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HIS EXCELLENCY
THE RIGHT HONORABLE JAMES BRUCE, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE,
GOVERNOR GENERAL,
&c. &c. &c.

BEING THE SECOND SESSION
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J. F. TAYLOR,

Clk. Asst. and Depy. Clk. Leg. Council.

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PROVINCE }
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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, in Our City of Montreal, on the Second day of the Month of May now next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the twenty-third day of March last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our Provincial Parliament to the second day of the Month of May now next, at which time, in Our City of *Montreal*, you were held and constrained to appear. Now know ye, that for divers causes and considerations, and taking into consideration the ease and convenience of Our loving subjects, We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Executive Council, to relieve you and each of you, of your attendance at the time aforesaid; hereby convoking, and by these presents en-

joining you and each of you, that on Monday, the twelfth day of the Month of June next, you meet Us, in Our Provincial Parliament, in Our City of Montreal, there to take into consideration the state and welfare of Our said Province of *Canada*, and therein to do as may seem necessary.—Herein fail not.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Proclamation of 26th April, continuing Parliament to 12th June.



PROVINCE }
OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE.
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 beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, in Our City of *Montreal*, on the twelfth day of the Month of June instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

Proclamation of 7th June, continuing Parliament to 24th July.

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and

Kincardine, Knight of the Most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this seventh day of June, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.



PROVINCE }
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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, in Our City of *Montreal*, on the twenty-fourth day of the Month of July instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the seventh day of June last past, We thought fit to prorogue Our

Proclamation of 17th July, continuing Parliament to 2d September.

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this seventeenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.



PROVINCE }
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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, in Our City of *Montreal*, on the Second day of the Month of September next, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

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

Proclamation of 24th Aug. continuing Parliament to 12th October.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*,

Kincardine, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this twenty-fourth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.



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Canada. }

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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, in Our City of *Montreal*, on the twelfth day of the Month of October instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS on the twenty-fourth day of August last past, We thought fit to pro-

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this seventh day of October, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Proclamation of 7th Oct., continuing Parliament to 21st Dec.



PROVINCE }
OF } *ELGIN and KINCARDINE.*
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 beloved and faithful the Legislative Councillors of the Province of *Canada*, and the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses elected to serve in the Legislative Assembly of Our said Province, summoned and called to a meeting of the Provincial Parliament of Our said Province, in Our City of *Montreal*, on the sixteenth day of the Month of November instant, to have been commenced and held, and to every of you—

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and

Kincardine, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this eleventh day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.



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

GREETING :

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the Meeting of Our Provincial Parliament stands prorogued to the twenty-first

Proclamation of 9th Dec., summoning Parliament to meet on 18th January.

Proclamation of 11th Nov., continuing Parliament to 21st Dec.

twenty-first day of December instant, Nevertheless, for certain causes and considerations, We have thought fit, further to prorogue the same to Thursday, the eighteenth day of January next, so that you nor any of you, on the said twenty-first of day of December instant, at Our City of *Montreal* to appear, are to be held or constrained, for We do will that you and each of you, be as to Us in this matter entirely exonerated; Commanding, and by the tenor of these presents enjoining you and every one of you, and all others in this behalf interested, that on Thursday, the eighteenth day of January next, at our City of *Montreal* aforesaid, personally you be and appear, for the Despatch of Business, to treat, do, act and conclude upon those things which, in Our said Provincial Parliament, by the Common Council of our said Province, may by the favor of God be ordained.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Right Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province, this ninth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

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THURSDAY,
18th January,
1849.

THURSDAY, the eighteenth day of January, in the twelfth 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 third Provincial Parliament of *Canada*, as continued by several prorogations to this day.

Members present.

The Members in attendance in the Building prepared for the accommodation of the Provincial Legislature in the City of *Montreal*, were—

The Honorable *Réne E. Caron*, Speaker :

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

His Excellency comes to the House, and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

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

Who being come,

His Excellency opens the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to open the Session by a gracious Speech to both Houses :—

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

I have much satisfaction in informing you The Speech. that uninterrupted tranquillity has prevailed in the Province during the recess.

The proofs which the people of *Canada* have furnished, during this period of general excitement and disquietude, of their love of order, and of the attachment they bear to their institutions, will tend, I trust, to establish the credit of the Province on a firmer basis, and to promote its prosperity.

I am authorized to state for your information, that it is Her Majesty's purpose to exercise the prerogative of Mercy in favor of all persons who are still liable to penal consequences for political offences, arising out of the unfortunate occurrences of 1837 and 1838; and I have the Queen's commands to invite you to concur with me in passing an Act to give full effect to Her Majesty's most gracious intentions.

It affords me much pleasure to state, that in compliance with the desire of the local Legislature, expressed in a joint Address of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, the Imperial Parliament has passed an Act repealing the Clause in the Union Act, which imposed restrictions on the use of the French language.

I have been in communication, during the recess, with Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and with the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, on the subject of the Provincial Post Office, and I am enabled to inform you that

that on the meeting of the Imperial Parliament, steps will be taken for conferring on the Provincial Authorities the entire control and management of this Department. I trust that when the necessary arrangements for effecting this object shall have been completed, it may be found practicable to establish a low and uniform rate of Postage for the British North American Provinces.

I am disposed to believe that an increase in the Representation would be attended with considerable advantage to the public interests, and I recommend this subject, which is one of no ordinary importance, to your best consideration.

It gives me much gratification to state that the opposition manifested at one time in certain parts of *Lower Canada*, to the School Act, has in a great measure subsided. I am of opinion, nevertheless, that this Act may, with advantage, be amended in some of its details, and I feel confident that you will readily consent to make such alterations in it, as shall render it as little as possible onerous to the rate payer, without, however, compromising the important principle which it has consecrated, in securing for all the youth of this section of the Province, the blessing of education.

Among the subjects which will probably engage your attention, are the system of Judicature in both sections of the Province—the Laws for the Regulation of Municipalities, and the Constitution of the University of King's College.

The Officers employed in exploring the Country between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, with the view of discovering the best line for a Railway to connect these two points, have presented a Report which contains much valuable information, and sets forth in a strong light the advantages of the proposed undertaking; I shall lay it before you, together with a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, expressive of the interest taken by Her Majesty's Government in the execution of this great work.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I shall direct the Public Accounts with the Estimates for the year to be laid before you.

I rely on your readiness to grant the Supplies which are necessary for the Public Service.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

I have observed, with much concern, that *Canada* has participated largely in the Commercial depression by which the last year has been so unfavorably characterized.

I have not failed to impress on Her Majesty's Ministers, the urgent necessity which exists for the removal of such provisions from the Imperial Statute Book, as may tend to restrict the Commerce of the Province, by checking the resort of Foreign Shipping to its Ports in search of Freight, and I have much satisfaction in stating that my representations on this head, have been cordially responded to by the Queen's Government.

Among the measures which seem to merit the attention of the Provincial Parliament at the present time, as being calculated to raise the credit of the Province, to extend its trade, and to contribute to the development of its resources, I recommend to your consideration the following as specially important:

The provision of such funds as may be required for the completion of the *St. Lawrence* Canals at the earliest period. These great works may, it is believed, be so far perfected at a small additional expense, as to permit Vessels drawing nine feet on the outwards, and eight feet on the inwards voyage, to pass from Lake *Erie* to the Ocean, soon after the opening of the navigation. When this object shall be accomplished, *Canada* shall possess an Inland Navigation unparalleled in capacity and length, and connecting the Marts of a Commerce, to the growth of which it is impossible to assign limits.

The enactment of a Law authorizing the alienation of works of a purely local character, which have been executed at the cost of the Province, and giving the Government such powers as may be necessary for the reorganization of the Provincial Debt, and creation of an efficient Sinking Fund—this debt has been contracted not in the prosecution of costly wars, whether of defence or aggression, but in the construction of works of utility, the more important of which can hardly fail when

when completed, to prove remunerative. The existence of a large Revenue, derived from Customs, places the Creditor of the Canadian Public in a very advantageous position, which will be improved when the principle of a Sinking Fund is brought into active operation.

The amendment of the existing Immigration Act, with a view to the removal of such provisions as tend to prevent Immigrants who propose to settle in *Canada*, or the Western States of the Union, from proceeding to their destination by the route of the *St. Lawrence*. The Passenger Trade is an important branch of the trade inwards, which cannot be discouraged without prejudice to the trade outwards. I shall not fail to make every exertion which the interests of the public health will permit, to reduce the expenditure of the Immigration Department to the scale of the years preceding 1847, when a passenger tax, considerably less onerous than that now levied, with the occasional addition of a small grant from the Public Treasury, sufficed to cover it.

I would further recommend for your consideration, the expediency of setting apart a portion of the Public Domain, in order that the Revenue derived from the sales thereof may form a Fund, the interest of which shall be applied to the support of Common Schools. It may probably be deemed advisable to authorize the Government to invest the Capital arising from this source, either in the Stocks of the Province or in those of some of the principal Railways, the construction of which has been sanctioned by Parliament.

In maturing these and all kindred measures which have the promotion of the moral and economical well-being of the people of this important Province for their object, you will find me ever willing and desirous to co-operate with you. In the possession of a Revenue derived from so many independent sources, and exempt from numerous charges that weigh heavily on the resources of other communities, *Canada* enjoys great and singular advantages. May we hope that under God's blessing our Legislation may be so directed as to enable her to reap the full benefit of them.

Then His Excellency the Governor General

was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

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

When the Honorable *Etienne Pas. Taché* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

The Hon. E. P. Taché introduced as a Member, and

Then the Honorable Mr. *E. P. Taché* presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows:—

Presents his Writ of Summons.



PROVINCE }
OF } *ELGIN and KINCARDINE.*
Canada. } The Writ.

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 *Etienne Pas. Taché*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *Etienne Pas. Taché*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times, whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right

His Excellency retired.

Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the twenty-third day of *May*, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the eleventh year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Recorded 27th May, 1848, Lib., A. S., folio, 345.

R. A. TUCKER,

Registrar.

Sworn and takes his seat.

Then the Honorable Mr. *E. Taché* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

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

The Hon. J. Leslie introduced as a Member, and

When the Honorable *James Leslie* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

Then the Honorable Mr. *James Leslie* presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows:—



PROVINCE }
OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE. The Writ.
Canada. }

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In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the twenty-third day of *May*, in the year of Our Lord one

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The Writ.

PROVINCE OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE.
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 *Frederick Auguste Quesnel*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *Frederick Auguste Quesnel*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times, whensoever and wheresoever. Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden: and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the eighth day of September, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

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

Recorded 9th September, 1848, Lib. A. S., folio 372.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, 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.

Sworn and takes his seat.

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

When the Honorable *Joseph Bourret* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

The Hon. J. Bourret introduced as a Member, and

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

Presents his Writ of Summons.

Province



The Writ.

PROVINCE }
OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE.
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 *Joseph Bourret*, Esquire, of the City of *Montreal*—

GREETING :

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin, *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the twenty-first day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Recorded 23rd November, 1848, Lib. A. S., folio 430.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Bourret* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, 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. Sworn and takes his seat.

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

When the Honorable *George Saveuse de Beaujeu* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House. The Hon. G. S. de Beaujeu introduced as a Member, and

Then the Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows :— Presents his Writ of Summons.



PROVINCE }
OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE. The Writ.
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 *George Saveuse de Beaujeu*, Esquire, of *Coteau du Lac*—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *George Saveuse de Beaujeu*, 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.

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In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in our said Province of *Canada*, the twenty-first day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

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

Recorded 23rd November, 1848, Lib., A.S., folio, 431.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Sworn and takes his seat.

Then the Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, Esquire, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

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

The Hon. J. Ross introduced as a Member, and

When the Honorable *John Ross* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

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



The Writ.

PROVINCE }
 OF } *ELGIN* and *KINCARDINE*.
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 Ross*, Esquire, of *Belleville*—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *John Ross*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden: and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the first day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

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

Recorded 4th December, 1848, Lib., A. S., folio 432.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, Esquire, one of the

Sworn and takes his seat.

the

the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature, and took his seat accordingly.

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

The Hon. J. O. Turgeon introduced as a Member, and

When the Honorable *Joseph Ovide Turgeon* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

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



The Writ.

PROVINCE OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE.
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 *Joseph Ovide Turgeon*, Esquire, of *Terrebonne*—

GREETING :

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

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed: Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble

Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the twenty-eighth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Recorded 29th December, 1848, Lib. A. S., folio 450.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, 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. Sworn and takes his seat.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act relating to Emigration." Emigration Bill.

The said Bill was read for the first time *pro forma*. Read 1st time pro forma.

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

The same was read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the House do take the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General into consideration on Monday next. To be considered on Monday, and

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

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the report of the Law Clerk on Expiring Laws. Law Clerk's Report on Expiring Laws presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered,

Committee on Privileges appointed.

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.

Committee on Printing appointed.

Ordered, that certain Members of this House be appointed a Committee to superintend the Printing thereof during the present Session.

Clerk to open an account with Post Office.

Ordered, that the Clerk of this House be instructed to open an Account with the Post-Master, for the Postage of Letters to and from the Members, and to include the same in his Contingent Accounts.

Committee on Journals appointed.

Ordered, that certain Members of this House be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former Sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

Committee on Contingent Accounts appointed.

Ordered, that certain Members of this House be appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

Adjourn.

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

MONDAY.

Monday, 22nd January, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and

Certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Petitions.

Several Petitions were presented by various Honorable Members of this House, and the same

Ordered to lie on the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session. His Excellency's Speech considered.

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 of the Provincial Parliament. Motion for an address of thanks in answer thereto.

To assure His Excellency that this House warmly concurs in the satisfaction which he has expressed at the uninterrupted tranquillity which has prevailed in the Province during the recess.

That the proofs thus furnished by the people of *Canada*, during a period of general excitement and disquietude, of their love of order and attachment to their institutions, will, they feel convinced, have the effect of establishing the credit of the Province on a firmer basis, and of promoting materially its prosperity.

That they learn with much satisfaction that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to communicate to His Excellency, Her intention of exercising the prerogative of Mercy in favor of all persons still liable to penal consequences for offences of a political character arising out of the unfortunate occurrences of 1837 and 1838, and to assure His Excellency that they will concur with His Excellency in passing any Act which may be deemed necessary to give the fullest effect to this gracious intention of our beloved Sovereign.

That this House learns with much pleasure that, in compliance with the expressed wish of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, an Act has been passed by the Imperial Parliament repealing the Clause in the Act of Union, by which restrictions were imposed on the use of the French Language.

That this House has great pleasure in hearing that His Excellency, during the recess, has been in communication with Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and also with the Lieutenant-Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, on the subject of the Provincial Post Office, and that steps

steps will be taken on the meeting of the Imperial Parliament, to vest in the Provincial Authorities the entire control and management of that Department, and they trust that as soon as the necessary arrangements to give effect to this object shall be completed, it will be found practicable to establish a low and uniform rate of postage for the Provinces of British North America.

That they agree with His Excellency in the belief that an increase in the Representation would be attended with considerable advantage to the public interest, and that any measure that may be brought before them for that purpose, will receive their most deliberate consideration.

That they are happy to find that the opposition at one time manifested in certain parts of *Lower Canada* to the Common School Act, has in a great measure subsided, and that they will cheerfully concur in making any amendments that may be proposed to them which shall render it as little as possible onerous to the rate payer without compromising the important principle which it has consecrated in securing the blessing of Education to the youth of this section of the Province.

That the systems of Judicature in the Province, the Laws for the regulation of Municipalities, and the Constitution of the University of King's College in *Upper Canada*, shall engage their best attention.

That they have great satisfaction in hearing that the Officers employed on the exploration of the country between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, with the view of ascertaining the Line best adapted for a Railway between these two Cities, have made a Report containing much valuable information, and presenting in a strong light the advantages of the proposed undertaking, and that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has expressed to His Excellency the interest taken by Her Majesty's Government in the execution of this important work.

That this House participates in the concern felt by His Excellency, that *Canada* has been seriously affected by the commercial depression by which the past year has been unfortunately characterised.

That they feel grateful to His Excellency for having pressed on the consideration of Her Majesty's Imperial Government the urgent necessity for the removal of those provisions from the Imperial Statute Book which tend to restrict the Commerce of this Province by checking the resort of Foreign Shipping to her Ports in search of Freight, and that they receive with much satisfaction the information that His Excellency's representations on this head have been cordially responded by the Queen's Government.

That to all the measures to which His Excellency has been pleased to refer, as calculated to raise the credit of the Province, extend its trade, and contribute to the development of its resources, this House will not fail to give their best attention, particularly to the following, viz. :

The provision of the necessary funds for the completion of the *St. Lawrence* Canals at the earliest period which is of the greatest importance; and they are happy to learn that these great Works may be so far perfected at small additional expense as to permit Vessels drawing nine feet on the outward and eight feet on the inward voyage to pass from Lake *Erie* to the Ocean soon after the opening of the Navigation, and that when this object shall be accomplished, *Canada* will possess an Inland Navigation unparalleled in capacity and length, and connecting the Marts of a Commerce to the growth of which it is impossible to assign limits.

An enactment authorizing the alienation of Works of a purely local character, which have been executed at the cost of the Province, and giving such powers as may be necessary to the Government for the re-organization of the Provincial Debt and the creation of an efficient Sinking Fund: it is gratifying to remember that this debt has not been contracted in the prosecution of costly wars of defence or aggression, but in the construction of works of utility, the more important whereof can hardly fail, when completed, to prove remunerative; this, with the existence of a large Revenue derived from Customs, places the public creditor in a very advantageous position, and which will be improved when the principle of a Sinking Fund is brought into active operation.

The amendment of the existing Immigration Act, with a view to the removal of such provisions as tend to prevent Immigrants proposing to settle in *Canada* or the Western States of the American Union, from proceeding to their destination by the *St. Lawrence*, and with respect to this important subject, this House fully concurs with His Excellency that the conveyance of Passengers is an important branch of the trade inwards which cannot be discouraged without prejudice to the trade outwards, and this House expresses their thanks to His Excellency for the assurance that every exertion which the interests of the public health will permit, will be made to reduce the expenditure of the Immigration Department to the scale of the years preceding 1847, when a Passenger Tax considerably less onerous than that now levied, with the occasional addition of a small grant from the Public Treasury, sufficed to cover it.

That this House views with pleasure the recommendation of His Excellency to consider the propriety of setting apart a portion of the Public Domain, in order that the revenue derived from the sales thereof may form a fund, the interest of which shall be applied to the support of Common Schools, and to assure His Excellency that the subject will receive their best attention, as well as the important suggestion of His Excellency to invest the Capital arising from this source, either in the Stocks of the Province or in some of those of the principal Railways, the construction of which has been sanctioned by Parliament.

That this House feels grateful for the assurance that His Excellency will always be willing and desirous of co-operating with them in maturing these and all kindred measures for the promotion of the moral and economical well-being of the people of this important Province.

That they entirely concur in opinion with His Excellency that in the possession of a Revenue derived from so many independent sources, and exempt from numerous charges that weigh heavily on the resources of other communities, *Canada* enjoys great and singular advantages; and they cordially unite with His Excellency in the hope that under God's blessing Legislation may be so directed as to enable her to reap the full benefit of them.

