

Upper Canada,
County of Wentworth,
TO WIT: } Colin C. Ferrie, President, and Andrew Steven,
Cashier of the GORE BANK, Hamilton, severally make
oath and say, that the above statement is just and true,
to the best of their knowledge and belief.

COLIN C. FERRIE,
A. STEVEN.

Sworn before me, at Hamilton,
this 19th May, 1856. }

PETER CARROLL, J. P.

STATEMENT of the Amount of Notes of the MOLSONS' BANK in circulation, and the Amount of Specie kept for Redemption of its Notes, from 1st October, 1853, to 31st March 1856.

1853.	CIRCULATION.			SPECIE.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
October	7250	0	0	1482	19	7	Under the Free Banking Law.	
November	10134	5	0	2920	18	10		
December	12817	15	0	1615	16	4		
1854.								
January	14902	0	0	2445	1	7		
February	28862	0	0	4249	5	11		
March	37372	10	0	4655	4	8		
April	37683	5	0	2887	10	5		
May	37104	0	0	4148	16	5		
June	32700	15	0	3321	6	3		
July	33336	10	0	4684	0	10		
August	34368	10	0	4435	15	9		
September	41068	15	0	3264	2	2		
October	40607	5	0	2814	2	6		
November	40819	0	0	3638	8	1		
December	37861	5	0	3546	3	2		
1855.								
January	38768	15	0	4323	10	11		
February	48032	0	0	4030	1	7		
March	45454	5	0	4985	1	7		
April	42949	5	0	4852	5	10		
May	38077	5	0	5156	13	6		
June	40918	0	0	5860	10	2		
July	40024	10	0	6553	11	11		
August	37242	10	0	7035	10	0		
September	41238	10	0	4020	2	0		

Commenced Operations under Charter, on 1st October 1855.

				Total Circulation.			Specie.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
October	16815	15	0						
Do Registered Bills.	35663	0	0						
				52478	15	0	5613	12	2
November	23600	0	0						
Do Registered Bills.	30380	5	0						
				53980	5	0	12839	3	0
December	34160	5	0						
Do Registered Bills.	24332	5	0						
				58492	10	0	11013	16	2
1856.		*							
January	39154	0	0						
Do Registered Bills.	22031	0	0						
				61185	0	0	9911	7	2
February	50226	15	0						
Do Registered Bills.	21743	5	0						
				71970	0	0	8416	15	3
March	55863	0	0						
Do Registered Bills.	22375	0	0						
				78238	0	0	11116	8	11

WM. SACHE,

Cashier.

MOLSONS' BANK,

Montreal, 18th April, 1856.

Average Amount of Circulation and Gold on hand, NIAGARA DISTRICT BANK,
during the Years 1854 and 1855.

1854—Average Circulation	£33,158
1855— " "	57,114
1854— " Gold	£2,085
1855— " "	2,720

JNO. SMART,

Cashier.

THE ZIMMERMAN BANK,
Elgin, C. W., 16th April, 1856.

SIR,—I have the honor to state, in answer to your enquiries per letter of 12th instant, as follows, viz. :

FIRST. The average amount of Gold and Silver Coins kept in reserve by the ZIMMERMAN BANK for the redemption of its Notes for fifteen months (from its opening to 31st December last) was (\$6,000) six thousand dollars.

SECOND. The average amount of Notes of said Bank in circulation during same period was \$140,000.

Our exchanges being settled by sight drafts on New York, and redemption made in same manner, renders it unnecessary to keep large amounts of Specie in our Vaults, our position also is such that we can obtain at any time what Specie we may require within twenty-four hours from New York.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

E. A. KENDRICK,

Assistant Cashier.

The Honorable G. E. CARTIER,
Provincial Secretary.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Customs' Department, Toronto, 24th April, 1856.

SIR,—In reply to your communication of the 9th instant, requesting to be furnished, for the information of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, with a statement shewing what amount of Specie, either in Gold or Silver Coins, has been imported into the Province of Canada during the last five years, and what amounts have been exported from the Province each year during the said five years, I have the honor by direction of the Honorable the Inspector General, to state that the Returns from the several Ports of the Province do not enable the Department to furnish the required information.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE.

The Honorable G. E. CARTIER,
Provincial Secretary, Toronto.

APPENDIX No. 8.

RETURN

To an Address from the Honorable the Legislative Council, of the 13th ultimo. For information relative to proceedings adopted against the late Clerk to the Council, Charles de Lery, Esquire, for recovery from him of certain money which he misapplied.