Each paragraph of the said Resolution being then again read, Each paragraph read.

It was moved to adopt the same. Motion to adopt the same.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and Question put, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative. Carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *M^cGill, de Boucherville* and *Quesnel*, be appointed a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, founded on the foregoing Resolution. Committee appointed to draft the address.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel*, from the said Committee, reported an Address prepared by them, as follows:— An address by His Excellency reported.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

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

We assure Your Excellency that this House warmly concurs in the satisfaction Your Excellency has expressed at the uninterrupted tranquillity which has prevailed in the Province during the recess.

The proofs thus furnished by the people of *Canada*, during a period of general excitement and disquietude, of their love of order and attachment to their institutions, will, we feel convinced, have the effect of establishing the

the credit of the Province on a firmer basis, and of promoting materially its prosperity.

We learn with much satisfaction that Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to communicate to Your Excellency, Her intention of exercising the prerogative of Mercy in favor of all persons still liable to penal consequences for offences of a political character arising out of the unfortunate occurrences of 1737 and 1838, and we assure Your Excellency that we will concur with Your Excellency in passing any Act which may be deemed necessary to give the fullest effect to this gracious intention of our beloved Sovereign.

This House learns with much pleasure that, in compliance with the expressed wish of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, an Act has been passed by the Imperial Parliament repealing the Clause in the Act of Union, by which restrictions were imposed on the use of the French Language.

This House has great pleasure in hearing that Your Excellency, during the recess, has been in communication with Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and also with the Lieutenant-Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, on the subject of the Provincial Post Office, and that steps will be taken on the meeting of the Imperial Parliament, to vest in the Provincial Authorities the entire control and management of that Department, and we trust that as soon as the necessary arrangements to give effect to this object shall be completed, it will be found practicable to establish a low and uniform rate of postage for the Provinces of British North America.

We agree with Your Excellency in the belief that an increase in the representation would be attended with considerable advantage to the public interest, and any measure that may be brought before us for that purpose, will receive our most deliberate consideration.

We are happy to find that the opposition at one time manifested in certain parts of *Lower Canada* to the Common School Act, has in a great measure subsided, and we will cheerfully concur in making any amendments that may be proposed to this House which shall render it as little as possible onerous to the

rate payer, without compromising the important principle which it has consecrated in securing the blessing of education to the youth of this section of the Province.

The system of Judicature in the Province, the Laws for the regulation of Municipalities, and the Constitution of the University of King's College in *Upper Canada*, shall engage our best attention.

We have great satisfaction in hearing that the Officers employed on the exploration of the country between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, with the view of ascertaining the line best adapted for a Railway between these two Cities, have made a Report containing much valuable information, and presenting in a strong light the advantages of the proposed undertaking, and that the Secretary of State for the Colonies has expressed to Your Excellency the interest taken by Her Majesty's Government in the execution of this important work.

This House participates in the concern felt by Your Excellency that *Canada* has been seriously affected by the commercial depression by which the past year has been unfortunately characterised.

We feel grateful to Your Excellency for having pressed on the consideration of Her Majesty's Imperial Government the urgent necessity for the removal of those provisions from the Imperial Statute Book which tend to restrict the Commerce of this Province by checking the resort of Foreign Shipping to her Ports in search of Freight, and we receive with much satisfaction the information that Your Excellency's representations on this head have been cordially responded by the Queen's Government.

This House will not fail to give its best attention to all the measures to which Your Excellency has been pleased to refer, as calculated to raise the credit of the Province, extend its trade, and contribute to the development of its resources, particularly to the following, viz. :—

The provision of the necessary funds for the completion of the *St. Lawrence Canals* at the earliest period, which is of the greatest importance; and we are happy to learn that these great Works may be so far perfected at small

small additional expense as to permit Vessels drawing nine feet on the outward and eight feet on the inward voyage to pass from Lake Erie to the Ocean soon after the opening of the Navigation, and that when this object shall be accomplished, *Canada* will possess an Inland Navigation unparalleled in capacity and length, and connecting the Marts of a Commerce to the growth of which it is impossible to assign limits.

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This House views with pleasure the recommendation of Your Excellency to consider the propriety of setting apart a portion of the Public Domain, in order that the revenue de-

rived from the sales thereof may form a fund, the interest of which shall be applied to the support of Common Schools, and we assure Your Excellency that the subject will receive our best attention, as well as the important suggestion of Your Excellency to invest the Capital arising from this source, either in the Stocks of the Province, or in some of those of the principal Railways, the construction of which has been sanctioned by Parliament.

We feel grateful for the assurance that Your Excellency will always be willing and desirous to co-operate with us in maturing these and all kindred measures for the promotion of the moral and economical well-being of the people of this important Province.

We entirely concur in opinion with Your Excellency that in the possession of a Revenue derived from so many independent sources, and exempt from numerous charges that weigh heavily on the resources of other communities, *Canada* enjoys great and singular advantages; and we cordially unite with Your Excellency in the hope that under God's blessing Legislation may be so directed as to enable her to reap the full benefit of them.

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

Ordered, that the said Address be engrossed. To be engrossed, and

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

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address. A Committee appointed to inquire when it would be received.

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

THEFRIDAY.

Tuesday, 23rd January, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,
andCertain other Honorable Members of this
House.

PRAYERS.

Committee re-
port the time
at which His
Excellency
will receive the
address in an-
swer to the
Speech from
the Throne.A certain Honorable Member of this House,
who is also a Member of the Executive Coun-
cil, reported that he had, according to Order,
waited on His Excellency the Governor Gen-
eral, to know what time His Excellency would
be pleased to appoint to be attended with the
Address of this House; and that His Excel-
lency had appointed this day at half-past two
o'clock in the afternoon, at the Government
House in this city.House ad-
journs during
pleasure.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

House resumes

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellen-
cy's Reply to
the last address
reported.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,*

The Reply.

I sincerely thank you for your very cordial
Address, and I rely on your co-operation in
all my efforts to promote the prosperity of
Canada.The address
and reply to be
printed.*Ordered*, that one hundred and fifty copies
of the Address to His Excellency the Gover-
nor General, together with His Excellency's
Reply thereto, be forthwith printed and pub-
lished in both Languages for the use of Mem-
bers.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued
until tomorrow at three o'clock in the after-
noon, the House so decreeing.**Wednesday, 24th January, 1849.** WEDNESDAY

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,
andCertain other Honorable Members of this
House.

PRAYERS.

Several Petitions were presented by various
Honorable Members of this House, and the
same were Petitions pre-
sented.*Ordered* to lie on the Table.The Speaker declared this House continued Adjourn.
until tomorrow at three o'clock in the after-
noon, the House so decreeing.**Thursday, 25th January, 1849.** THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,
andCertain other Honorable Members of this
House.

PRAYERS.

The Speaker declared this House continued Adjourn.
until tomorrow at three o'clock in the after-
noon, the House so decreeing.

Friday,

FRIDAY.
Friday, 26th January, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

<i>McGill,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Boulton,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Taché, E.,</i>
<i>Knowlton,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Quesnel,</i>
<i>Dionne, J.,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Goodhue,</i>	<i>De Beaujeu,</i>
<i>De Boucherville,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Morris, J.,</i>	<i>Turgeon.</i>

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from *W. Price* and others, of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* presented a Petition from *J. Robert* and others, of *Sainte Marguerite de Blainfindie*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* presented a Petition from the Reverend *P. M. Mignault*, Curé of *Chambly*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from *Sheffington Connor* and others, of the Legal Profession in *Upper Canada*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* presented a Petition from the Reverend *François Bouché*, Curé of the Parish of *St. Ambroise* :

And also a Petition from the Protestant Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *G. O. Stuart* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from the *Canada Baptist Union*. Petition from Canada Baptist Union presented.

Ordered, that the last mentioned Petition be now read, and

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly. Read.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *John Burwell*, of *Port Burwell*. Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented two Petitions from the *Newcastle District Council* :

And also a Petition from *F. Tremblay* and others, of *St. Paul's Bay*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Reverend *George Mackie*, D. D., and others, of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Dionne* presented a Petition from *A. Dorval* and others :

Also a Petition from *B. Marquette* and others :

Also a Petition from *John Munn* and others, all of the City of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Dionne* presented a Petition from *P. Blaney* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière* :

Also a Petition from *F. Normand* and others:

Also a Petition from *B. Doucet* and others, of *Three Rivers* :

And also a Petition from the Reverend *A. Racine* and others, of the Townships of *Stanfold*, *Blanford*, *Bulstrode* and *Maddington*.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report from
the Superin-
tendent of
Schools, U.C.,
presented.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a Report from the Superintendent of Schools in *Upper Canada* for the year 1847.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter F.*)

Return of
Bonds and Se-
curities pre-
sented

The Honorable the Speaker, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a Return of Bonds and Securities registered between the 24th February, 1848, and the 17th January, 1849.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter D.*)

Report of the
Committee on
Bonds and Se-
curities pre-
sented.

The Honorable the Speaker, as Chairman of the Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and Privileges of Parliament, reported that since the last Session the Honorable *Gabriel Roy* has departed this life ; and that the Honorable *George Pemberton* appears to have vacated his seat in this House by failing for two successive Sessions of the Legislature of this Province to give his attendance in this House, without the permission of Her Majesty or of the Governor of this Province, signified by the said Governor to this House.

Ordered, that the said Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

To be con-
sidered on Mon-
day.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on the
Rules of the
House pre-
sented.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Rules of this House, reported that they have carefully examined the Standing Orders as revised and amended in the third Session of the second Parliament, and have only found reason to suggest the following alterations therein, viz. :—

That in consequence of the repeal of the provisions of the Act of Re-Union, imposing restrictions on the use of the French Language

in Parliamentary proceedings in *Canada*, which affords the Committee the highest gratification to find has taken place in compliance with the Address of both Houses of the Provincial Parliament, the seventy-seventh Standing Order be rescinded as superfluous ; and that the same, as well as the section of the Imperial Statute containing those provisions which are now included in the Appendix to the printed collection of the Standing Orders, be omitted in any future edition of such collection.

And inasmuch as it may not always be convenient to afford time for reading the Minutes in both Languages, and many Members are unfortunately unacquainted with French, while all or nearly all are conversant with English, the Committee would recommend that the Minutes be read in the latter Language only, except when a wish to the contrary may be expressed by some Member present.

The Committee would also recommend that the Honorable the Speaker be requested to direct the Clerk and Assistant Clerk to examine and compare daily the English and French copies of the Minutes of the House, and to report to him that they agree in every particular.

Ordered, that the Report be received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next. To be con- sidered on Mon- day.

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

THE HONORABLE MESSIEURS

René E. Caron, Speaker... Present.
Robert S. Jameson..... Absent,
(by leave from His Excellency the
Governor General.)
Peter B. DeBlaquière..... Absent.
Peter M'Gill..... Present.
Robert B. Sullivan..... Absent.
William Morris..... Absent,
(by leave from His Excellency the
Governor General.)
George Pemberton..... Absent.
Alexander Fraser..... Present.
Barthelemy

Barthelemy Joliette Absent.
James Crooks Absent.
Adam Fergusson Absent.
John Macaulay Absent.
John Hamilton Present.
François P. Bruneau Present.
Adam Ferrie Present.
Jean B. Taché Absent.
Paul H. Knowlton Present.
Thomas McKay Present.
Philip H. Moore Absent.
Amable Dionne Absent.
Joseph Dionne Present.
George J. Goodhue Present.
Levius P. Sherwood Absent.
William Walker Absent.
Christopher Widmer Absent.
J. Æmilius Irving Absent.
Louis Massue Absent.
Pierre B. DeBoucherville .. Present.
James Morris Present.
James Gordon Absent.
Hamnet Pinhey Absent.
James Ferrier Present.
Roderick Matheson Present.
George S. Boulton Present.
Denis B. Viger Present.
Etienne P. Taché Present.
James Leslie Present.
Frederic A. Quesnel Present.
Joseph Bourret Present.
George S. DeBeaujeu Present.
John Ross Present.
Joseph O. Turgeon Present.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

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

Monday, 29th January, 1849. MONDAY

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

M^cGill,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
M^cKay,
Dionne, J.,
Goodhue,
Morris, J.,
Ferrier,

Matheson,
Boulton,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
De Beaujeu,
Ross.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Viger* presented a Petition from *W. Slack* and others. Petitions presented.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the President and Members of the *Quebec School of Medicine* :

Also from *John M^cCormick*, of *Quebec* :

Also from *G. de Bellefeuille* and others, Law Students of *Montreal* :

Also from the *Quebec Library Association* :

Also two Petitions from the Reverend *Eti- enne Payment* and others, of the County of *Quebec* :

Also from *R. Cassels* and others, of *Quebec* :

Also from *Jean Savard* and others, of *St. Ambroise* :

Also from the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, of *Ste. Foye* :

Also from *Olivier Blais*, of *Quebec* :

Also from *Eugene L'Ecuycr* :

Also from the Reverend *P. Huot* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Foye* :

Also from the *St. George's Society of Que- bec* :

Monday,

And

H

Joint Stock Companies Bill presented.

2nd reading on Monday.

Adjourn.

Petitions presented

And also from *John S. Fry* and others, of the Parishes of *St. Ambroise, la Jeune Lorette* and *Valcartier*.

The Honorable *J. Dionne* presented a Petition from *George O'Kill Stuart* and others, of *Quebec* :

Also from the Municipal Council of the County of *Yamaska* :

Also from the Reverend *M. Duguay* and others, of the Townships of *Arthabaska, Chester* and *Warwick* :

Also from the Reverend *L. A. Bourret* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska* :

Also from *C. Bourgeois*, of *St. Gregoire le Grand* :

Also from the Reverend *L. Provancher* and others, of the County of *Megantic* :

And also from *Joseph Béliveau* and others, in the County of *Nicolet*.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* presented a Petition from *B. Springer* and others, of the Township of *Delaware*.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented four Petitions from the Magistrates of the *Wellington* District.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented a Petition from *J. B. Cartier* and others, of *St. François du Lac*.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from the *Ladies Benevolent Society* :

Also two from the *Protestant Orphan Asylum*, all of the City of *Montreal* :

And also a Petition from the *Chiefs and Warriors* of the *Abenakis* Village of *Saint François du Lac*.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier* presented a Petition from *R. Watson*, of the City of *Toronto*.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from *G. Chaperon*, of *St. Paul's Bay*, in the County of *Saguenay*.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from *T. G. Choot* and others, of the Townships of *Dummer* and *Duro* :

Also from *J. Wells* and others, of *Toronto* :

Also from the *Home* District Council :

And also from *B. Horner* and others, of the Township of *Blenheim*.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* presented a Petition from the Corporation of the College of *St. Hyacinthe* :

And also from *Louis Legendre* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Louis de Lotbinière*.

The Honorable Mr. *Knowlton* presented a Petition from *E. Ives* and others, of the District of *Saint Francis* :

Also from the President and Directors of the *Shefford Academy* :

And also from *Alphonso Wells*, late Commissioner on the part of this Province for determining the *Boundary Line* between the Provinces of *Canada* and *New Brunswick*.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *A. McDonell* and others connected with the *Lumber Trade* on the *Ottawa* River.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from the Directress and Lady Managers of the *Montreal* University Lying-in-Hospital.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* presented two Petitions from *John McBean* and others, Directors of the *Berthier* Academy.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* presented to the House a Return from the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad Company for the year 1848.

Return from the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad Company presented.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter R.*)

The

Terrebonne
Agricultural
Return pre-
sented.

The Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Terrebonne* for the year 1848.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Gaspé Agri-
cultural Re-
turn presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Gaspé* for the year 1848.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Assessment
Returns, U.C.,
presented.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House the Assessment Returns of *Upper Canada* for the years 1847 and 1848.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter L.*)

Montreal Me-
chanics Insti-
tute Return
presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Mechanics' Institute of *Montreal* for the year 1848.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.*)

Lands parti-
tion Bill (L.C.)
brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. ——— and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments 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 Forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it regards the said Bill, and that the same be now read for the second time.

46th Rule dis-
penssed with,
and

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill. Committed.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable the Chairman reported from the Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment. Reported.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed

Ordered, that one 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 an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to lay before this House a Copy of the Report of the Commissioner appointed to enquire into the state of the Registry Office of the County of *Montreal*. Motion for an Address to His Excellency for a Copy of the Report of the Commissioner on Montreal Registry Office.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

The same was resolved in the affirmative. Carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council, who are Members of this House, do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

Pursuant

Joint Stock
Companies Bill
read 2nd time,
and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of nine Members.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill, Bruneau, Knowlton, M'Kay, J. Morris, Ferrier, E. Taché, Quesnel* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Order for con-
sidering the
Report of the
Committee on
Rules and
Standing Or-
ders discharg-
ed, and

The Order of the Day being read for a consideration by the House of the Report of the Select Committee upon the Rules and Standing Orders of the Legislative Council, it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

Ordered, that a Select Committee of seven Members be appointed to examine and report upon the Rules and Standing Orders of this House.

A Select Com-
mittee appoint-
ed to examine
into the same
subject.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Hamilton, Bruneau, J. Morris, Ferrier, Viger, Bourret* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Consideration
by the House
of the Report
on Privileges.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee appointed to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and the Privileges of Parliament.

Same adopted.

Which said Report, being again read by the Clerk, was adopted by the House.

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 30th January, 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*M'Gill,
Hamilton,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
M'Kay,
Dionne, J.,
Goodhue,
Morris, J.,
Ferrier,*

*Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
De Beaujeau,
Ross,
Turgeon.*

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, and laid on the Table, viz. :— Petitions pre-
sented.

From *B. Bowman* and others, in the Lumber Trade.

A. Buchanan and others, of the District of *Gore*.

J. E. Pell and others, of *Toronto*.

J. Jacques and others, of *Toronto*.

Louis Compte, of *Montreal*.

Andrew Macfarlane and others, of *Montreal*.

David Wood and others, of the Township of *Walpole*.

William Leonard, of the Township of *Scarborough*.

George Chaperon and others, of the County of *Saguenay*.

Honorable *Louis Panet* and others, of the County of *Quebec*.

Reverend *J. B. Gagnon* and others, of the County of *Saguenay*.

Joseph Donagani, of the City of *Montreal*.

From

Petitions presented.

From *J. L. Beaubien* and others, of the County of *L'Islet*.

— *A. B. Orr* and others, of the *Huron, Brock* and *Wellington* Districts.

— Reverend *F. Boivin* and others, of *Ste. Scholastique*.

— Reverend *P. J. Crevier* and others, of *St. Augustin*.

— *Jean B. Marcotte* and others, of *St. Benoit*.

— Reverend *H. Moreau*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*.

— *Louis Turcot* and others, of *Sainte Martine*.

— *A. Archambault* and others, of *L'Assomption*.

— Reverend *Louis L. Pominville* and others, of *L'Assomption*.

— *G. B. de Boucherville*, of *Montreal*.

— *L. O. Beauzet*, of the Parish of *St. Remi*.

— *C. Boyle*, of the Parish of *St. Giles*.

— *Le Mesurier, Tilstone*, and others engaged in the Timber Trade.