By Command,

E. PARENT,

Assistant-Secretary

Secretary's Office,

Toronto, 12th June, 1856.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Toronto, 16th May, 1856.

SIR,—I have the honor to request that you will be good enough to acquaint me, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, what steps have been taken by you, for recovery of the sum due to the Legislative Council by Mr. de Léry, as Clerk to that Body, and what prospect there is of the matter being brought to a speedy settlement.

I have, &c.,

(Signed,) GEO. ET. CARTIER,

Secretary.

DUNBAR ROSS, Esquire,
Solicitor General.

TORONTO,

11th June, 1856.

SIR,—In answer to your letter respecting the Suit against M. de Léry, I have the honor to state that some time previous to my leaving Quebec for Toronto, a proposition was made to me by Mr. de Léry to agree upon a sum which could be accepted as a balance of his Account without further litigation, to which I acceded on condition that a confession of Judgment should be entered up at once for the amount, if admitted.

Since my arrival in Toronto, I have received a letter from that Gentleman, offering to confess to Judgment for £500, which sum has not been accepted.

The Suit therefore must be prosecuted to Judgment without further delay, on the best evidence of which it is susceptible.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

DUNBAR ROSS,

Solicitor General.

APPENDIX NO. 4.

The CLERK in account with the Honorable the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, for various Sums received and disbursed by him from the 12th May, 1855, to the 13th June, 1856.

Dr.

Cr.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
June 1st, 1855.	To Warrant of His Excellency	6150	0	0	4483	16	1
	Do do do	3850	0	0	5055	6	3
	Do do do	135	0	0	995	13	11
	Do do do	5000	0	0	133	8	3
April 11, 1856.	Do do do				2065	15	11
					761	11	4
					272	8	3
					242	5	10
					124	19	6
					352	0	2
					215	10	0
					210	17	3
					14913	12	9
	£ 15135	0	0				
		100	8	10			
June 12, 1856.	To Balance at the credit of the Legislative Council, at this date						
					100	8	10
					15135	0	0

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79.—*Clifton Incorporation Bill:*

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a Select Committee, 296. Reported without amendment, and
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,
321. Royal Assent, 368.

80.—*County Courts Amendment Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Ross, and read first time, 296. Read
second time, and ordered to be committed, 301. Order for Com-
mittal discharged, 313. Committed and reported without
amendment, 316. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to the
Assembly for concurrence, 321. Agreed to by that House, 376.
Royal Assent, 423.

81.—*Hamilton Water Works Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 297. Read second time, and referred
to a Select Committee, 301. Reported without amendment, and
Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof,
317. Royal Assent, 368.

82.—*Montreal Water Works Loan Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Ferrier, and read first time, 305. Second
reading discharged, 316. Order for second reading read, 321.
Motion to dispense with Forty-ninth Rule, 321. Question put and
carried, 321. Motion to read Bill second time instanter, 322.
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a Select Committee, 322. An amendment reported, (which was
read twice), and agreed to, 323. Bill read third time, passed, and
sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 323. Agreed to by that
House, 331. Royal Assent, 368.

83.—*Metropolitan Gas and Water Company, Toronto, Bill:*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Ross, and read first time, 316. Second
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read second time in six months, 328. Objected to and debated,
328. Question put and carried, 329. Main motion, as amended,
carried, 329.

84.—*Montreal Bank Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 329. Read second time, and referred to a
Select Committee, 330. Amendments reported and agreed to,

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332. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 332. Agreed to by that House, 336. Royal Assent, 368.
- 85.——*Woodstock & Lake Erie Railway Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 330. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 332. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 335. Royal Assent, 368.
- 86.——*Chartered Banks Privilege Bill*:
Brought in by Honorable Mr. J. Morris, and read first time, 332. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 335. Amendments reported, which were read twice, and agreed to, 339. Bill read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 344. Agreed to by that House, 353. Royal Assent, 369.
- 87.——*Agricultural Societies Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 333. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 336. Committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 339. Royal Assent, 368.
- 88.——*Salmon and Salmon Trout Fisheries Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 334. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 339.
- 89.——*Judicature Amendment Bill, L. C.*:
Brought up, and read first time, 334. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 336. Committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 340. Royal Assent, 368.
- 90.——*McLeod's Land Surveyor Admission Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 334. Forty-ninth Rule dispensed with, 334. Bill read second time, 336. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 339. Royal Assent, 368.
- 91.——*Sarnia Incorporation Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 336. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 340. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 343. Royal Assent, 368.
- 92.——*Mechanics Institutes Incorporation Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 336. Read second time, 341. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 344. Royal Assent, 368.
- 93.——*Mutual Fire Insurance Companies Bill, L. C.*:
Brought up, and read first time, 336. Read second time, and referred

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to a Select Committee, 340. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 343. Royal Assent, 368.

94.—*South Dumfries Road Allowance Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 336. Read second time, 341. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 344. Royal Assent, 368.

95.—*Millers Association Bill, C. W. :*

Brought up, and read first time, 337. Order for second reading, read, 340. Motion to read second time instanter, 340. Motion, in amendment, to read second time in six months, objected to, question put and carried, 340. Main motion, as amended, carried, 340.

96.—*Lotteries Suppression Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 337. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 341. Committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 345. Royal Assent, 368.

97.—*Insolvent Debtor's Relief Bill, U. C. :*

Brought up, and read first time, 337. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 341. Reported, without amendment, 379. Order for third reading, read, 386. Motion to read third time instanter, motion, in amendment, to read third time in three months, objected to, debated, and negatived, 386. Main motion carried, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 386. Royal Assent, 423.

98.—*Speaker of Assembly Office Execution Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 337. Read second time, 341. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 344. Royal Assent, 368.

99.—*Union Bank of Canada Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 337. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 342, amendments reported and read first time, 349. Ordered for consideration, 351. Order for consideration, read, 352. Motion to discharge said order till Monday 16th June, 352. Question put and carried, 352. Order for consideration again read, 356. The first, second, and third amendments were read a second time, and agreed to, 356. The fourth amendment was read second time, and upon a motion to adopt the same, three amendments were proposed to said motion, and were objected to, debated and negatived, and said fourth amendment was agreed to, 356. The fifth amend-

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100.—*Ship Building Encouragement Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 337. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 341. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 344. Royal Assent, 368.

101.—*London & Grand Trunk Junction Railway Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 337. Read second time and referred to a Select Committee, 341. Petition against Bill, presented, 342, Bill reported without amendment, 343. Motion to adopt report, 343. Motion, in amendment, to refer the Bill back to same Committee, together with above mentioned Petition, and other evidence, question put and carried, 343. Main motion, as amended, carried, 343. Again reported, without amendment, 346. Motion to adopt report, 346. Debated, 346. Motion, in amendment, to commit said report, 346. Debated, 346. Latter motion withdrawn, and original motion carried, 346. Motion for third reading, 346. Debated and carried, 346. Order for third reading, read, 348. Motion to read third time instanter, 348. Debated. 348. Motion, in amendment, to read third time in six months, 348. Objected to, and debated, 348. Question put and negatived, 348. Main motion carried, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 348. Royal Assent, 369.

102.—*Church of England Synod Bill :*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. DeBlaquière, and read first time, 338. Read second time, 345. Read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 347. Amended by that House, 352. The amendment read, agreed to, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 352, 353. Reserved for the signification of Her Majesty's pleasure thereon, 369.

103.—*Water Courses Improvement Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 347. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 348. Amendments reported, which were

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- read twice, and agreed to, 355. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 359. Agreed to by that House, 364. Royal Assent, 423.
- 104.—*London Loan Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 348. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 352. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 362. Royal Assent, 423.
- 105.—*Seigniorial Bill of 1856*.
Brought up, and read first time, 349. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 352. Committed, progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 357. Again committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 360. Royal Assent, 369.
- 106.—*Ordnance Property Transfer Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 349. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 352. Committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 357, 358. Royal Assent, 369.
- 107.—*York and Peel Counties Separation Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 349. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 352. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 355. Royal Assent, 369.
- 108.—*St. Catharines Cemetery Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 353. Read second time, 358. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 360. Royal Assent, 423.
- 109.—*Chicoutimi Separate Municipality Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 353. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 358. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 359. Royal Assent, 369.
- 110.—*Patton's Glebe Partial Conveyance Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 358. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 360. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 363. Royal Assent, 423.
- 111.—*Flour and Meal Inspection Bill*:
Brought up, and read first time, 358. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 360. Reported without amendment, and

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Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 363. Royal Assent, 423.

112.—*Religious Societies Incorporation Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 358. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 360. House adjourned during pleasure, and Bill committed, 363. House resumed, 363.

113.—*Commercial Bank Bill :*

Brought up and read first time, 365. Read second time. and referred to a Select Committee, 366. An amendment reported, which was read twice, and agreed, 370. Forty-sixth Rule dispensed with, and Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 370. Agreed to by that House, 378. Royal Assent, 423.