— Right Reverend *Joseph Eugène*, Lord Bishop of *Bytown*.

— *Sakinarratik* and others, Indians inhabiting the Banks of the Rivers *Gatineau* and *du Désert*.

— *Robert Conroy* and others, of the Town of *Bytown*.

— Reverend *A. Macdonell* and others, of the Townships of *North* and *South Plantaganet*.

— *Talbot District Council*.

— *Alfred A. Baker*, and others, of the *Wellington District*.

From *James Burr* and others, of the Township of *Nicolet*.

— *E. F. Heath* and others, of the *Wellington District*.

— *W. Smith* and others, of the Township of *Puslinch*.

— *John Hawkins* and others, of the Township of *Woolwich*.

— *H. Cardwell* and others, of the *Wellington District*, and from

— *T. Horner* and others, of the Township of *Burford*.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House, and

Message from His Excellency on Customs' Act.

The same was then read as follows:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Council, Copies of the Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, enumerated in the annexed Schedule.

Government House,

Montreal, 30th Jan., 1849.

SCHEDULE of Despatches accompanying Message of 30th January, 1849.

Earl Grey to the *Earl of Elgin* :

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
	1848	
166	11th Feb.	Customs' Act assented to by the Queen, with Letter from Treasury and the Board of Trade respecting it.
167	11th "	Ditto, with Memorial from certain Iron Founders.
175	6th March.	Ditto, with Memorial from certain <i>Glasgow</i> Merchants.

Schedule

SCHEDULE—Continued.

No.	DATE.	SUBJECT.
	1848	
186	31st March.	Customs' Act, Views of Her Majesty's Government.
252	7th July.	Respecting the <i>Canada Act</i> to extend Copyright to persons resident in the <i>United Kingdom</i> .
299	17th Nov.	<i>Halifax and Quebec Railroad</i> —Transmitting Report of Commissioners, and desiring to be informed of the views of the Provincial Legislature.
Military.	15th Sept. and 22d December.	Respecting the necessity of exempting from Duty, articles imported for the Military service.
174	24th Feb.	Respecting the <i>Montreal and Lachine</i> and the <i>St. Lawrence and Industry Railway Acts</i> .
202	20th April.	Enclosing Order of the Queen in Council confirming seven reserved Railway Bills of 1847, and pointing out amendments required.
206	29th "	Reporting the confirmation of certain Acts, and suggesting amendments to the Acts for incorporating the <i>Montreal and Echo Lake Mining Companies</i> .
231	15th June	Suggesting amendments to the Act incorporating the <i>Western Telegraph Company</i> .

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter N.)

Address of thanks for the same ordered

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, respectfully thanking His Excellency for his Message just received.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

House adjourned during pleasure

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

House resumed

After some time the House was resumed.

His Excellency comes to the House and

His Excellency the Right Honorable James, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor Gen-

eral of *British North America*, 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." common in the attendance of the Assembly.

Who being come, with their Speaker, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the title of the Bill to be passed as follows:— The Assembly attend.

"An Act to amend and extend certain provisions of an Act to facilitate the partition of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments in certain cases in *Lower Canada*." Lands Partition Bill assented to in Her Majesty's name.

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

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

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

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* presented to the House a Bill, signed by His Excellency the Governor General, for and on behalf of Her Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the Queen's most gracious, general and free Pardon." Amnesty Bill presented

The said Bill being only once read, Read.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Rules and Standing Orders of this House, reported—

That they have carefully examined the Standing Orders, as revised and amended in the third Session of the second Parliament, and have only found reason to suggest the following Report of the Select Committee on Rules and Standing Orders presented.

following alteration, viz. :—That in consequence of the repeal of the Provisions of the Act of Re-Union, imposing restrictions on the use of the French Language in Canadian Parliamentary proceedings, which it affords the Committee the greatest gratification to find has taken place in compliance with the Address of both Houses of the Provincial Parliament,—the seventy-seventh Standing Order be rescinded as superfluous; and that the same, as well as the Section of the Imperial Statute containing those provisions, which are now included in the Appendix to the printed collection of the Standing Orders, be omitted in any future edition of such collection.

Ordered, that the report be received, and

Read. The same was then read by the Clerk.

Adopted. *Ordered*, that the said Report be adopted.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
January 29, 1849.

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, informing their Honors that this House has adopted an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Navigation Laws, and to request the concurrence of their Honors thereto.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

WM. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

And then they withdrew.

The Address to the Queen was then read by the Clerk as follows :—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach your Majesty for

the purpose of assuring Your Majesty of the devoted loyalty of the people of this Province, and of their sincere attachment to Your Majesty's Person and Government; and we beg to represent to Your Majesty that we feel it to be a duty incumbent upon us to take the earliest opportunity to assure Your Majesty that the sentiments of the people of this Province on the subject of the repeal of the British Navigation Laws, which were expressed to Your Majesty in a joint Address from the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament in the month of July, 1847, remain unchanged; that delay in removing the present restrictions on the employment of Foreign Shipping would, in our opinion, be highly injurious to the Carrying Trade of the *St. Lawrence*; that in order to secure this Trade, the Province, relying in the continuance of the protection which was then enjoyed by Colonial products in the Markets of *Great Britain*, incurred a large debt for the construction of a line of Ship Canals, by means of which the cost of Inland Transport has been very materially reduced; that owing to the difficulties attending the navigation of the *St. Lawrence*, the greater length of the voyage, and the higher rates of insurance, freights are likely at all times to range higher at *Quebec* than at *New York*, but the practical effect of the Navigation Laws is not only to prevent the possibility of a fair competition between the two routes, but actually to give direct encouragement to American shipping, not only through the Canals of the State of *New York*, but at the Seaports of the *United States*; that at the Seaports of the *United States*, Shipping can generally be procured to carry any quantity of produce that may be offered, without a material increase of freight, but that even in case of scarcity, as the navigation is open throughout the year, Foreign Shipping can readily be procured in *Europe* at fair remunerative rates of freight, and without serious inconvenience or loss of time; that at *Quebec*, on the other hand, the exporter is compelled to rely on the regular traders to the port, so that when an unusual accumulation of produce takes place, vessels cannot be procured, and freights immediately rise to most exorbitant rates; that no means exist of engaging British Shipping to meet the sudden demands which the nature of the trade causes, as such Shipping is seldom to be met with at American ports, unless under specific orders, or the engagements of a Charter; that the early

closing

Message from the Assembly with an Address to Her Majesty on the Navigation Laws.

The Address.

closing of the navigation of the *St. Lawrence* renders it difficult, if not impossible, to obtain shipping from *England* to supply the sudden demands which, from the nature of the trade, are constantly arising, and which could readily be supplied at the American Seaports, whence vessels would at any time come round to the *St. Lawrence* if assured of remunerative freights; that the uncertainty which at all times prevails as to the route by which the products of the West will be transported to the Sea Board, must operate to prevent British Vessels coming to the *St. Lawrence* in sufficient numbers to ensure moderate freights during the shipping season, while the scarcity of shipping and the immediate rise of freights to *England*, whenever a large supply of products is sent by the *St. Lawrence*, has the effect of diverting those products through the *Erie Canal* to *New York*.

We beg further to represent to Your Majesty, that the Navigation Laws have likewise had a most injurious influence on the import trade of the Province; that it has not unfrequently happened that Canadian importers of sugars being unable to procure British vessels on any terms at *Havana* and other foreign ports, have been compelled to import their cargoes in American bottoms to *New York*, and thence through the American Canals to *Canada*, when, but for the restrictions imposed by the Navigation Laws, they would have imported them by the *St. Lawrence* in foreign bottoms which could have been readily procured.

We have observed with much satisfaction, that a Bill was introduced into the House of Commons during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament for the repeal of the Navigation Laws, and being of opinion that the provisions of that Bill are calculated to remove those restrictions from which the Trade of this Province is now suffering, we most humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to recommend the subject of the repeal of the Navigation Laws to the favorable consideration of the Imperial Parliament.

And we would further humbly pray, that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to authorize the Governor of this Province to permit Foreign vessels to navigate the *St. Lawrence* above *Quebec*, under such restrictions as His Excellency may in his wisdom see fit to impose.

The said Address being again read, it was moved to agree with the Legislative Assembly by filling up the blank with "Legislative Council and the." Same agreed to, and

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

Ordered accordingly.

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 "Legislative Council and the." The Assembly informed thereof.

Ordered, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General in the following words:—

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to approach Your Excellency with our respectful request, that you will be pleased to transmit our Joint Address to Her Most Gracious Majesty, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, in such a way as Your Excellency may deem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the said Address on behalf of this House. Signed, and

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed the last mentioned Address to His Excellency the Governor General, to which they desire their concurrence.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Queen's most Gracious, General and Free Pardon," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hincks* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
30th January, 1849.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, acquainting their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Address to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons."

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council

Attest,
WM. B. LINDSAY.
Clk. Assy.

Ordered, that the Joint Address to Her Majesty, and also the Joint Address to His Excellency the Governor General on the last mentioned subject, be presented on the part of this House to His Excellency by such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who 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.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* reported that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General to know what time His Excellency would be pleased to ap-

point to be attended with the said Joint Addresses, and that His Excellency had named to-morrow at one o'clock in the afternoon for that purpose.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that His Excellency the Governor General has appointed tomorrow at one o'clock in the afternoon, to be attended with the Addresses of both Houses on the subject of the Navigation Laws, and that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House will be in attendance at that time on the part of the Legislative Council.

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

Wednesday, 31st January, 1849. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were—
The Hon. *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Mc Gill,</i>	<i>Boulton,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Taché, E. P.,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>Knoulton,</i>	<i>Quesnel,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Goodhue,</i>	<i>de Beaujeu,</i>
<i>Morris, J.</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Turgeon,</i>
<i>Matheson.</i>	

PRAYERS.

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

When the Honorable *Robert Jones* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Jones* presented to the Speaker his Writ of Summons, who delivered

Amnesty Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

The Assembly informed thereof.

Message from the Assembly agreeing to the Address to His Excellency on the Navigation Laws.

The Joint Address to be presented to His Excellency by Members of the Executive Council.

A Committee appointed to know when it would be received.

Time appointed by His Excellency for receiving the same, and

The Hon. R. Jones introduced as a Member, and

Presents his Writ of Summons.

delivered it to the Clerk, and it was read as follows:—



The Writ

PROVINCE }
OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE.
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 *Robert Jones*, Esquire, of *Christieville*.—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *Robert Jones*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times, whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City

of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the sixteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

L, Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Recorded 18th January, 1849, Lib. A. S., folio 452.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Jones* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, 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. Sworn and takes his seat.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* reported that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General, on the part of this House, with the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament to Her Majesty and to His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of the Navigation Laws, and that His Excellency had been pleased to say that he would transmit the Joint Address to Her Majesty to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne. Answer of His Excellency to Joint Address on Navigation Laws reported.

The following Petitions were presented to the House and laid on the Table, viz:— Petitions presented.

From *Robert Montgomery* and others, of the County of *Drummond*.

— *William Cottingham* of the Township of *Emily*.

— *William Gordon* and others, of the County of *Kent*.

— *John Talfourd* and others, *James Porter* and others, all of the Northern Townships of the County of *Kent*.

From

Petitions presented.

From *Robert Mowbray* and others, of the Township of *Sombra*.

— *William Ketchum* and others, of the Township of *Bosanquet*.

— *William Davidson* and others, of the Township of *Caistor*.

— *J. Gloan* and others, of the Township of *Anderson*.

— *Niagara District Council*.

— *Grand River Navigation Company*, two Petitions.

— *Niagara Falls Suspension Bridge Company*.

— *T. M. Daly* and others, of the District of *Huron*.

— *N. L. Freeman* and others of the Western District.

— *R. E. Vidal* and others, of the Townships of *Sarnia* and *Plympton*.

— *Rev. A. Théberge* Curé of the Parish of *Terrebonne*.

— Trustees of the *Granby Academy*.

— *W. Duncan*, of the Parish of *St. Ignace du Côteau du Lac*.

— *A. Ouimet* and others, of the Township of *Upton*.

— Reverend *L. T. Bernard* and others, of the Parish of *Beauport*.

— *A. Talbot*, of the Parish of *Berthier*.

— Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*.

— Sister *Ste. Jeanne de Chantal* and others, of *Montreal*.

— *M. L. Mezieres*, and other Ladies of the Hotel Dieu of *Montreal*.

— The Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*.

From the Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church*, *Quebec*.

— Reverend *A. Mathieson*, D. D., and others, of the Presbyterian Church of *Canada*.

— *Robert Hamilton* and others, of the District of *Niagara*.

— *Samuel Fried* and others, of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Brock*.

— *J. M'Gill Chambers*, of the Township of *Montague*.

— The Mayor and others, of the City of *Toronto*.

— *Victoria District Council*.

— *A. Digby* and others, of the Townships of *Brantford*, *Onondago*, *Tuscarora*, *Oakland* and *Burford*, and South halves of the Townships of *Blenheim* and *Dumfries*.

— *J. Yule* and others, Trustees and Executors of the late *W. Yule*.

— *A. Archambault* and others, of the Counties of *Leinster* and *Berthier*.

The following Returns were presented to the House and laid on the Table, viz. :—

From the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter S.*)

— Agricultural Society of the District of *Montreal* for the year 1848.

— Agricultural Society of the County of *Two Mountains* for the year 1848.

— Agricultural Society No. 2, of the County of *Verchères* for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, Report of the Select Committee on Joint Stock Companies Bill presented.

intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," 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.

To be committed tomorrow

Ordered, that the said Bill, together with the Report thereon, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee on the same to-morrow.

Return to the Address to His Excellency for a Copy of the Commissioner's Report on the Registry Office of Montreal presented.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House a Copy of the Report of the Commissioner appointed to enquire into the state of the Registry Office of Montreal, agreeably to the Address of this House of Monday last.

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

R E T U R N

To an ADDRESS from the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, of the 29th instant, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to lay before the House a Copy of the Report made by the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the state of the Registry Office of the County of *Montreal*.

By Command,

(Signed,) J. LESLIE,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,
Montreal, 31st January, 1849.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

In obedience to the injunctions contained in the Commission which it pleased Your Excellency to address to me on the 28th of July last (said commission being issued in virtue of the 55th Section of the ordinance of the 4th year of Her Majesty's reign, cap. 30, intituled, "An Ordinance to prescribe and regulate the Registering of Titles to Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Real or Immoveable Estates, and of Charges and Incumbrances on the same: and for the alteration and improvement of the law, in certain particulars, in relation to the alienation and hypothecation of Real Estates, and the Rights and Interest acquired therein,") I proceeded to the fulfilment of the duties entrusted to me.

As my mission was special, and extended only to the obtaining of information relative to the Administration of the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal*, and to the manner in which the law which regulates it was followed and executed there, or in what respects, and on what occasions the officers appointed to superintend its execution had failed in the accomplishment of their duties, my investigation should necessarily have been confined to these objects, and the Report which I have the honor to submit to Your Excellency, ought, strictly speaking, to be kept within the terms of my Commission.

But as, in the course of the inquiry and examination which I have been obliged to make, for the purpose of obtaining the information Your Excellency required in relation to the said Office, I have been enabled to discover certain obstacles to the working of a law by no means in harmony with the system which its author has had the pretension to wish to improve, and into which he has thrown confusion and uncertainty, I request Your Excellency to permit me to add to the numerous and excellent suggestive observations of the gentlemen formerly charged with the inspection of Registry Offices, some remarks of which the sole aim is to promote, as much as possible, the important object of the ordinance in question.

On examining this Ordinance, one is readily convinced that if it were well and strictly put into execution, by conscientious and zealous officers, it could not afford the public advantages proportioned to the enormous tax which it

it imposes; and that if its execution is confided to unskilful and indifferent persons, the doubt and confusion which result from the obscure and contradictory provisions of this law must be considerably augmented.

I must, however, observe, that this law, so imperfect in all other respects, has defined in a very clear manner the duties of Registrars and their Deputies. And the Legislature, in order to establish a uniform system of keeping the books intrusted to these officers, has ordained that each Registry Office should, in the first instance, be provided with the number of books required, at the expense of the Government of this Province. As these books contained on the first page forms of the entries required by the law, the duties of the Registrars became easy to fulfil; and in following the course thus pointed out to them, as well by certain clauses of the Ordinance as by the forms which were thus furnished to them, they accomplished all that the law expected of them. If, on the contrary, they deviated from the rules thus prescribed to them, they became by so much the more obnoxious to censure and blame, that they aggravated by their negligence the evil consequences of an obscure and vicious law.

My mission was to inquire if Mr. *Dowling*, first Registrar for the County of *Montreal*, now deceased, and Mr. *Ryland*, his successor in that office, had conformed to the Ordinance in the exercise of their functions, or if they had failed in the accomplishment of the important duties which had been imposed upon them. I think I have acquitted myself of it with impartiality, and I have been impelled by no other motive than a desire to render myself worthy of the confidence with which Your Excellency had honored me in charging me with so delicate a mission.

I soon perceived that the task which I had undertaken would become by so much the more disagreeable and painful, that it would be indispensably necessary that my Report to Your Excellency should differ in many respects from that which *E. A. Clark*, Esquire, formerly Inspector of Registry Offices for the Districts of *Montreal*, *Three Rivers*, and *St. Francis*, had submitted to the Right Honorable *Charles Murray*, Earl *Cathcart*, Your Excellency's predecessor, in the month of April, 1846; and that instead of the expressions of

praise and commendation that I should have wished to be able to apply to the respectable gentlemen to whom the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal* has been confided since its establishment, I should be obliged to speak unfavorably of them. But this circumstance, although very painful, did not occasion me a moment's hesitation. I proceeded to the investigation prescribed to me, with a desire to ascertain and declare the truth.

State of the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal*, under the administration thereof by the late *Edward Dowling*, Esquire, first Registrar of said County, and condition in which that Office was found at the time of that Officer's death, in May, 1845 :

Edward Dowling, Esquire, having been appointed Registrar for the County of *Montreal*, at the time when the Ordinance of the 4th year of Her Majesty's Reign, cap. 30, was put into execution, took the requisite oaths, and gave as his sureties the Honorable *Dominick Daly*, then Provincial Secretary for *Canada East*, and *John Tobin*, Esquire, Merchant. The Bond is in general terms, and does not contain any special hypothec, as required by the 28th section of the said Ordinance—it was registered only on the 7th March, 1845, although it was dated on the 5th March, 1844.

Mr. *Tobin* having become a Bankrupt in December, 1846, the Honorable *Dominick Daly* remained from that time the sole surety for Mr. *Dowling*.

As, in virtue of the Ordinance above mentioned, the sureties for Registrars are responsible for the acts of those officers during three years after their death or resignation, Mr. *Dowling* having died in May, 1845, the Honorable *Dominick Daly* was freed from his responsibility only in the course of the month of May last (1848.)

I fear that the engagements contracted by the Honorable *Dominick Daly* as surety for Mr. *Dowling*, have greatly contributed to the deplorable state in which the Registry Office for the District of *Montreal* is found.

Mr. *Dowling* named as his Deputy Mr. *Thomas W. Middleton*.

It is to be regretted that Mr. *Dowling* neglected to keep, as he was required to do, a register or calendar of all the Parishes, Towns, Villages, &c., included in the County of *Montreal*. Mr. *Ryland*, his successor, having followed his example, the law has not been obeyed in this respect.

I should be happy if I had to report only this omission on the part of Mr. *Dowling*; but, unfortunately, the proceedings of that gentleman and his Deputy are characterized by so many irregularities, and so much indifference and negligence, that I am obliged to declare to Your Excellency that, in the majority of cases, the books of that office cannot be depended upon for an authentic certificate, and that a certificate founded upon entries in them, could not be sustained in a Court of Justice, if its truth were impeached.

The 19th section of the Ordinance provides that "each and every of the Registers to be used for the registration of memorials therein, as aforesaid, shall, before the making of any entries, be authenticated by a *memorandum*, to be written on the first page thereof, and signed by the Prothonotary of the Court of Queen's Bench, &c., by which *memorandum* shall be certified the purpose for which the said Register is intended, the number of leaves contained therein, and the day, month, and year on which such *memorandum* shall be made, and shall also be authenticated by the numbering of each of the said leaves in words at full length, with the initial letters of the name of the said Prothonotary subscribed thereto; and every memorial that shall be entered in every such Register shall be numbered, and the day of the month, and the year, and the hour of the day, when every memorial is registered, shall be entered in the margin of the said Registers; and the said Registrar or his Deputy shall duly file the said memorials consecutively, in the same order in which they shall respectively come to his hand.

The 5th section of the Provincial Statute of the 8th year of Her Majesty's reign, chapter 27, made no alteration in the mode of authenticating the Registers, nor in that of establishing the date of presentation of deeds: on the contrary, with respect to these two important points, the law enjoins that the Registers should be authenticated, and the

documents carefully filed and numbered, and the requisite certificate of the precise time of their being deposited, endorsed on them, in order to preserve the order of hypothecs.

Notwithstanding these explicit injunctions, the Registers, &c., kept by Mr. *Dowling*, and by his deputy, afford proofs of culpable indifference and negligence with respect to this part of their duties.

Not only do these books teem with errors, omissions, erasures, and anti-datings; not only are the leaves dated and changed in such a way as to render the time of presentation of a great many documents uncertain; but one of the registers wants the certificate which ought to be found on its first page, and the pages are not numbered by the Prothonotary.

Entries of the discharge of hypothecs are frequently made in it in pencil.

None of the entries are signed or verified by any one.

The absence of marginal notes proves that the transcripts of Deeds in the books have not been compared with the Deeds themselves. And, indeed, fatal errors are detected in them from day to day.

It would take too long to enumerate all the causes which tend to deprive these books and documents of the validity and authenticity which they ought to possess.

They present an immense mass of writing, calculated only to produce confusion and uneasiness, until the Legislature shall have provided, by an express enactment, for their being put in order, and thereupon becoming authentic.

For some time before and after the 1st November, 1844, which was the last day allowed by law for the registration, with full effect, of old Deeds, a great many documents were presented at the office to be registered at full length; instead of preparation having been made for this contingency, and the strength of the office having been increased, so as to be able to number each document in the order of its presentation, they were received and thrown in a heap, without being numbered or arranged,

arranged, and without any note of the time of their receipt being endorsed on them.

These documents have since been registered at full length, but not in the order of their presentation: they have been numbered successively as they have been transcribed into Registers, which are neither signed, certified, nor authenticated by any person.

The account given by Mr. *Weston*, the present Deputy Registrar of the County of *Montreal*, of the state of the office at the time of Mr. *Ryland's* appointment, is as follows:—

To the first question I put to him, which was in the following words:—

“Will you please state in what situation you found the office at the time of your entering upon the duties of Deputy Registrar?”

He answered—“There was a number of Deeds not transcribed (about 2,500) that had never been numbered, filed, indexed, or minuted; and there was no possible means of ascertaining correctly when they were deposited for registration: the only guide being pencil marks on the envelopes or wrappers bound round the several bundles, and the verbal assertions of the Clerks in the office, that a certain number were lodged on or before the 1st November, 1844, (the period when the delay granted by the Legislature for enregistering old deeds expired) and that the remainder were lodged subsequently.”

“The Registers, Minute Books and Indexes were without verification either of the Registrar or of any of the Deputies. And there was no book of index to estates.”

And to the tenth question, in these words—“From the knowledge you have acquired of the gross irregularities and numerous errors which pervade the said books, do you believe that certificates prepared and delivered according to the entries in the said books offer any guarantee to the persons concerned?” He answered—

“I should think not, as we are obliged to qualify the wording of the certificates in consequence of the irregular and improper nature of the records.”

If to the above testimony, and that which I am myself enabled to give from personal observation, it were necessary to add further evidence of the prevarications of Mr. *Dowling* and his Deputy, I would take the liberty of referring Your Excellency to the *procès-verbal* or inventory of the books, registers, and documents of the said office, made at the requisition of Mr. *Ryland* before assuming the functions of Registrar of the County of *Montreal*.

Your Excellency will find in this document unexceptional evidence of the deplorable state of the office in question in July, 1845. The record of this *procès-verbal* is deposited in the office of Messrs. *Gibb & Easton*, Public Notaries, residing at *Montreal*, and bears date the 17th July, 1845.

It was after repeated communications with the Honorable Mr. *Daly*, then Provincial Secretary (and surety for Mr. *Dowling*,) and with the Honorable Mr. *Smith*, at that time Attorney General for *Canada East*, that Mr. *Ryland* was obliged, before taking charge of the said office, to cause the above mentioned *procès-verbal* to be made. These two high public functionaries visited the office and might have seen the state of confusion in which it was; yet things have remained in the same state until this day.

When we reflect that this office is the source to which the public look for information to guide them in transactions of the greatest importance to the prosperity and welfare of their families, the apathy evinced by these gentlemen on the subject appears truly surprising.

But how shall we account for the way in which Mr. *Clark*, Inspector of said office, alludes to the state of the establishment in April, 1846, the date of his last report, in which he merely glances at this important subject?

If that gentleman was unwilling to create alarm in the public mind by proclaiming the actual state of the said office, and contented himself with making a confidential report of it to the Honorable Mr. *Daly*, his scruples will have greatly contributed to the ruinous consequences which must, sooner or later, result from transactions founded on the supposed authenticity of the Registers, &c., of the Registry office for the County of *Montreal*.

The information I have collected on this subject is as follows:—

The 19th and 20th questions put by me to Mr. *Weston* were couched in these terms.—

Q. No. 19. Did he, Mr. *Clark*, state to you, or do you otherwise know, that Mr. *Clark* did not report the state of this office lest the public should conceive alarm at the confused state of the proceedings of the late Incumbent?

A. Mr. *Clark*, in conversation, told me that he felt it to be his duty to report the state in which the office was; but that he thought it would be better to do so in a separate report, not to cause unnecessary alarm on the subject, or words to that effect.

Q. No. 20. Do you know that Mr. *Clark* made such a report to the then Secretary of the Province?

A. I understood from Mr. *Clark* that he had made such a report, and I have every reason to believe that he did so.

Although I fear I shall weary Your Excellency by prolonging these observations, I must justify the assertion I have made relative to the knowledge possessed by the Provincial Secretary and the Attorney General, of the state of the office in question, in July, 1846.

Among other documents, relating to the official communications which took place at that time between these high public functionaries and Mr. *Ryland*, I have before me the two following letters, which I beg leave to insert here in support of what I have advanced. They are as follows:—

“REGISTRY OFFICE,
“*Montreal*, 14th July, 1845.

“SIR,—I have the honor to enclose, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, a copy of a letter which I have been compelled to address to Her Majesty’s Attorney General for *Canada East*, relative to the difficulty I have experienced in obtaining possession of the Records of the Registry Office of *Montreal*; and, at the same time, pointing out the necessity of some decision being come to, by the Executive,

“as to the manner in which the registration of a vast number of documents received during the last eight or ten months, and, in the perfecting of which, none of the requirements of the law have yet been complied with, can now legally be completed—at whose expense this work should be performed, and by whom the certificates to be signed.

“I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed,) “G. H. RYLAND.”

The Honorable Mr. *Daly*,
Provincial Secretary.

—
“*Montreal*, 14th July, 1845.

SIR,—“Having caused a formal demand to be served on Mr. *McNaught*, the curator to the estate of the late Mr. *Dowling*, calling upon him to deliver over to me the registers, books, indexes, memorials, records, documents, and papers appertaining to the Registry Office of *Montreal*, as required by the Ordinance 4th Viet., cap. 30, sec. 47, it becomes my painful duty to report to you, as Her Majesty’s Attorney General, Mr. *McNaught*’s resistance to my demand, and to add that, though my Commission as Registrar of the County, together with the section of the Ordinance above quoted, have been exhibited to that gentleman, I have been unable to obtain possession of the Records in question; and that consequently being thus hindered in the discharge of my official duties, I cannot carry on the Department under my charge in the manner which the Law and the interest of the public require.

“In bringing this subject (which I do with great reluctance) under the notice of the Government, I am compelled to state that the requirements of the Registry law, relative to the books ordered to be kept by the different Registrars, have not hitherto, in the County of *Montreal*, been complied with; and that, as a vast number of documents received by the late Registrar, and on which the fees are mostly paid, have neither been numbered or filed according to the provisions of the Ordinance 4 Viet., cap. 30, or any progress made in their registration, it will be necessary that some decision should

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“ at once be come to by the Executive, as to
 “ how this important work can now legally
 “ be accomplished, and by whom the docu-
 “ ments, when completed, are to be certified.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed) “ G. H. RYLAND.

The Honorable Mr. *Smith*,
 Attorney General, &c. &c. &c.,
Canada East.

On the back of these two documents, are the words, “ put by.”

Mr. *Ryland* not having succeeded in obtaining possession of the Deeds not registered at full length at the time of his appointment, they remained to the number of several thousand, in the possession of Mr. *Middleton*, who, although not officially qualified to do so, continued to transcribe them with the assistance of a number of writers, under no responsibility whatever. And after they were transcribed, that gentleman carried them to his own house, on the pretext that he had purchased at a public sale the fees due to Mr. *Dowling's* estate for the registration of these documents. So that persons who go to the Office for their papers are obliged to be referred to Mr. *Middleton*, at his residence, where they may receive them from him on payment of the fees due. including 2s 6d which he exacts for a certificate, drawn up but not signed. This certificate must be taken to the office, where it is verified and signed by the Deputy Registrar, who has a right to exact 2s 6d more for doing so. This abuse has lasted for more than three years, and has never been pointed out.

I must confine myself to these few observations, on the conduct and management of the Registry office for the County of *Montreal*, under Messrs. *Dowling* and *Middleton*, and I must repeat that I regret exceedingly the absolute necessity under which I find myself, of exposing acts and irregularities, which, if they had been brought to light sooner, could more easily have been corrected and rectified; and which have now attained such a degree of complexity, that it will cost a great deal of labour to remedy them, or even to mitigate their serious consequences.

APPOINTMENT of Mr. *Ryland* as Registrar for the County of *Montreal*. Precautions taken by him before assuming the office—present state of the said office.

Although Mr. *Dowling* died in May, 1845, it was only in the month of July following that Mr. *Ryland* assumed the management of the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal*. That establishment was then in such a state of disorder and confusion that Mr. *Ryland* hesitated some time before he took charge of it.

After repeated communications on the subject with the Honorable Mr. *Daly*, Provincial Secretary, and the Honorable Mr. *Smith*, Attorney General for *Lower Canada*, which led to no result, Mr. *Ryland* determined to cause a *procès-verbal*, or inventory, to be drawn up, to establish the state of the said office at the time when he took charge of it. This is the instrument of which I have already spoken.

That gentleman thought it right also, in order to protect himself from all responsibility for the acts of his predecessor, to commence a fresh series of books and of numbers.

These wise precautions led the public to expect a better administration of the office. I am, however, obliged to state that this expectation has not been realized; and that the present state of the books, registers, indexes, documents, &c., therein, is not such as to afford proof of either zeal or method on the part of Mr. *Ryland* in the discharge of his duties. I will take the liberty of submitting to Your Excellency the facts which I have ascertained by the means placed at my disposal.

Mr. *Ryland* took the oaths required by the Ordinance, and gave the Bond, of which a copy is annexed to this Report.

I must draw Your Excellency's attention to that clause of the Ordinance of the 4th *Victoria*, cap. 30, which prescribes the amount of security to be given by the Registrars, and points out the public functionaries before whom such security should be given.

That part of the eighth section of the said Ordinance which relates to such security is in these terms—“ And every such Registrar
 “ shall also, before he takes upon himself the
 “ execution

“ execution of his office, enter into a recogni-
 “ zance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs and Suc-
 “ cessors, with two or more, and not more
 “ than four, good and sufficient sureties, to be
 “ approved by the Justice before whom such
 “ recognizance shall be taken, jointly and
 “ severally, as follows, that is to say :—Every
 “ registrar for any District, other than the
 “ Districts in which the Cities of *Quebec* and
 “ *Montreal* shall lie, in the penal sum of two
 “ thousand pounds; and each of the Regis-
 “ trars for the said Districts in which the said
 “ Cities of *Quebec* and *Montreal* respectively
 “ shall lie, in the penal sum of five thousand
 “ pounds upon the condition contained in the
 “ schedule number two, to this Ordinance
 “ subjoined; which recognizance, fairly writ-
 “ ten on parchment, shall be so entered into
 “ before one of the Justices of the said Court
 “ of King’s Bench, or of Common Pleas,” &c.

On reference to the Bail-bond given by Mr *Ryland*, it will be seen that the sum mentioned in it differs from that prescribed by the Ordinance.

It is my duty to point out this circumstance.

This Bail-bond, dated the 8th of July, 1845, was registered only on the 19th of that month.

The sureties given by Mr. *Ryland* were *H. LeMesurier* and *James Clearihue*, Esquires, both merchants.

See paper Z, hereto annexed.

At the time of Mr. *Ryland*’s nomination as Registrar of the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal*, that gentleman had his domicile at *Beauport*, near the city of *Quebec*, and he has resided there ever since, and has only visited his office occasionally, and at long intervals.

He has lately gone to Europe.

Mr. *Weston*, the Deputy named by Mr. *Ryland*, conducts the office; and he employs at present only Mr. *Joseph Aussem*, a very useful man in such an establishment, and Mr. *Leon Doutre*, whose duty it is to transcribe Deeds into the Registers.

There have been, according to the testimony of Mr. *Weston*, (answer to the 21st

question) 6456 Deeds transcribed, and to be transcribed, and 1037 Memorials, filed in the office since Mr. *Ryland*’s appointment.

Of this number there remain 856 to be entered in the Index; 1246 to be copied at full length into the Registers; and 89 to be entered in the Minute Book—(answers to the 23rd and 24th questions.)

There are, besides, 159 discharges and partial discharges of hypothecs, which are deposited, and are not yet entered; and 1095 deeds registered at full length, but not endorsed with the requisite certificate of the Registrar.

As this immense quantity of work in arrear occasions incalculable inconvenience to the public, by rendering the searches longer and more uncertain, I should have been glad to find in Mr. *Weston*’s explanations a sufficient excuse, but I cannot help declaring that, with a little zeal and activity, the confusion and uncertainty which now reign in the office in question, would have been avoided.

A very simple calculation will prove, as I think, the truth of this assertion.

In the course of three years and two months, namely, from Mr. *Ryland*’s assumption of the office in July, 1845, to the 15th September, 1848, there have accumulated 1246 Deeds, which have not been registered at full length. Now, this does not give one and a fourth to have been transcribed per day in order to complete the entries. The employment of one additional writer, and a few hours’ work after the office was closed to the public each day, would easily have secured this desirable result.

Mr. *Ryland* will probably, on the strength of Mr. *Clark*’s assertions plead the scantiness of his income as registrar. I think I shall be able to show presently that Mr. *Ryland* possesses a sufficiently lucrative sinecure. And judging from the amount of the emoluments received by the Registrar of the County of *Montreal*, I am not surprised that, notwithstanding the threat held out to the Government by Mr. *Clark*, in his above mentioned Report, none of the Registrars in the Province have yet resigned their offices, as being more onerous than profitable.

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(See paper A, hereto annexed.)

On my first visit to the office in question, I found the books, registers and documents deposited there, and confided to the care of the Registrar, in a state which shewed the utmost indifference, with regard to their preservation and safety from accidents by fire.

I had, in consequence, the honor to submit to Your Excellency a preliminary Report, the effect of which has been to give the public at least the assurance that the papers, &c., deposited in the hands of the Registrar of the County of *Montreal* were in a place of safety.

Such are the facts which I have been able to ascertain from personal observation and the voluntary answers of Mr. *Weston*; for I was not authorized to examine witnesses on oath.

As to the consequences which result from the actual condition of the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal*, they are very numerous and very serious. But that to which I must first allude is the unpopularity of the system, which is now looked upon in the same point of view by its former defenders, and by its adversaries.

I shall not be accused, I hope, of wishing to persuade Your Excellency that there are not persons who would desire to see the Registry system finally established in this part of the Province; for my assertion relates only to the imperfect Ordinance which introduced it, and to the still more imperfect manner in which that law has been executed.

Another injurious consequence of the bad administration of this office, is the uncertainty of the result of the searches which are made there.

(See Mr. *Weston's* answer to the 10th Question which I put to him.)

Although this answer has reference only to the proceedings of Mr. *Dowling* and his Deputy, it is easy to see that the searches have been rendered more difficult, more complicated, and more tedious, by the immense accumulation of work in arrear since Mr. *Ryland's* assumption of the office.

These searches are, moreover, very expensive, and the certificate which results from

them inspires so little confidence, that people continue to apply to the Court of Queen's Bench for the ratification of most of their title deeds.

I have not been able to ascertain the amount received by the Registrar annually for these searches, nor the whole of the income of the office; for Mr. *Ryland*, who is absent, has possession of the books which would have given me the information. (See Mr. *Weston's* answer to my 27th question.) But these searches amounted, in one or two instances, to £13 or £15. Under the present system, how much will they amount to in twenty years?

I will conclude this Report by declaring to Your Excellency that, in my humble opinion, the Ordinance of the 4th *Vict.*, cap. 30, has imposed a burdensome tax upon the inhabitants of this Province, and has not procured them any advantage. This law is very badly executed in the County of *Montreal*; had it been perfect, that circumstance would have rendered it hurtful.

It is insufficient, obscure, and contradictory in many of its provisions; it is premature, and by no means in harmony with pre-existing laws; the realization of its preamble is impossible without numerous and important changes in our laws.

I will allow myself to add, that the machinery of the Registry Offices requires to be examined. For it is, in my humble opinion, susceptible of great improvements, which, by simplifying it, would facilitate its working.

As to the present condition of the Office for the County of *Montreal*, it renders necessary the employment of Commissioners to examine and regulate the labours of the officers who have until now had the management of it. It would be very dangerous to allow a state of things which may occasion the greatest injury in the affairs of the citizens to subsist any longer.

Two methodical and experienced persons would suffice for this enormous task.