114.—*Canadian Loan and Investment Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 365. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 366. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 371. Royal Assent, 423.

115.—*Sons of Temperance Amendment Bill :*

Brought in by Honorable Mr. Seymour, and read first time, 370. Read second time, 371. Read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 373. Agreed to by that House, 383. Royal Assent, 423.

116.—*Amherstburg & St. Thomas Railway Bill :*

Brought up and read first time, 372. Read second time, 373. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 375. Royal Assent, 423.

117.—*Upper Canada Bank Charter Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 372. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 373. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 377, 378. Royal Assent, 423.

118.—*Canada Marine Insurance Bill :*

Brought up and read first time, 372. Second reading discharged, 373. Read second time and referred to a Select Committee, 375, 376. Amendments reported, which were read, and agreed to, 379. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 379. Agreed to by that House, 403. Royal Assent, 424.

119.—*Kingston Hospital Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 372. Second reading discharged, 373.

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Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 376. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 391. Royal Assent, 424.

120.—*Bond Head Harbour Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 372. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 374. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 375. Royal Assent, 423.

121.—*Hawkins' Attorney Admission Bill:*

Brought up and read first time, 376. Read second time, 380. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 386. Royal Assent, 423.

122.—*Saugeen Harbour Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 376. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 380. A special report made against passing of Bill, 390. Motion to consider said report, debated, and carried, 390. Order for consideration, read, 401. Motion to adopt report, motion in amendment to refer Bill back to Select Committee, debated, and negatived, main motion carried, and report adopted, 401.

123.—*Warwick Rectory Patent Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 376. Read second time, 380. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 386. Royal Assent, 423.

124.—*Walker's Attorney Admission Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 376. Read second time, 381. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 386. Royal Assent, 424.

125.—*Lawford's Attorney Admission Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 376. Read second time, 381. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 386. Royal Assent, 424.

126.—*Bernard's Attorney Admission Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 377. Read second time, 381. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 387. Royal Assent, 424.

127.—*Acts and Ordinances Continuation Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 377. Read second time, 381. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 387. Royal Assent, 424.

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128.—*County Courts Practise Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 377. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 381. Committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 387. Royal Assent, 424.

129.—*Queenston & St. Catharines Railway Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 377. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 381. Reported without amendment, and Bill read time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 385. Royal Assent, 424.

130.—*Commissioners for Taking Affidavits in Upper Canada Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 377. Read second time, 381. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 387. Royal Assent, 424.

131.—*Transatlantic Telegraph Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 377. Order for second reading, read, 381. Motion to read second time instanter, debated and carried, and Bill referred to Select Committee, 382. Reported without amendment, 420. Motion to dispense with Forty-ninth Rule, objected to, debated, and carried, 420. Motion to adopt report, motion, in amendment, to consider report at next sitting of House, objected to, question put and negatived by casting vote of Speaker, 420. Question put on main motion, objected to, debated, and negatived, 420.

132.—*Union of St. Joseph of Montreal Incorporation Bill :*

Brought up and read first time, 378. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 382. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 385. Royal Assent, 424.

133.—*Montreal Incorporation Bill :*

Brought up and read first time, 378. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 382. An instruction given, and a petition referred to said Committee, 382. The Clerk called upon for certificate under Eighty-third Standing Order, which was presented, and appears, 382. Motion to discharge said Committee then put and carried, 382, 383.

134.—*Lutheran Church Marriage Registers Bill :*

Brought up and read first time, 383. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 387. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 396. Royal Assent, 424.

135.—*Jurors Law Amendment Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 383. Read second time, and ordered

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to be committed, 388. Committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 400. Royal Assent, 424.

136.—*Onondaga Survey Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 383. Read second time, and ordered to be committed, 388. Committed, reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 400. Royal Assent, 424.

137.—*Ontario Lake Shore Proprietors Protection Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 383. Order for second reading, read, 388. Motion to read second time instanter, objected to, debated, and negatived, 388.

138.—*Toronto and Georgian Bay Canal Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 383. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 388. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 396. Royal Assent, 424.

139.—*Counties of Victoria and Peterborough Separation Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 383. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 388. Reported without amendment, and Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 397. Royal Assent, 424.

140.—*St. Lambert Municipality Bill :*

Brought up and read first time, 384. Order for second reading, read, motion to read second time instanter. Clerk's certificate under Eighty-third Standing Order called for, and presented, then a motion in amendment to the main motion was made, *viz.*, not to read second time, but to discharge same, debated, and carried, main motion, as amended, carried, 389.