In conclusion of this Report, I request of Your Excellency to allow me to submit, in the accompanying notes, the changes which, according to me, would facilitate the searches to
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be made in these Offices, and would tend to inspire more confidence in the certificates which result from them.

(Signed) C. DROLET.
Commissioner.

Montreal, 4th October, 1848.

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Province of Canada.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that *George Herman Ryland*, of the Parish of *Beauport*, in the District of *Quebec*, Esquire, *Henry LeMesurier*, Esquire, and *James Clearihue*, Esquire, Merchants of the City of *Quebec*, are jointly and severally held and firmly bound unto Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, in the penal sum of three thousand pounds, current money of the Province of *Canada*, to be paid to Our said Lady the Queen, Her Heirs and Successors, for which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us by himself for and in the whole, jointly and severally one and each of our heirs and legal representatives firmly by these presents, signed and dated the 8th day of July, in the ninth year of Her Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1845.

Whereas the said *George Herman Ryland* hath been appointed Registrar for the County of *Montreal*, in pursuance of an Ordinance or Law of this Province, made and passed by the Governor of this Province, by and with the advice and consent of the Special council for the affairs thereof, in the fourth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Ordinance to prescribe and regulate the registering of titles to lands, tenements, and hereditaments, real and immoveable estates, and of charges and incumbrances on the same; and for the alteration and improvement of the law in certain particulars, in relation to the alienation and hypothecation of real Estates, and the rights and interest acquired therein:" And of an Act of the Parliament of the Province of *Canada*, passed in the sixth year of

Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to extend the time allowed by the Ordinance therein mentioned, for the registration of certain charges or incumbrances on real Estates, and to repeal certain parts thereof:" And of an Act of the Parliament of the said Province of *Canada*, passed in the seventh year of Her Majesty's Reign, and intituled, "An Act to amend the Ordinance providing for the registration of Titles to real property or incumbrances thereon in *Lower Canada*; and further to extend the time allowed by the said ordinance for the registration of certain claims;" and of an Act of the said Parliament of the said Province of *Canada*, passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act and Ordinance therein mentioned, relative to the registration of Titles to and incumbrances upon real property in *Lower Canada*."

Now the condition of this recognizance is such, that if the said *George Herman Ryland* do, and shall well and truly, honestly and faithfully execute the said office, and perform and fulfil all and every the said duties enjoined and required to be done and performed by him, as such Registrar, in and by the said Ordinance or Law, and Acts above cited, in all things therein mentioned; then this recognizance to be void and of no effect; otherwise to be and remain in full force and virtue.

(Signed) G. H. RYLAND,
H. LEMESURIER,
J. CLEARIHUE.

Taken and acknowledged before me this 8th day of July, 1845, and executed in duplicate.

(Signed) J. C. BRUNEAU,
Circuit Judge.

Certified,

Prothonotary's Office, Quebec, 24th August, 1848.

(Signed) BURROUGHS & Fiset, P.Q.B.

A.

Approximate Statement of the Income of the Registry Office for the County of *Montreal*, from the 9th July, 1845, to the 9th July, 1848, that is to say, during three years :

There were received 6230 Deeds, to be registered at full length, giving, on an average of at least 7s. 9d. each	£2414	2	6
1031 Memorials, at 6s. 3d.	322	3	9
2241 Certificates of Discharge, at 2s. 6d.	280	2	6
For Copies of Titles and extra Certificates about.	75	0	0
Searches and Certificates, about.	450	0	0
Amount received by Mr. <i>Middleton</i> for signing Certificates on Deeds received by Mr. <i>Dowling</i> , and remaining in his hands.	270	0	0
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	£3811	8	9

EXPENSES :

For the Salary of the Deputy	£250	0	0
“ “ Mr. <i>Joseph Aussem</i>	100	0	0
“ “ Mr. <i>Doutre</i> , 5s. per day	75	0	0
“ “ Another writer for about three months, viz : from May, 1848, to August, 1848, that is to say, three months, at 5s. per day, or about	20	0	0
Rent of Office, about.	£50	0	0
Stationery, &c.	25	0	0
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	75	0	0
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Making for the last year	520	0	0
And for the two preceding years, £500 each	1000	0	0
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	£1520	0	0
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For the three years.	£2291	8	9
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Or per annum	£763	16	3

This Statement, which I believe to be sufficiently correct, can be rectified by Mr. *Ryland*, on producing his books.

(Signed)

C. DROLET,

Commissioner.

Montreal, 4th October, 1848.

Henry

HENRY WESTON, Esquire, Deputy Registrar for the County of *Montreal*.

Voluntary examination of Henry Weston, Esq., Deputy Registrar for the County of Montreal

I am the Deputy Registrar for the County of *Montreal*. I assumed the said office at the same time with *George H. Ryland*, Esquire, the present Registrar.

The said Registrar has since his appointment resided in *Quebec*, where his family has since been living. *Mr. Ryland* occasionally visits *Montreal*. The management of this office is entrusted to me exclusively. I employ three clerks generally. We sometimes have had four.

Q. No. 1. Will you please state in what situation you found the office at the time of entering upon the duties of Deputy Registrar thereof?

There was a number of Deeds not transcribed (upwards of two thousand five hundred) that had never been numbered, filed, indexed or minuted; and there was no possible means of ascertaining correctly when they were deposited for registration. The only guide being pencil marks on the envelopes, or wrappers bound round the several bundles; and the verbal assertion of the clerks in the office that a certain number were lodged on or before the 1st November, 1844, (the period when the delay granted by the Legislature for enregistering old deeds expired,) and that the remainder were lodged subsequently. The registers, minute books and indexes, were without any verification, either of the Registrar or any of his Deputies, and there was no book or index to estates.

H. W.

Q. No. 2. I see that when you assumed the duties of the office, you did not continue to number the Deeds presented for registration, according to the number of the last Deed registered by your predecessor *Mr. Dowling*, but that you commenced a new series of numbers. Will you be good enough to give me the reason which induced you to adopt that proceeding?

We could not continue the numbering the documents commenced by *Mr. Dowling*, inasmuch as it could not be ascertained what number the last of enregistered Deeds would

arrive at, the separate Deeds not bearing any number; and the only marks being in pencil, as I before stated, either on the paper wrappers bound around the Deeds, or on one or two of a batch. We therefore commenced with new numbers, adding *Mr. Ryland's* initials thereto, in order to prevent confusion by having numbers identical with *Mr. Dowling's*.

H. W.

Q. No. 3. Was the Minute Book of the Deeds presented during *Mr. Dowling's* occupation of the office completed when you succeeded him, or was it made up subsequently to his death, and by whom was it so made up?

The Minute Books were not completed until after the demise of *Mr. Dowling*. They were made up by *Mr. Middleton*.

H. W.

Q. No. 4. If, as you state, the Deeds deposited in the office, and which remained unregistered at the time of *Mr. Dowling's* death, were neither numbered nor accompanied with a note of the precise time at which each had been presented for registration, could the Minute Book be made up correctly?

In my opinion it could not be.

H. W.

Q. No. 5. From what you know personally respecting the manner in which the Deeds left unregistered, at the time of the death of *Mr. Dowling*, have been registered, do you believe that the said deeds have been entered, either in the minute books or registers, in the order in which they have been presented for registration?

It is impossible for me to decide this point. The presumption is that they have not been.

H. W.

Q. No. 6. Do you, with the knowledge of the irregular and incorrect manner in which the minute books and registers have been made up by *Mr. Dowling* and his deputy, grant certificates that the deeds so irregularly registered, have been duly registered according to law?

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We grant certificates, when requested so to do, as by law we are compelled; taking the entries in the registers for evidence of registration, as noted in the margin.

H. W.

Q. No. 7. Do you believe that certificates granted to individuals, according to the entries made in the books during occupancy of the office by Mr. *Dowling*, and by Mr. *Middleton*, after Mr. *Dowling's* death, offer any guarantee whatever to the parties concerned?

I do not feel competent to give an opinion on this point.

H. W.

Q. No. 8. Have you, when called upon to make searches, often discovered fatal errors in the minute books and registers kept by your predecessor?

I have, and omissions in the indexes.

H. W.

Q. No. 9. Do the errors which exist in the said books, and the irregular manner in which they have been made up, render the searches required more difficult, and attended with a considerable loss of time?

Certainly. The labour and time is nearly quadrupled, and the result unsatisfactory.

H. W.

Q. No. 10. From the knowledge you have acquired of the gross irregularities, and numerous errors which pervade the said books, do you believe that certificates, prepared and delivered according to the entries in the said books, offer any guarantee to the persons concerned?

I should think not; as we are obliged to qualify the wording of the certificates in consequence of the irregular and imperfect nature of the records.

H. W.

Q. No. 11. Have you not found entries omitted in the indexes and the minute books; entries made under names different

from those mentioned in the Deeds from which they were extracted; entries so badly written that you could not read them; and other defects and omissions, which render searches more difficult, and the facts certified doubtful?

I have found entries omitted in the indexes, and have found entries made, not corresponding with the other entries in the registers and minute book; add to which the fact that most of the numbers of documents have been erased and altered in the minute book, so that the minute is not always that of the number which it purports to be. With reference to the badness of the writing, it compels, in some instances, the adoption of the words ("so far as the same can be ascertained from the illegibility of the writing in the register,") in the certificate.

H. W.

Q. No. 12. I believe that Mr. *Ryland* took charge of this office with reluctance, owing to the state of confusion in which the books and documents appertaining thereto were found at the time of his appointment, and that he caused the exact state of said office to be established by means of an inventory taken by Notaries?

It was with reluctance Mr. *Ryland* took charge, and he insisted on an inventory being taken, which was done by Messrs *Gibb* and *Easton*.

H. W.

Q. No. 13. Do you know that the then Attorney General for *Canada East*, the Hon. *James Smith* and the Hon. *Dominick Daly*, were made acquainted with the state of the office, at the time of Mr. *Dowling's* death?

Mr. *Ryland* in writing, and verbally, informed the then Provincial Secretary, the Hon. *D. Daly*, of the state of confusion in which the documents were. And Mr. *Ryland* informed me that he had called on the Attorney General, the Hon. *James Smith*, and showed him the state the papers were in.

H. W.

Q. No. 14. Have you had any conversation with both or either of those gentlemen, respecting the state of the office; if so, please state

state what passed between you and either of them on that occasion?

I called on the Hon. *D. Daly*, on my arrival in *Montreal*, and in conversation, alluded to the irregular state of the office, and he answered to the best of my recollection, "I am glad you are come up—*Ryland* is behaving very properly in not making an unnecessary fuss—he will not suffer by it—you will soon have things in order.

H. W.

Q. No. 15. Did you not observe to Mr. *Smith*, that it was impossible to grant certificates, respecting the proceedings of Mr. *Dowling* or of his Deputy, in regard to the entries by them made, or then to be made? or something to that effect; and please state what you told them; and also their reply, or observations in answer to your remarks?

I never had any conversation with the Honorable Mr. *Smith*; I was not acquainted with him, and all that passed relative to the office was between him and Mr. *Ryland*.

H. W.

Q. No. 16. Did they (Mr. *Smith* and Mr. *Daly*) or either of them, admit that the office had been kept, and was after the death of Mr. *Dowling*, in an irregular and insufficient manner; and did they, or either of them, tell you to do the best you could, or something to that effect?

The only conversation had, was with the Honorable *D. Daly*, as stated in my answer to Query No. 14. I have officially furnished a certificate for the Honorable *D. Daly*, wherein I was obliged to insert the words "so far as the same can be ascertained from the imperfect and irregular records of this office, prior to the 9th day of July, 1845," the period when we took charge.

H. W.

Q. No. 17. You stated in answer to the 3rd question submitted to you, that the minute books had been completed by Mr. *Middleton*, after Mr. *Dowling's* death; did he also complete the registers, or cause them to be completed by hired scribes, and what became of the Deeds after they had been registered?

He superintended the completion of the work, which was performed by hired writers. The Deeds were in his custody after they were registered, and on leaving the office he took all the Deeds with him.

H. W.

Q. No. 18. Can you tell me when Mr. *Clark*, late Inspector of Registry Offices, visited this office?

As well as I can recollect, in March or commencement of April, 1846.

H. W.

Q. No. 19. Did he state to you, or do you otherwise know, that Mr. *Clark* did not report the state of this office lest the public should conceive alarm at the confused state of the proceedings of the late incumbent?

Mr. *Clark*, in conversation, told me that he felt it to be his duty to report the state in which the office was, but that he thought it would be better to do so in a separate report, not to cause unnecessary alarm on the subject, or words to that effect.

H. W.

Q. No. 20. Do you know that Mr. *Clark* made a special report of the state of the office to the then Secretary of the Province?

I understood from Mr. *Clark* that he had made such a report to the then Secretary, and I have every reason to believe that he did so.

H. W.

Q. No. 21. How many Deeds have been presented for registration since the appointment of Mr. *Ryland* to this office; and what has been the average number per day?

Number of Deeds at full length, 6456.	} Total
Of Memorials 1037.	

making an average of six and a half documents per diem, Sundays and Holidays included

H. W.

Q.

Q. No. 22. Has every Deed presented for registration, since you have been in office, been indexed and minuted, on the day upon which it was so presented, if not, state why it was not?

Generally they have been; but from the great number received on some days it has been physically impossible to minute and index the whole during the day on which they were taken in. They are all numbered, however, and filed, with my initials affixed, and entered in the cash book in the order in which they were presented, without any delay whatever.

H. W.

Q. No. 23. How many deeds now remain to be indexed and minuted.

There are 856 to be indexed, in consequence of the indexes being in constant requisition of late for searches on behalf of the Railroad Company, and for individuals concerned with the *Montreal* Provident and Savings' Bank. These searches occupying much time for the reasons already assigned. There are 89 to be minuted.

H. W.

Q. No. 24. How many deeds now remain unregistered?

Twelve hundred and forty-six.

H. W.

Q. No. 25. Are all the deeds which have been registered since your appointment to this office duly accompanied with the required certificate, and ready for delivery?

Most of them are so; and the remainder are immediately completed and given to parties on their applying for them. It was deemed more essential to continue the current work than to compare documents until called for, as there are deeds still in the office ready for delivery from the first day we opened, which have never been applied for.

H. W.

Q. No. 26. What is the average fee upon the Deeds presented for registration?

About six shillings and sixpence.

H. W.

Q. No. 27. Do you keep a regular account of the perquisites of this office? If so, please show it to me, as far as it may be done without disclosing the private business of either Mr. *Ryland* or yourself.

I keep regular accounts of receipts and disbursements. The whole of the cash books anterior to the first January last, are in the possession of Mr. *Ryland*, to enable him to make up his account against Government. The book for the current year I do not object to show, although I consider it a private document, of no moment to any one but Mr. *Ryland* and myself.

H. W.

Q. No. 28. What rent does Mr. *Ryland* pay for these rooms—that is, the rooms in which he keeps the Registry Office?

Forty pounds currency per annum.

H. W.

Q. No. 29. What salary does he allow you, and to each of his clerks in said office?

My salary is £250—a confidential clerk £100, and the other clerks five shillings per diem each.

H. W.

Q. No. 30. Do you not think that if you employed a competent Clerk for the exclusive purpose of receiving the Deeds presented for registration, and to make the required searches, also to attend to persons making inquiries, the books would progress faster, and would be more correctly made up by Clerks directing their whole time and attention to that part of the duties of the office?

This is the exact course pursued in the office, with the exception that I exclusively receive the deeds, and attend to parties making inquiries. The Clerks being in a separate room, so as not to be disturbed in the performance of their duties.

H. W.

Q.

Q. No 31. Are you not of opinion that if the books and papers of the office were kept in close cupboards or boxes, they would be less liable to be deteriorated?

The books are in such constant use for reference, that were they in boxes or cupboards, they would have to be taken out every morning,

H. W.

(Signed,) C. DROLET,
Commissioner.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS.

The limits of this Report will not allow me to add many observations to the excellent suggestions of the late Inspectors of Registry Offices for this part of the Province. The system of *hypothecation* introduced by the Ordinance of the 4th *Victoria*, cap. 30, would be greatly improved by the adoption of many of the alterations and amendments proposed by those gentlemen.

I cannot refrain from availing myself of this opportunity of declaring that I do not concur in the opinion so frequently expressed, that this Ordinance has always been looked upon with a jealous eye by the inhabitants of this part of the Province, because it emanated from a source so deservedly unpopular amongst them. No, I believe, on the contrary, that my fellow citizens are sufficiently superior to narrow prejudices, to appreciate a wise and useful law, whoever may be its author; and it seems to me that sufficient reason to justify the censure and unpopularity of which this law has been the object, will be found in its imperfections, its contradictions, and its incoherency.

It is an ill-digested measure prematurely and rashly launched into the midst of a system of laws by no means adapted for its application.

It did not require to be endowed with superhuman foresight to discover, that, as long

as latent or general hypothecs should be allowed to subsist, this Ordinance, instead of improving our system of *hypothecation*, would only serve to complicate it; and yet the authors of that measure allowed a great many of these obstacles to its working to subsist, so that, notwithstanding the amendments it has undergone, our laws still present many and great impediments to the efficacy of this innovation.

Perhaps it may be said, that, in order to carry out the object of the Ordinance in question, it would be necessary to upset the whole of our hypothecary system. That is true. But, after all, this Ordinance has been in force for nearly eight years, and many important transactions have taken place under this new system. I think it is impossible to retrace our steps. We have passed the *Rubicon*. A retrograde movement is no longer possible.

I think, then, that the Legislature should hasten to give this new hypothecary system all the efficacy that a law of this importance requires.

The means of approaching this desirable end, would be, if I may be allowed to suggest, to commission some men possessing a knowledge of the laws of this part of the Province, as well as a practical acquaintance with business, to examine this question, and prepare a Bill in relation to it. It is too complicated a subject to admit of being treated successfully in a Report like this.

I think it my duty, however, to suggest the necessity of mitigating, by a wise measure, and one in harmony with the existing law, the disastrous consequences of the renunciation by married women of dower not yet accrued, which is permitted by the Ordinance.

I would take the liberty of suggesting, that a portion of the property of the father would be secured to the children by an enactment to the effect they should have in absolute property, and their mother in usufruct, in preference to all other chirographary creditors, and to all legatees, one-third of the real estate (whether *propres*, *acquêts*, or *conquêts*;) and of the personal estate left by the father at his decease.

By substituting such an enactment for that contained in the 37th section of the Ordinance,

a part of their patrimony would be restored to the children, at the same time that protection would be afforded to the rights of certain hypothecary creditors, who seem, under that clause, to be excluded by the children, as respects property subject to dower left by the husband, on which the wife has not released her dower.

Another obstacle to be surmounted is presented by the judgments of the different tribunals; inasmuch as every judgment creates a general hypothec on the real property which the defendant owns, when it is obtained and registered.

After having sacrificed the rights of the widow and the orphan, in order to facilitate the alienation of real estate, I presume there can be no hesitation in depriving the chirographary creditor, who obtains a judgment against his debtor of the hypothecary right now given him by law, and which, in virtue of the Ordinance, may prevail even against the privilege of the less vigilant *bailleur de fonds*, who may have neglected to register his claim.

By depriving the chirographary creditor who obtains a judgment against his debtor of the right of hypothec, and above all, of the right of general hypothec; and by leaving to the creditor, whose action is founded on hypothecary claims, only the right of hypothec secured to him by his Deeds before he obtained judgment against his debtor, no injustice would, I believe, be committed; and the violation of the common law involved in this innovation would not, it seems to me, be so great, nor be attended with such serious consequences, as that involved in the virtual abolition of dower, by permitting married women to release it, as well for themselves as for their children to whom it belongs.

The Court of Queen's Bench for the District of *Montreal* has lately, by a judgment rendered in the Superior Term, created a fresh obstacle to the discovery of hypothecs.

That tribunal, impelled, no doubt, by a sense of justice, but in contradiction as I think, with the letter, the spirit, and the object of the law, has given a forced interpretation to the 32d section of the Ordinance, in order to protect the rights of the *bailleur de fonds*;

and has declared that a *bailleur de fonds*, like a co-heir or a co-partitioner need only register his claim within thirty days from its date; and even need not, I believe, register it at all. This decision, of which I will not question the justice, is to be regretted; for it is by following the letter of the law that courts will by their decisions expose its defects, and contribute to bring about the amelioration of its provisions.

The 2nd section of the Provincial Statute 6 *Vict.*, cap. 15, has a tendency to create much uncertainty and trouble in transactions relating to lands held *en censive*.

This section exempts Seigniors from the necessity of registering memorials for arrears of *Cens et Rentes* or *Lods et Ventés* due to them, or for preserving the right of *Retrait Conventionnel*, or all other Seigniorial services, *servitudes*, reservations, rights, or dues, either legal or conventional.

It is much to be regretted that at a time when so great and so well founded complaints are made, on all sides, of the feudal system, rendered so much more objectionable by the way in which it has been abused in this part of the Province, the Legislature should have thought fit to grant to the Seigniors (who have already arrogated to themselves so many and so great privileges) an exemption which is not one of the least of the obstacles to the working of the law.

I will take the liberty to say that I concur in the opinion entertained by most men of business, that instead of adding any thing to the privileges of Seigniors it is time to confine them within reasonable limits.

I would venture to suggest not only that Seigniors should be obliged to register their claims, but that their interests and those of their *censitaires* would be consulted by enacting that their right of action for arrears, &c., should not extend beyond five years.

To any one who is aware of the improvidence of most of our farmers, this proposal will not appear extraordinary. The accumulation of arrears of seigniorial dues causes the ruin of a great many *censitaires*.

Although I do not presume to expect that
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my opinion to that effect should be adopted, I think that the provisions of the Ordinance which relate to Tutors and Curators are too complicated, and too difficult to apply. The liabilities of these administrators would be defined, and their responsibility would be better established, and the recourse of those interested would be more easily exercised if they were required to give a special hypothec on some real property of their own, or, in case of their not owning sufficient real property, to give two sureties who should hypothecate property, in proportion to that of which such Tutors or Curators undertake the management.

It is in endeavoring to protect dotal property that serious difficulties are encountered. In connection with this subject, it is to be borne in mind, that however judicious and explicit may be a law of the nature of that which regulates hypothecs, those who avail themselves of its provisions must still be required to exercise the foresight, prudence, and precaution of men of business: *Caveat empoter* should be their rule at any rate.

If the marriage portion consists of a sum of money, let the husband be bound to invest it in real estate within a short delay; and let it be required to be declared in the title deeds that the purchase is made with a dotal sum of money.

If the marriage portion consists of lands, the registration of the contract of marriage will show any one who seeks to purchase them the nature of these lands.

If the husband sells any of these lands, let him be bound within a short delay to invest the proceeds of the sale in the purchase of other lands; and let the title deeds be required to contain a declaration that the purchase is made with such proceeds; and let the Deeds relating to these transactions be registered without delay, under a penalty sufficient to ensure obedience to the law; and let the Notary who executes the Deeds in question be bound to deposit them in the Registry Office with the least possible delay.

The inspection of the contract of marriage would suffice, however, to put an intending purchaser of ordinary prudence on his guard.

The Legislature would put an end to numerous abuses and crying injustices by enacting that provided any deed affecting real estate be registered within a month after its execution it will have the same effect as if it were registered immediately; or that the delay should be in proportion to the distance from the extremity of the county to the Registry Office; but that none should obtain a longer delay, not even the *bailleur de fonds*.

The Honorable Members of the Executive Council of this province, and other high functionaries, would, I am sure, be glad to be deprived by the Legislature of the privilege of becoming sureties for Registrars, and other officers, responsible to the Government, or named by Your Excellency.

I think it right to remark that the penalty imposed by the first section of the Ordinance upon any one who sells real property, knowing it to have been already sold, given away, hypothecated, &c., in virtue of deeds not registered, ought to be imposed also upon any one who hypothecates under the same circumstances.

I will conclude these observations by expressing my surprise at the dangerous practice which has crept into several Registry Offices, of entering the precise time of the deposit of deeds, in pencil and in figures, in direct opposition to the injunctions given to the Registrars. This practice is illegal, and is the more dangerous because it facilitates fraud.

From many things that have come to my knowledge, I have no doubt of the urgent necessity of a regular inspection of the Registry Offices. A strict and active oversight of these establishments would contribute much to protect the public from the ruinous consequences of the incapacity or the negligence of the officers who may hold these appointments.

The Inspector shall be authorised to examine, upon oath, such witnesses as he may think necessary.

As the French law contains a great number of technical expressions, the import and bearing of which can be appreciated by those who have studied it, it would perhaps be fitting, as well

well as advantageous, to appoint none but Lawyers to be Registrars.

(Signed) C. DROLET,
Commissioner.

Montreal, 4th October, 1848.

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*Suggestive Observations, tending to simplify
the Machinery of the Registry Offices.*

Every one is agreed that a desirable end would be attained by diminishing the enormous mass of writing rendered necessary by the provisions of the present law.

I think it is possible to remove this difficulty; at least, I beg leave to submit my ideas on the subject.

The registration at full length of deeds by which property is transferred, or hypothecs or other incumbrances are created or discharged, is indispensable in those countries where such deeds are executed under hand and seal, but I think that, with our notarial system, it is not only useless, but tends to impede the dispatch of business; and the errors which must occur in doing it will sooner or later produce disastrous results.

In examining some of the Registers in the *Montreal* Office, I found an entire clause of a will omitted; and this clause, according to information received on the subject, contained bequests to two legatees. I could cite a great number of these errors.

Without having any hope of seeing the plan I propose adopted, I will take the liberty of stating it to Your Excellency.

It would be to enact:

That, in future, all deeds subject to registration should be executed in duplicate.

That one duplicate original should remain in the possession of the Notary before whom the deed was executed. He alone could give a copy of it.

That the duplicate originals should be made and completed at the same time; and that one

of them should be delivered to the party interested in registering it.

By this means the immense labor of transcribing would be saved.

The errors it occasions would be avoided.

And the possibility of a falsification of the minute would be guarded against.

Besides, many Notaries do not take as much care for the preservation of these documents as their importance deserve. The plan which I have the honor to propose, by creating a safe place of deposit for original deeds, will tend to dissipate the fears of the public in this respect.

It should be enacted, also, that every Registry Office shall be provided with a fire-proof vault.

That the Registrar, on receiving a deed, shall immediately endorse upon it a note, establishing the precise moment when it was deposited in his office. This note should be written with ink, in words at full length, and should be signed with the initials of the Registrar or his Deputy.

That the person depositing the deed shall have a right to exact from the officer receiving it, a certificate, endorsed, or a copy of the deed, or otherwise. And the Registrar shall have a right to exact for the said filing and certificate, one dollar, or five shillings on each deed.

That the Registrar shall be bound, on pain of dismissal, to keep the documents, &c., committed to his charge carefully in a place of safety; to wrap them up in strong paper, and note on the outside of each parcel the kind of deeds it contains, and their numbers.

That all Notaries shall be bound to use the same kind of paper, to be designated by law, and furnished to them by the Secretary of the Board of Notaries, who will be entitled to a trifling remuneration, to be paid him by each Notary, in proportion to the quantity of paper delivered to him.

That there shall be left at the commencement of each deed, title, or other document,

a sufficient space for the Registrar's certificate of its having been deposited in his office.

This precaution would facilitate the binding of these documents, if it be thought necessary, and in any case would assist in preserving them from injury.

That the Registrar or his Deputy should immediately cause to be entered in the index, kept for that purpose, every document presented to him for registration; and also make an extract or analysis of it, which should be entered without delay, with the precise date of the deposit of each document, in a journal kept for that purpose. The continual use of one index for all sorts of searches, would accelerate its destruction.

The deeds ought to be classified either according to their nature, or according to the localities of the lands to which they relate.

An index would be kept for each description of deed, or for each locality. This would facilitate and shorten the searches, and diminish the wear and tear of the books.

The operation of making searches might be further abridged, and they might be made more securely by entering in the general index the name of a great proprietor, or of a speculator, only once, with a reference to a kind of account current of the transactions of these individuals.

The indexes ought to contain the name, surnames, by-names (*sobriquets*), residence and professions or callings of the parties, the number of each deed, the page of the journal where the analysis is to be found, and the letter designating the parcel in which the original deed is contained.

Any one who wishes to be convinced of the simplicity of the plan which I propose, and of the advantages which would result from it, has only to take the trouble to pay a visit to the Archives of the Court of Queen's Bench for the District of *Montreal*, and ask for a Deed deposited there.

The order in which these deeds are arranged is so admirable and so perfect, that in less than ten minutes you obtain the perusal of the original of any deed, though it may have been

executed a century ago; and that without confusion, without deranging any registers or parcels of deeds, but that which contains the required document.

For this very desirable state of things the public is indebted to an excellent citizen and an exemplary public functionary, *W. C. H. Coffin*, Esquire, one of the Prothonotaries of the Court of Queen's Bench for the District of *Montreal*, in spite of his numerous and important occupations as Clerk of the said Court, has undertaken and executed the laborious task of classifying and putting in order the innumerable documents committed to his charge. His indefatigable perseverance, his zeal and his love of order, have enabled him to accomplish so desirable a result. The public has contracted an immense debt of gratitude towards this good man.

May the Government of this Province often succeed in procuring such men as *Mr. Coffin* for public officers. Favoritism seldom meets with them.

(Signed)

C. DROLET.

Commissioner.

Montreal, 4th October 1848.

Ordered, that the Report of the Commissioners, on the state of the Registry Office of the County of *Montreal*, be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

Commissioner's Report on Montreal Registry Office to be printed.

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

THURSDAY. **Thursday, 1st February, 1849.**

The Members convened were—

The Hon. *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Taché, E. P.,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>Knowlton,</i>	<i>Quesnel,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Goodhue,</i>	<i>deBeaujeu,</i>
<i>Morris, J.</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Turgeon,</i>
<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Jones.</i>
<i>Boulton,</i>	

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the Table, viz. :—

From the Chartered Banks of *Upper Canada*.

- The *Lower Canada* Agricultural Society.
- The Ladies of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of the City of *Montreal*.
- The Board of the Royal Institution of *McGill* College, and the Governors of the said University.
- The Trustees of the *Richmond* Academy.
- *Charles Hubert Lassusseraye*, of *Three Rivers*.
- The Education Society of the District of *Quebec*.
- *N. Freer* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.
- *E. Duchesnay* and others, of the County of *Dorchester*.
- The Charitable Association of the Roman Catholic Ladies of *Quebec*.

From *Charles Langevin* and others, of the City of *Quebec*. Petitions presented.

- *E. Dalairé* and others, near *Quebec*.
- *John McLeod* and others, *Z. Williams* and others, *Joseph Légaré* and others, all of the City of *Quebec*.
- *E. Teed*, widow of the late *John Teed*.
- Hon. *W. Walker* and others, of the *Quebec* Gas Company.
- *H. Gowan* and others, in the County of *Quebec*.
- *W. King* and others, in the County of *Megantic*.
- The Hon. the Chief Justice and others of the District of *Montreal*.
- The *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company.
- The Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*.

The following Returns were presented and laid on the table, viz. :—

- From the *Coleman's Corner* Agricultural Society for the year 1848. Agricultural Returns from Coleman's Corner, and presented.
- the *Williamsburgh* Agricultural Society for the year 1848. Williamsburgh presented.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

- the Baptist Missionary Society for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter V.*)

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James Earl of Elgin and Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, 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." His Excellency comes to the House, and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

Who being come with their Speaker, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the title of the Bill to be passed as follows:— The Assembly attend.

"An

Amnesty Bill. "An Act for the Queen's Most Gracious,
"General, and Free Pardon."

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

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

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

Message from His Excellency, giving leave of absence to Hon. J. E. Irving, presented. The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, informing them that he has granted permission to the Honorable *J. Æmilius Irving*, to be absent from his place in the House during the present Session, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

House in Committee on Joint Stock Companies Bill. The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," together with the Report of the Select Committee thereon.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported. The Honorable the Chairman 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.

3rd reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be engrossed, and that the same be read the third time on Monday next.

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

Friday, 2nd February, 1849. FRIDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

<i>M^r Gill,</i>	<i>Boulton,</i>
<i>Hamilton,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Taché, E. P.,</i>
<i>Knowlton,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>M^r Kay,</i>	<i>Quesnel,</i>
<i>Goodhue,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Morris, J.,</i>	<i>de Beaujeu,</i>
<i>Ferrier,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Turgeon.</i>

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the Table, viz:— Petitions presented.

From the *Gore Bank*.

— *Joseph Turcot* and others, of *St. Pierre les Becquets, St. Jean des Chaillons*, and other Parishes.

— *C. J. Stuart*, of *Quebec*.

— The Rev. *A. Mathieson, D.D.*, and other Trustees of *St. Andrew's Church, Montreal*.

— The Rev. *C. LaRocque* and others, of the County of *Chambly*.

— *A. Rankin* and others of *Sandwich and Montreal*.

— The *Montreal Bank*.

— *J. Crawford* and others, of the High School at *Montreal*.

— *J. McCormick* of *Quebec*.

— *J. Bedard* and others, of the County of *Quebec*.

— The Corporation of the city of *Quebec*.

— *N. Murphy* and others in the Township of *Stoneham* and its vicinity.

From

Petitions presented.

From The Rev. J. Claude Leonard of Montreal.

— L. Bouc and others, of the County of Terrebonne.

— J. Fournier and others of New Glasgow.

— C. P. Reid and others, of the County of Compton.

— T. Tait and others, of Durham and Townships, in the County of Sherbrooke.

— The Niagara District Council.

— John Jarron and others, of the County of Haldimand.

— L. G. Bigelow and others, of the County of O'Hara.

— From J. L. Read and others, of the Townships of Augusta and Walpole.

— A. Smith and others, of the District of Brock, and

— M. Asselstine of the Township of Ernestown.

The following Returns were presented and laid on the Table, viz:—

Returns From Friends' Boarding School,

From "Friends' Boarding School," in the District of Prince Edward for the year 1848.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Y.)

From Huntingdon Agricultural Society, and

From the Counties of Huntingdon and Perth Agricultural Societies for the year 1848.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.)

From Quebec Trinity House, presented.

From the Trinity House at Quebec, for the year 1848.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter X.)

Report of the Select Committee on Printing presented.

The Hon. Mr. Morris from the Select Committee on the printing of this House during the present Session presented their Report.

Ordered, that it be received, and

the same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration on Monday next.

To be considered on Monday.

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

Adjourn.

Monday, 5th February, 1849.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

M^r Gill,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
M^r Kay,
Goodhue,
Ferrier,
Matheson,
Boulton,

Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Turgeon.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the Table, viz:—

Petitions presented.

From J. Evans and others, School Teachers in the City of Quebec.

— J. B. Lewis and others, of the Town of Bytown.

— The Municipal Council of the County of Portneuf.

— The "Quebec Friendly Society."

— W. Lapenotière of the Town of Woodstock.

— The British and Canadian School Society.

— P. M. Partridge and others of Quebec.

— Robert McCamon and others of the Victoria District.

From

Petitions presented

From the *Home* District Council.— *E. Wright* and others of the City of *Toronto*.

The following Returns were presented and laid on the Table, viz:—

Returns From Commissioners of Public Works,

From the Commissioners of Public Works for 1848.

(Vide *Sessional Papers, Letters B.B.*)

From Bathurst Agricultural Society,

From the *Bathurst* District Agricultural Societies for the year 1848.

From Huron Agricultural Society,

— The *Huron* District Agricultural Society for the year 1848.

From Megantic Agricultural Society, and

— The County of *Megantic* Agricultural Society for the year 1848.

From Wellington Agricultural Society.

— The *Wellington* District Agricultural Society for the year 1848.(Vide *Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Joint Stock Companies Bill read 3rd time

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.*Ordered*, that the Title be "An Act to provide for the formation of Incorporated Joint Stock Companies for Manufacturing, Mining, Mechanical or Chemical purposes."

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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.

Dower Bill (U.C.) presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law of Dower in that part of *Canada* formerly called *Upper Canada*;" and also a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the protection of the property of persons dying intestate in this Province."

Intestates Property Bill.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time on Wednesday next, and that in the mean time, the same be printed in both Languages for the use of Members. 2nd reading on Wednesday.The Speaker declared this House continued until to morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.Tuesday, 6th February 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
McKay,
Moore,
Goodhue,
*Ferrier,**Boulton,*
Viger,
Taché, E. P.
Leslie,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Jones.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:— Petitions presented.From *Mary E. Campbell* and others, Executors of the Will of the late *P. Mebler*.— *H. G. Habbin* and others, of the Town of *Dundas*.— *D. McLeod* and others, of *South Yarmouth*.— The *Western District* Council—2 Petitions.— *S. Edison*, Senior, and others, of the Districts of *London, Talbot* and *Brock*.

From

Petitions presented.

- From *G. Southwick* and others, Stockholders in the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*.
- *E. Dufour* and others, Missionaries in the Townships of *Lower Canada*.
- *J. Ainsse* and others, of the County of *Verchères*.
- Reverend *E. H. Blyth* and others, of the Parish of *Sainte Martine*.
- *O. E. Casgrain* and others, of the Parish of *L'Islet*.
- *P. Sheppard* and others, of *Quebec*.
- Reverend *L. A. Bourret* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Anne de la Pocatière*.
- *P. Boissonnault* and others of *St. Michel*.
- *A. Martineau* and others, of the County of *Kamouraska*.
- *J. Plamondon* and others, of *St. François du Lac St. Pierre*.
- *W. Miller* and others of *Flamboro' West*.
- The *Desjardins Canal Company*.
- *A. Jones* and others, of the Township of *Beverley*.
- *Simcoe District Council*.
- *J. B. Warren* and others, in the *Home District*.
- *B. Bowman* and others of *Markham*.
- *P. Empey* and others.
- *W. Stewart* and others of the Township of *Nepean*.
- The Rev. *W. Ritchie* and others of the County of *Essex*, and
- The District Council of the Western District.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz. :—

From the Agricultural Society of the County of *Rimouski* for the year 1848. Returns From Rimouski Agricultural Society, and

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

From the City Bank for the year 1848. City Bank, presented.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter P.*)

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House the Public Accounts for the year 1847. Public Accounts for 1847 presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter A.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Quarantine Act." Quarantine Bill presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next, and that in the mean time it be printed in both Languages for the use of Members. 2nd reading on Friday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by certain Members of that House with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the erection of certain Townships, and for other purposes relative to the crection of Townships," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Townships Erection Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next. 2nd reading on Friday.