141.—*British Farmers Union Insurance Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 384. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 389. An instruction given said Committee, reported without amendment, 395. Fifty-seventh Rule dispensed with, 389, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 395. Royal Assent, 424.

142.—*Roots and Seeds Standard Weight Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 384. Read second time, 389. Motion for third reading, motion in amendment to commit Bill, objected to, debated, and carried, 389, 390. Main motion, as amended, carried, 390. Committed, progress reported, and leave given to sit again, 401. House adjourned, and again put into Committee on said Bill, 406. House resumed, 406.

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143.—*Chatham and Argentwil Separate Municipality Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 384. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 390. An instruction given to said Committee, 390. An amendment reported, which was read, and agreed to, 396, 397. Fifty-seventh Rule dispensed with, and Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 397. Agreed to by that House, 409. Royal Assent, 425.

144.—*Falkenberg's Naturalization Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 384. Read second time, 390. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 399. Royal Assent, 424.

145.—*Colonial Bank of Canada Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 384. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 390. Amendments reported, which were read and agreed to, 397. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 405. Agreed to by that House, 409. Royal Assent, 425.

146.—*Municipal and Road Act Bill, L. C. :*

Brought up, and read first time 391. Forty-sixth rule dispensed with, and Bill ordered for second reading at next sitting of House, 391. Read second time and ordered to be committed, 401. Committed and amendments reported, which were read and agreed to, 407. Bill, as amended, read third time, passed, and sent to Assembly for concurrence, 407, 408. Agreed to by that House, 409. Royal Assent, 425.

147.—*Simcoe and Windham Titles Confirmation Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 392. Order for second reading, read, 401. Motion to read second time to-morrow, motion in amendment to read second time in six months, objected to, debated, and carried, 401. Main motion, as amended, carried, 402.

148.—*Waterloo and Saugeen Railway Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 392. Read second time and referred to a Select Committee, 402. Reported without amendment, Forty-sixth Rule dispensed with, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 403. Royal Assent, 424.

149.—*Carillon and Grenville Railway Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 392. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 402. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 405. Royal Assent, 425.

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150.—*Game Laws Amendment Bill, U. C.:*

Brought up, and read first time, 392. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 402. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 418. Royal Assent, 425.

151.—*Registrars Security Regulation Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 392. Read second time, 402. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 405, 406. Royal Assent, 425.

152.—*Northern Boundary of Toronto Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 392. Read second time, 402. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 406. Royal Assent, 425.

153.—*Grand Trunk Railway Aid Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 392. Order for second reading read, 402. Motion to read second time instant, objected to, debated, and carried, and Bill read second time, 402. Order for third reading read, 406. Motion to read third time instant, objected to, question put, and carried, 406. Bill read third time, passed, (dissentient, Honorable J. Morris and others,) and Assembly acquainted thereof, 406. Royal Assent, 425.

154.—*Squatters' Protection Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 393. Order for second reading, read, 406. Motion to read second time instant, 406. Motion, in amendment, to read second time in six months. Objected to, debated, and negatived, 406, 407. Main motion carried, Bill read second time and referred to Select Committee, 407.

155.—*Cornwall Municipal Council By-Law Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 394. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 408. Reported without amendment, 411. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 413. Royal Assent, 425.

156.—*Middlesex and Elgin Agricultural Societies Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 394. Read second time, 408. Read third time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 413. Royal Assent, 425.

157.—*Lake Huron and Quebec Railway Bill:*

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158.—*Woodstock Incorporation Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 403. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 414. Reported without amendment, and Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 417. Royal Assent, 425.

159.—*Kingston and Newburgh Railway Bill:*

Brought up and read first time, 403. Read second time, and referred to a Select Committee, 410. Reported without amendment, 411. Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 414. Royal Assent, 425.

160.—*Smart's Attorney Admission Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 404. Read second time, 410. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 413. Royal Assent, 425.

161.—*Martin's Road Allowance Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 404. Order for second reading discharged, 414.

162.—*Kemptville Incorporation Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 404. Read second time, 410. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 413. Royal Assent, 425.

163.—*Lachute College Bill:*

Brought up, and read first time, 404. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 410. Reported without amendment, 411. Bill read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 414. Royal Assent, 425.

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164.—*Quebec Recorder's Court Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 404. Read second time, and referred to Select Committee, 410. Reported without amendment, 410. Read third time, passed, and Assembly acquainted thereof, 413. Royal Assent, 425.

165.—*Port Whitby and Lake Huron Railway Bill :*

Brought up, and read first time, 404. Order for second reading discharged, 410.

166.—*Supply Bill :*

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167.—*Supply Bill :*

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