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

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 7th February, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*McGill,**Joliette,**Bruneau,**Ferrie,**Knowlton,**Goodhue,**Ferrier,**Matheson,**Boulton,**Viger,**Taché, E. P.,**Leslie,**Quesnel,**Bourret,**de Beaujeu,**Ross,**Turgeon,**Jones.*

PRAYERS.

Petitions presented.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz. :—

From *P. Lachapelle* and others, of *Montreal*.

— *L. Z. Nolin* and others, of *L'Assomption*.

— The Reverend *F. Thérèse Lahaye*, President of *Joliette College*—2 Petitions.

— The Mayor and Councillors of the County of *Terrebonne*.

— *H. Gagnon* and others, of *Montreal*.

— *J. H. Aussom* and others, of *New Glasgow*.

— *M. Ollier* and others, in the County of *Terrebonne*.

— *B. H. Lemoine* and *A. M. Delisle*, of *Montreal*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Orders for 2nd readings of Dower Bill (U. C.) and

The Orders of the Day being severally read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the law of Dower in that part of *Canada* formerly called *Upper Canada*."

Intestates Pro- party Bill, And also the Bill intituled, "An Act to make

"better provision for the protection of the Property of persons dying intestate in this Province," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bills do stand upon the Orders of the day for Monday next. Postponed till Monday.

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

Thursday, 8th February, 1849. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*McGill,**Joliette,**Ferrie,**Knowlton,**McKay,**Moore,**Goodhue,**Ferrier,**Matheson,**Boulton,**Viger,**Taché, E. P.,**Leslie,**Bourret,**de Beaujeu,**Ross,**Turgeon.*

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz. :— Petitions presented.

From *R. Shedden*, of *Napierville*.

— *J. Motz* of *Quebec*.

— *P. Hanratty* of *Montreal*.

— *R. E. Vidal* and others of *Port Sarnia*.

— *George Hyde* and others, of the County of *Kent*.

— *J. K. Freeman* and others, of the Town of *Chatham*.

— The Rev. *P. Villeneuve* and others of the County of *Bellechasse*.

From

Petitions presented.

From the Rev. E. Payment and others, of Charlesburg.

— The Rev. J. Asselin and others, of the Parish of l'Ange Gardien.

— J. Clovis Belanger and others, of St. Anselme.

— Henriette Labrecque and others, of the Parish of Beaumont.

— William Ruthven of Quebec.

— Simon Larochelle and others of the Parish of St. Anselme.

— T. Rickaby and others, of Three Rivers.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz:—

From the Simcoe District Agricultural Society for the year 1848.

— The Sherbrooke County Agricultural Society No. 2, for the year 1848, and month of January, 1849.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.)

— The Toronto Mechanics' Institute.

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter U.)

Of Commutation of Tenure effected within the Seigniorie of Lauzon, for the year 1848.

Of Commutation of Tenure effected within the Censive of Quebec, for the year 1848.

Of Commutation of Tenure within the Censive of the late Order of Jesuits in the District of Three Rivers, for the year 1848; also in the Districts of Quebec and Montreal.

Ordered, that the said Returns do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letters C.C.)

The Honorable Mr. Secretary Leslie presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for the protection of the Lands of the Crown in this Province from trespass and injury, and to make further provision for that purpose.'"

Crown Lands Protection Bill presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Adjourn.

Friday, 9th February, 1849.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

Mc Gill,
Joliette,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
McKay,
Goodhue,
Gordon.

Ferrier,
Viger,
Taché,
Leslie,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

Petitions presented.

From the University and Board of Trustees of Queen's College at Kingston.

— Hamiltons and Thompson, and others engaged in the Timber Trade.

— A. Shade of Galt, and J. Cowan of Waterloo.

From

Returns From Simcoe District Agricultural Society; From Sherbrooke County Agricultural Society;

From Toronto Mechanics' Institute.

Of the Commutation of Tenure for 1848 in the Seigniorie of Lauzon;

Censive of Quebec; and

District of Three Rivers.

Petitions presented.

From the Nuns of the General Hospital of *Quebec*.

— *G. O'Kill Stuart* and others, of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Return from Missisquoi Agricultural Society presented.

A Certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Return from the *Missisquoi* Agricultural Society for the year 1848.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Hon. Mr. Gordon takes the oath prescribed by law.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* came to the Table and took and subscribed the oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire*, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

Message from His Excellency, granting leave of absence to Hon. Mr. *Sherwood*.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, granting leave of absence to the Honorable *Levius P. Sherwood*, during the present Session.

Catéchistes de St. Viateur Bill presented

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate '*Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur*,' in the Village of '*Industry* in the County of *Berthier*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Tuesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next, and that in the meantime it be printed in both Languages for the use of Members.

Quarantine Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Quarantine Act," was read the second time.

3rd reading on Tuesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read a third time on Tuesday next.

Townships Erection Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the erection of certain Townships, and for other purposes relative to the erection of Townships," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next. 3rd reading on Monday.

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

Monday, 12th February, 1849. MUNDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Ferrie,
Knoulton,
McKay,
Goodhue,
de Boucherville,
Gordon,

Boulton,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross.

PRAYERS.

The following petitions were presented to the House, viz :

From the Municipal Council of the County of *Nicolet*. Petitions presented.

— *W. Evans* of *Cote St. Paul*.

— *M. Scott* and others, near *Quebec*.

— The *Toronto* and *Lake Huron* Rail-Road Company.

— *J. King* and others, Medical Practitioners in *Upper Canada*.

— The Justices of the Peace of the *Home District*.

— *G. Gurnett* and others, Clerks of the Peace in *Canada West*.

— The *Great Western* Rail Road Company.

From

Petitions presented.

From the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton*.

— The Municipality of *Sherbrooke*.

— *E. Hale* and others of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

— *J. A. W. Daly* and others, of the Eastern portion of the District of *Huron*.

— The *Institut Canadien de Québec*.

— The Reverend *F. Durocher*, on behalf of the *Montagnais* Indians.

— The British North American Electric Telegraph Association.

— *W. Philips*, of *Quebec*.

— The *Quebec* Board of Trade.

— *J. Légaré*, the younger, and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

— The Mechanics' Institute of *Hamilton*.

— The Agricultural Association of *Canada West*.

— *W. Simpson* and *A. R. Ward*, of the Village of *Smith's Falls*.

— *A. Geddes* and others, of the Districts of *Wellington* and *Gore*.

— *S. Doane* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*.

— *C. Park* and others, of the *Niagara* District.

— *R. Hobson* and others, of the *Niagara* District.

— *A. Douglas* and others, of the *Niagara* District.

— The Municipal Council of the Village of *St. John*.

— The Provincial Agricultural Society of *Canada West*.

— *John S. McCollum* and others, of the Township of *Nelson*.

From *James Sampson* and others, in the Township of *Kingston*.

Petitions presented.

— *G. Macartney* and others, in the District of *Gore*.

— *A. Schovley* and others, and *C. Pack* and others, of the District of *Niagara*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Return from the *Clinton Agricultural Society* for the year 1848.

Return from Clinton Agricultural Society presented.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

The Honorable Mr. *E. Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Community of the Nuns of the General Hospital of *Quebec* to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount."

Quebec General Hospital Nuns Bill presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next.

2nd reading of Thursday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the erection of certain Townships, and for other purposes relative to the erection of Townships," was read the third time.

Townships Erection Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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 Assembly acquainted thereof.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law of Dower in that part of *Canada* formerly called *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

Dower Bill (U.C.) read 2nd time, and

Ordered,

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, McKay, Gordon, Boulton*, and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Intestates Property Bill read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the protection of the property of persons dying intestate in this Province," was read the second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, McKay, Gordon, Boulton* and *Ross* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Crown Lands Protection Bill read 2nd time

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for the protection of the Lands of the Crown in this Province from trespass and injury, and to make further provision for that purpose,'" was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

Committed.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported.

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.

3rd reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read a third time on Wednesday next.

Adjourn.

The Honorable the Speaker declared this

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

Tuesday, 13th February, 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and

Certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Several Petitions were presented to the House, and Petitions presented.

Ordered to lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Quarantine Act," was read the third time. Quarantine Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur*, in the Village of *Industry*, in the County of *Berthier*," was read the second time. Catéchistes de St. Viateur Bill read 2nd time.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now committed to a Committee of the whole House. Motion to commit the same.

Which being objected to. Objected to.

It was moved, in amendment to leave out all the words after "be" in the original motion, and insert in lieu thereof, "referred to a Select Committee." Motion in amendment.

Which

Objected to. Which being also objected to.

Negatived. The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the negative.

Main motion carried in the affirmative. The question being then put on the main motion, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill committed. Whereupon the House was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported. The Honorable Mr. *McKay* 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.

A motion thereupon negatived, and Upon the question being put, "whether the Committee shall have leave to sit again," it was resolved in the negative.

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

The Bill referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messrs. *Quesnel*, *Joliette* and *Bruneau*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Report of the Select Committee on Intestate Property Bill presented. The Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the protection of the property of persons dying intestate in this Province," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be ready to receive them.

Ordered, that the said Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

To be considered on Thursday. Ordered, that the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Thursday next.

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

Wednesday, 14th Feb., 1849. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

Joliette,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Goodhue,
Gordon,
Ferrier,
Boulton,

Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Jones,

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:— Petitions presented,

From *E. M. Aylwin* and other ladies, composing the Committee of the Lower Town Infant School of *Quebec*.

— The Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Montreal* and others, of *Quebec*,

— The Municipal Council of the District of *Simcoe*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz:—

From the *Hamilton* and *Gore* District Savings Bank for the year 1848. Returns from Hamilton and Gore District Savings Bank, and

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter P.*)

From the *Vaudrieul* and *Rouville* Agricultural Societies for the year 1848. Vaudrieul and Rouville Agricultural Societies, presented.

Ordered, that the said Returns do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate 'Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur,' in the Village of *Industry*, in the County of *Berthier*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him

him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

Amendments reported.

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Agreed to, and

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the the House.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Crown Lands Protection Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for the protection of the Lands of the Crown in this Province from trespass and injury, and to make further provision for that purpose," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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.

Adjourn.

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

Thursday, 15th February, 1849. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs.

The Honorable Messieurs.

Mc Gill,
Joliette.
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Goodhue,
Gordon,
Ferrier,
Boulton,

Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Turgeon,
Jones,

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From the Archbishop and Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church in *Lower Canada*. Petitions presented.

— *R. Lemoine*, French Translator to the Legislative Council.

— *John Jefferies* and others, of *Rawdon, Wexford* and the adjoining townships.

— *H. Stephens* and others, of *Montreal*.

— *D. R. Stewart* of *Quebec*.

— The *Montreal* New City Gas Light Company.

— *P. McGill*.

— The Trustees of the *Sherbrooke* Academy.

— *James Sutherland* and others, of the Township of *West Zorra*.

— *William Bacon* of the Village of *Ogdensburg*, in the State of *New York*.

— *Thomas Davis* and others, of the Township of *Dudswell*.

— *E. Haycock*, and others of the Township of *Norwich*.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on Table.

Return from Dalhousie Agricultural Society presented.

A Return was presented to the House from the *Dalhousie* District Agricultural Society for the year 1848.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Catéchistes de St. Vintour Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate 'Les Clercs 'Paroissaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur,' in the Village of Industry, in the County of 'Berthier,'" was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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.

Quebec General Hospital Nuns' Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Commu-
"nity of the Nuns of the General Hospital of
"Quebec to acquire and hold additional Real
"and Personal Property to a certain amount,"
was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the said Bill.

Committed.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the same.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Turgeon* 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 engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow. 3rd reading tomorrow.

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* enters. A Member enters.

The Order of the Day being read for considering the Amendments reported by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the protection of the property of persons dying intestate in this Province." it was The order for 2nd reading of Intestates Property Bill discharged, and

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and that the said Bill be now again committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Whereupon the House was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the same. The Bill committed.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *de Boucherville* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them. Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was 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. Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and the same read a third time to-morrow. 3rd reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the Petition presented this day from *R. LeMoine*, French Translator to the Legislative Council, be now read. Petition of R. LeMoine read, and

The same was then read by the Clerk accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House for the present Session. Referred to Contingent Committee.

The

Adjourn.

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

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

FRIDAY.

Friday, 16th February, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Report of the Select Committee on Petition of R. Lemoine presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* from the Select Committee appointed to report upon the Petition of *Robert Lemoine*, Esquire, French Translator to this House, praying to be appointed an additional Assistant Clerk of the Legislative Council, reported in favour of the prayer of the said Petitioner.

Which said report being read by the Clerk.

Motion to consider the same on Monday.

It was moved, that the same be taken into consideration on Monday next.

Objected to.

Which being objected to.

Debated.

After a short debate,

Report withdrawn.

The Report was by leave of the House withdrawn.

Quebec General Hospital Nuns' Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Commu- nity of the Nuns of the General Hospital of Quebec to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Intestate Pro- perty Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision for the protection of the property of persons dying intestate in that part of this Province formerly called *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

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

Monday, 19th February, 1849. MONDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Hon. *René E. Caron*, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,

Ferrier,

Macaulay,

Boulton,

Bruneau,

Viger,

Taché, J. B.

Taché, E. P.,

McKay,

Bourret,

Dionne, A.

de Beaujeu.

Goodhue,

Ross,

Walker,

Methot,

Pinhey,

Turgeon,

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented and laid on the Table, viz :— Petitions presented.

From *J. B. Dumas* and others, of the County of *Nicolet*.

— The Municipal Council of *Kamou- raska*.

— The Municipality of the County of *Quebec*.

— *J. Bedard* and others, of the County of *Quebec*.

From

Petitions presented.

From *J. Jobin* and others, of the County of *Quebec*.

— *J. Cairns* and others, of the District of *Quebec*.

— *G. D. Watson* and others, of *Montreal*.

— The *British American Land Company*.

— *Archdeacon Stuart* and others, of *Kingston*.

Ordered, that the said petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz:—

Returns From British American Assurance Company,

From the *British America Fire and Life Assurance Company*, to 31st Jan., 1849.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter P.*)

From Dalhousie Agricultural Society,

— The *Dalhousie District Agricultural Society*, for the year 1848.

From Gaspé Agricultural Society,

— The County of *Gaspé Agricultural Society*, for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

From Toronto Hospital, and

— The *Toronto Hospital*, for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letters M.M.*)

From Montreal General Hospital, presented.

— The *Montreal General Hospital*, for the year 1848.

Ordered, that the said Returns do lie on the Table.

Hon. Mr. Walker takes the oath prescribed by law.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire*, one of the Commissioners appointed under the Great Seal to administer the Oath to the Members of the Legislature.

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 20th February, 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

M^cGill,
Fraser,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Taché, J. B.,
M^cKay,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
de Boucherville,

Gordon,
Pinhey,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Turgeon,
Jones.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From *A Plumby*.

Petitions presented.

— *J. Keenan* and others, of various Fire Companies in *Canada*.

— *A. Gilmour* and others, of *Quebec*.

— *A. Feluet* and others, of *Quebec*.

— The Directors of the *Quebec Forwarding Company*.

— *J. King Fairburn* and others of *Nepean*.

— The Rev. *J. B. Pelletier* and others, of *St. Joseph*.

— *F. M. Hill* and others, of *Kingston*.

— *James Cowan* and others, of the Township of *Waterloo*.

— The *Eastern District Council*.

— The Trustees of the *Stanstead Academy*.

From

Petitions presented.

From the Reverend *G. Slack* and others, of *Shefford*.

— *J. F. Whitfield* and others of the Township of *Farnham*.

— The *Victoria* District Council.

— The Trustees of the *Longueuil* and *Chambly* Turnpike Road.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz. :—

Returns From Verchères Agricultural Society,

From the *Verchères* County Agricultural Society, for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

From Guelph and Arthur Road Company, and

— The *Guelph* and *Arthur* Road Company, for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letters V.V.*)

From City and District Savings Bank, presented

— The *City* and *District* Savings Bank, for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter P.*)

Ordered, that the said Returns do lie on the Table.

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

The Hon. S. Mills introduced as a Member.

When the Honorable *Samuel Mills* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

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



The Writ.

PROVINCE }
OF } *ELGIN* and *KINCARDINE*.
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 *Samuel Mills*, Esquire, of the City of *Hamilton*.—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *Samuel Mills*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times, whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Recorded

Recorded 30th January, 1849, Lib. A. S., folio 459.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Sworn and takes his seat.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Mills* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, 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.

Adjourn.

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

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 22nd February, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Taché, E. P.,</i>
<i>M'Kay,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>Dionne, A.,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Goodhue,</i>	<i>de Beaujeu,</i>
<i>Walker,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Gordon,</i>	<i>Méhot,</i>
<i>Pinhey,</i>	<i>Mills.</i>
<i>Ferrier,</i>	

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz. :—

From *John Burwell* of *Port Burwell*.

— *David Norton* and others of the Township of *Dorchester*.

— The *London* District Council.

Petitions presented.

From *B. Workman* and others, of *Montreal*. Petitions presented.

— *S. Hellard* and others, of *Pakenham*.

— The *Niagara* District Agricultural Society.

— *J. Clark*, President of the *Niagara* Agricultural Society.

— *C. Parke* and others of the *Wellington* District.

— *H. Smith* and others, of the Townships of *Grimsby*, *Gainsborough*, and *Caistor*.

— *F. C. Capreol* of *Toronto*.

— The Corporation of the Town of *Brantford*.

— *H. Morgan* and others, of the Township of *Saltfleet* and *Binbrooke*.

— *L. Dorion* and others, of *Chateau Richer*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz. :—

From the Commissioners appointed for the relief of the Indigent Invalids and Foundlings of the District of *Quebec*. Returns From Quebec Foundlings,

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letters Q.Q.*)

— The *Peterborough* and *Port Hope* Railway Company for the year 1848. From Peterborough and Port Hope Railway, and

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letters K.K.*)

— The Agricultural Society of the County of *Yamaska*. From Yamaska Agricultural Society, presented.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Ordered, that the said Returns do lie on the Table.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, under his Sign Manual, Message from His Excellency, granting leave of absence to Hon. C. Widener.

Manual, granting leave of absence to the Honorable *Christopher Widmer* during the present Session.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY **Friday, 23rd February, 1849.**

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

Fraser,
Macaulay,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
Gordon,
Matheson,
Viger,

The Honorable Messieurs

Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Turgeon,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz. :—

From *W. Ditterick* of the County of *Lincoln*.

— The *Niagara* District Council.

— The *Saint Michel* Road Company.

— The Corporation of the City of *Toronto*.

— The Rev. *L. M. Brassard* and others of the Parishes of *Chambly* and *Longueuil*.

— *Leon Rousseau* and others, of the County of *Yamaska*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

A Return from the County of *Chambly* Agricultural Society No. 2, for the year 1848, was presented to the House. Return from Chambly Agricultural Society presented.

Ordered, that the said Return do lie on the Table, and it is as follows:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

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

Monday, 26th February, 1849. MONDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

Fraser,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
M'Kay,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
Gordon,
Pinhey.

The Honorable Messieurs

Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz. :— Petitions presented.

— From the *Simcoe* District Council.

— *John J. Booth* and others.

— *B. Marks* and others, of the County of *Frontenac*.

— The Corporation of the City of *Kingston*.

From

Petitions presented.

From *Silas Gregory* and others of *Canada*.

— *J. Nesbitt* and others of the County of *Beauharnois*.

— The *Mohawk* Indians of the Bay of *Quinte*.

— The Superior and others, of the *Ursuline* Nunnery at *Quebec*.

— The Corporation of the city of *Quebec*.

— *J. Jones* and others, of the Township of *Walpole*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz:—

From the *London* District Agricultural Society for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

— The *Saint Lawrence* Inland Marine Assurance Company for the year 1848.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter P.*)

Ordered, that the said Returns 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.

Returns From London District Agricultural Society, and

From St. Lawrence Inland Marine Assurance Company, presented.

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 27th February, 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

Fraser,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
M^cKay,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
de Boucherville,
Gordon,
Pinhey.

Ferrier,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Mills,

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

Petitions presented.

From *G. Tiffany* and others, of *Delaware*.

— The Municipality of *Sherbrooke*.

— Bishop's College, *Lennoxville*.

— The Trustees of the *Charleston* Academy.

— *H. Smith* and others, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

— *L. Legendre* and others, of the County of *Lotbinière*.

— *F. Nye* and others of the County of *Huntingdon*.

— *John McDonald* and others of the Town of *Goderich*.

— *J. Leslie* and others of the City of *Toronto*.

— *Thomas Tait* and others, of the Townships of *Windsor, Brompton, Ship-ton* and *Compton*.

From

Petitions presented.

From *A. T. Galt* and others of the County of *Sherbrooke*.

— *J. Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Haldimand*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Return from *Shefford* Agricultural Society presented.

A Return from the *Shefford* Agricultural Society for the year 1848 was presented to the House.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Message from His Excellency on the Post Office system in British North America.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* 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 the House, and

The same was then read as follows:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE :

The Governor General transmits, for the information of the Legislative Council, Copies of a Correspondence on the subject of the establishment of a general Post Office system in the British Provinces of *North America*.

Government House,
Montreal, 27th February, 1849.

SCHEDULE.

- 1.—The Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*, 29th October, 1847—Transmitting the Draught of a Report by the Commissioners from the several Provinces on the Post Office.
- 2.—The Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*, 19th November, 1847—Transmitting the Report, as finally signed by the Commissioners, and a Communication from the Government of *New Brunswick*.
- 3.—Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 6th April, 1848—Decision of Her Majesty's Government, with Letter from Treasury.

4.—The Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*, 14th June, 1848—With Copy of a Report made by the Executive Council after communication with Members of the Government of *Nova Scotia*.

5.—The Earl of *Elgin* to Sir *E. Head*, 1st November, 1848—Requesting to be informed of the views of the Government of *New Brunswick*.

6.—Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 15th December, 1848—Stating that an Act will be introduced into the Imperial Parliament for transferring to Colonial Authorities the management of the Post Office in British *North America*.

7.—Sir *Edmund Head* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 7th November, 1848—Reporting the concurrence of the Government of *New Brunswick*.

(*For the Documents accompanying the said Message, vide Sessional Papers, Letters B.B.B.*)

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

Wednesday, 28th Feb., 1849.

WEDNESDAY

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Pinhey,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Bruneau,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Taché, J. B.,</i>	<i>Taché, E. P.,</i>
<i>Knowlton,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>M^r Kay,</i>	<i>Quesnel,</i>
<i>Dionne, A.,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Goodhue,</i>	<i>de Beaujeu,</i>
<i>Walker,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Massue,</i>	<i>Méhot,</i>
<i>de Boucherville,</i>	<i>Mills.</i>
<i>Gordon,</i>	

PRAYERS.

The

Petitions presented.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From the *Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Railway Company.*

— *J. Timmes of Montreal.*

— *W. Evans, senior, and Sons, in the Parish of Montreal.*

— *The Saint Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad Company.*

— *The Honorable S. Crane and others, of the District of Johnstown.*

— *F. Desaulniers and others, of St. Maurice.*

— *F. Perrin of Berthier.*

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Official Gazette Legal Notices Bill presented.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the insertion of certain Official and Legal Notices in the *Canada Gazette* only."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Friday.

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

Aliens Naturalization Bill.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Naturalization of Aliens."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Adjourn.

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

Thursday, 1st March, 1849.

THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

Macaulay,
Ferrie,
Taché, J. B.,
Knowlton,
M^r Kay,
Dionne, J.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
Massue,
Gordon,

Pinhey,
Matheson;
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The following petitions were presented to the House, viz: Petitions presented.

From *Peter Martin* and others of the County of *Drummond.*

— *The Rev. A. Dupuis* and others, of the County of *Megantic.*

— *R. Layfield* and others, of *Inverness.*

— *The Talbot District Council.*

— *The Rev. P. M. Mignault* and others, of the County of *Chambly.*

— *The Rev. A. Dupuis* and others, of *Halifax.*

— *G. L. Master* and others, of the County of *Drummond.*

— *The Talbot District Council.*

— *W. H. Anderson* and others, of *Quebec.*

— *J. McConville* and others, of the Parish of *St. Paul.*

— *J. Keefer* and others, of *Thorold.*

— *L. Clark* and others, Directors of the *Niagara Falls Suspension*, and *Niagara*

Petitions presented.

Niagara Falls International Bridges Companies.

From *P. Brunelle* and others, of *Cap. Blank*.

— *J. W. Eaton* and others, of *Philipsburg*.

— *P. P. Russel* and others, of the District of *Montreal*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Return from Drummond Agricultural Society.

Returns from the Counties of *Drummond* and *Montreal* Agricultural Societies for the year 1849, were presented to the House.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Interpretation Bill presented.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act for putting a Legislative interpretation upon certain terms used in Acts of Parliament, and for rendering it unnecessary to repeat certain provisions and expressions therein, and for ascertaining the date and commencement thereof, and for other purposes."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Tuesday.

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

Petition from H. Jessup presented.

A Certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Petition from *Henry Jessup*, of *Toronto*, praying to be admitted to practice in the Common Law Courts of *Upper Canada*.

Motion in relation thereto, to dispense with 57th Rule.

Whereupon it was moved, that the Fifty-seventh Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as the same relates to the said Petition.

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Question carried in the negative, and

The same was resolved in the negative.

The Petition not received.

Ordered, that the said Petition be not received.

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

Friday, 2d March, 1849.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

Fraser,
Macaulay,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Taché, J. E.,
Knowlton,
McKay,
Dionne, A.
Goodhue,
Walker,
Massuc,
de Boucherville,

Gordon,
Pinhey,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méhot,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz. :—

From the Rev. *D. Charland* and others, of *St. Clement*.

— *R. Cross* and others, of the Seigniority of *Beauharnois*.

— The Municipality of *Beauharnois*.

— *R. Lovell* and others of *Beauharnois*.

— *James Duncan* and others of the Seigniority of *Beauharnois*.

— *T. Cantwell* and others, of the Parish of *St. Jean Chrysostome*.

— The *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Rail Road Company.

— The Rev. *J. O. Archambault* and others, of *St. Timothée de Beauharnois*.

From

Petitions presented.

From the *Montreal* and Province Line Junction Railway.

— The Reverend *P. Beaumont* and others, in the County of *Dorchester*.

— The Honorable *J. Bourret* and others, of *Montreal*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Toronto Burial Ground Bill presented.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act, intituled, 'An Act to authorize certain persons therein named, and their successors, to hold certain Lands for the purposes therein mentioned.'"

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Thompson's and Jessup's Relief Bill.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Joséph Richard Thompson* and *Henry Jessup*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Official Gazette Legal Notices Bill presented.

The Order of the Day being read, for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the insertion of certain Official and Legal Notices in the *Canada Gazette*" only, it was

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Adjourn.

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

Monday, 5th March, 1849.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Macaulay,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
Massue,
Gordon,
Pinhey,

Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
De Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From *A. McKay* and others, of the Township of *Brompton*.

— *G. Patterson* and others, of *Bytown*.

— *A. W. Sickles* and others, *Oncida Indians*, of the Township of *Delaware*.

— The Rev. *J. Purkis* and others, of the Township of *Osnabrock*.

— *A. Sherwood*, of the *Johnstown District*.

— The *Niagara District Council*.

— *J. P. Bradley* and others, of *St. Patrick's Society*, of *Quebec*.

— *J. Gibb* and others, of *Quebec*.

— *E. Hale*, of the Town of *Sherbrooke*.

— *W. L. Distin* and others, of the City of *Hamilton*.

— *E. G. O'Brien* and others, interested in the Navigation of the *Lakes* and *Inland Waters* of this Province.

— *J. M. Guay* and others, of the County of *Dorchester*

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

Aliens Naturalization Bill read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Naturalization of Aliens," was read the second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ross, Quesnel, Macaulay, Gordon, and E. Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Toronto Burial Ground Bill read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled, 'An Act to authorize certain persons therein named and their successors, to hold certain lands for the purposes therein mentioned,'" was read the second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Gordon, Macaulay, and Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The order for reading Thompson and Jessup's Bill the 2nd time discharged, and

The Order of the Day being read, for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Joseph Richard Thompson, and Henry Jessup*," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

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

The Bill referred to a Select Committee

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay, Quesnel, and Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please; and that they be instructed to enquire how far the Rules of this House have been complied with, in respect of the said Bill.

Petition from W. H. Blake presented, and

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House, a Petition from *W. H. Blake*, of the City of *Montreal*, Esquire, praying for leave to present the Petition of *Henry Jessup*, asking for an Act to authorize him to practise as an Attorney in Upper Canada, and stating the reason why it was not presented within the time prescribed by the Rules of this House.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee just appointed.

Referred to last Select Committee.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the insertion of certain Official and Legal Notices in the *Canada Gazette* only," it was

Order for reading Official Gazette Notices Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

Postponed to Wednesday next.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* 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 the House, and

Message from His Excellency on Immigration presented.

The same was then read as follows:—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE:

The Governor General transmits for the information of the Legislative Council, the accompanying copy of correspondence with Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the subject of Immigration and Public Works:—

Government House,
Montreal, 5th March, 1849.

(For the Documents accompanying the Message vide *Sessional Papers E.E.E.*)

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

Adjourn.

Tuesday, 6th March, 1849.

Tuesday.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and
Certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

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

The Hon. S. Crane introduced as a Member.

When the Honorable *Samuel Crane* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

Presents his Writ of Summons

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



The Writ.

PROVINCE }
OF } *ELGIN* and *KINCARDINE*.
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 *Samuel Crane*, Esquire, of the Town of *Prescot*—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *Samuel Crane*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most

Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the sixteenth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

Recorded 18th January, 1849, Lib., A. S., folio 453.

R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Crane* came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, 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.

Sworn and takes his seat.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *LaTerrière* and others, as follows :—

Message from the Assembly to request the attendance of the Hon. W. Walker before a Select Committee.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Monday, 5th March, 1849.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, praying their Honors will permit the Honorable *William Walker*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee, appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Provincial School of Navigation at *Quebec*, on Thursday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *LaTernière* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clk. Assy.

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.

Leave granted, and

It was then moved that the Honorable Mr. *Walker* may have leave to go to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of this day, if he thinks fit.

And the Honorable Mr. *Walker* being present in his place, acquainted the House that he was willing, with the leave of the House, to go to the said Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Walker* have leave to go to the said Committee if he thinks fit.

The Assembly informed thereof.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council give leave to the Honorable Mr. *Walker* to attend the Select Committee appointed to enquire into the expediency of establishing a Provincial School of Navigation at *Quebec*, on Thursday next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit.

Petitions from the Inhabitants of Kingston

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* presented a Petition from the inhabitants of *Kingston*, praying for an Act of Incorporation for the *Kingston* Hospital.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From Bathurst District Council, and

The Honorable Mr. *Matheson* presented a Petition from the Warden and Council of the *Bathurst* District, praying that Jurors may not in future be paid out of the District fund, but out of the general funds of the Province.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Fergusson* presented a Petition from the directors of the *Desjardins* Canal Company, praying for an amendment to their Act of Incorporation. From the Desjardins Canal Company, presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for putting a Legislative Interpretation upon certain terms used in Acts of Parliament, and for rendering it unnecessary to repeat certain provisions and expressions therein, and for ascertaining the date and commencement thereof, and for other purposes," it was 2d reading of Interpretation Bill.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read for the second time on Thursday next. Postponed to Thursday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision respecting Emigrants," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Emigrants' Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next. 2d reading on Friday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the free admission of certain articles of the growth or production of the United States of America into *Canada*, whenever similar articles, the growth and production of *Canada*, shall be admitted without duty into the said States," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Reciprocity Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next. 2d reading on Tuesday.

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

Wednesday,

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 7th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Ferrier,
Taché, J. B.
Knowlton,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.,

Gordon,
Pinhey,
Ferrier,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méhot,
Crane,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz. :—

From *J. S. Tiffany* and others, of *Hamilton*.

— *N. M'Kinnon* and others, of *Bayham*.

— The *Johnstown* District Council.

— The *Cobourg* Harbor Company.

— *W. Simpson* and others.

— The *Montreal, Kingston, Brantford, Paris* and *London* Fire Departments.

— The Municipal Council of the *Western* District.

— *W. Kingsmill*, of the District of *Niagara*, and

— *F. Da Sylva* and others, of *Three Rivers*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General presented a Return, in compliance with the Address of this House on the subject of Printing.

Which Return is as follows :—

RETURN

To an ADDRESS of the Honorable the Legislative Council to His Excellency the Governor General, dated the *5th February*, 1849, and praying that He would be pleased to cause to be laid before the House, Statements of the amounts paid to Printers by the Executive Government for the year 1848, together with Copies of the Contracts or Agreements under which such amounts have been paid ; also Copies of all papers connected with the terms on which the three Official Gazettes are published, and statements of the Revenues of the Proprietors of the said Gazettes, derived therefrom, under different heads, and of the circulation of the said Gazettes during that year.

By Command,

J. LESLIE,
Secretary.

Secretary's Office,

Montreal, 7th March, 1849.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 3d March, 1849.

SIR,

In compliance with the directions contained in your letter of 8th ultimo, I do myself the honor to enclose herewith such Statements and Documents, as it is in the power of this Department to furnish, respecting the Amounts paid to Printers by the Executive Government for the year 1848, required by an Address of the Honorable Legislative Council of 5th ultimo. They are—

1st. A Statement of the Amount paid to Printers by the Executive Government for the year 1848.

2nd. Copy of the Tariff of Charges allowed to the Queen's Printers.

3rd. Copy of the Order of His Excellency the Governor General, approving of the above Tariff.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOSH. CARY,
Dy. Insp. Gen.

Hon. *Jas. Leslie*,
Provincial Secretary.

No. 1.

Petitions presented.

Message from His Excellency with a Return on Printing presented.

No. 1.

STATEMENT of the Amount paid to Printers by the Executive Government for the year 1848, as required by an Address of the Honorable the Legislative Council, of 5th February, 1849.

SERVICE.	Amount Currency.		
<i>Paid to the Queen's Printer.</i>			
For Miscellaneous Printing.....	254	2	5
For Printing for the Customs' Branch of the Inspector General's Department	460	15	4
For Subscriptions to the <i>Canada Gazette</i> for the year	764	1	3
For Publishing Proclamations and other Official Notices in the <i>Canada Gazette</i>	731	14	5
For Printing for the Office of the Adjutant General of Militia.....	27	1	8
Do. Reserved Acts.....	1607	2	6
Do. Acts of the Session of 1848.....	934	19	3
Do. Census Forms.....	361	16	8
Do. Registers for Registrars Canada West.....	37	4	0
Do. Clerk of the Crown in Chancery.....	16	6	0
Do. For various Departments of the Civil Government (paid by <i>T. Douglas Harington</i>).....	272	6	5
Total paid the Queen's Printer, in 1848, for Printing.....	£5467	9	11
Amount paid the <i>Montreal Pilot</i> , for Printing done.....	£18	1	3
Do. <i>Montreal Gazette</i>		18	9
Do. <i>Revue Canadienne</i>	34	10	
Do. R. & C. Chalmers.....	16		
		69	10 0
Total Currency	£5536	19	11

JOSH. CARY,

Dep. Insp. Gen.

Inspector General's Office,

Montreal, 2nd March, 1849.

No. 2.

PROPOSED TARIFF FOR THE QUEEN'S PRINTER, COMPARED WITH THE RATES CHARGED THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY.

Proposed to be given to the Queen's Printer.	Composition per 1000 ems.	Presswork per 200 Impressions.	Paper per Ream or Quire.	RATES CHARGED THE ASSEMBLY.	Composition per 1000 ems.	Presswork per 200 Impressions.	Paper per Ream or Quire.	THE COUNCIL.
			Per Ream.	<p>In 1841, The Tenders accepted were for Composition, 2s. 6d. English, and 2s. 9d. French, during the Session, and 2s. 3d. during the Recess. Average,</p> <p>The Presswork, 5s. per 400 impressions, (the number required) on paper half the size of that made use of for the Laws, at 15s. per Ream, therefore doubling the size, would give,</p> <p>In 1842. The first Tenders accepted, 1s. 10d. for Printing during the Session, in English, were not fulfilled, and the Printing was given to other Printers, @ 2s. 6d. English, and 2s. 8d. French Composition. The Journals and after Session Work at 1s. 8d. English, and 2s. French, 2s. 6d., 2s. 8d., 1s. 8d., 2s., and 1s. 10d. averaging</p> <p>For Presswork of Journals, etc., 400 English, and 200 French, 3s. 4d. English, and 4s. 6d. French, per 400 impressions, average, 3s. 11d. per 400 impressions. The Paper used, Crown, @ 25s. per Ream, containing 276 superficial inches to 414 contained in that made use of for the Laws, and which is consequently three fifths larger thus making the Presswork equal to 6s. 3d. per 400 impressions, or 3s. 1½d. per 200, and 40s per Ream.</p> <p>For two years,</p> <p>Making an average of</p> <p>None required.</p> <p>In 1841, 2s. 6d. English, and 2s. 9d. French, 5s. 3d. = 2s. 7½d. Presswork, 2s. 6d. Paper for Bills (common), 7½d. Reports, 1s. 6d.,</p> <p>In 1842, 2s. 6d. English, and 2s. 8d. French, 5s. 2d. = 2s. 7d. Presswork, 2s. 3d. and 2s. 6d. = 2s. 4½d.,</p> <p>For two years,</p> <p>Making an average of</p> <p>For Circulars, &c., similar prices. Paper varying according to quality. Double the above prices for ruled work.</p> <p>All the above are delivered as they are, wet from the Press.</p>	2s. 6d.		30s.	The Rates for the Legislative Council are one half more than the opposite—that Honorable Body requiring better Work and better Materials.
For Laws on good Paper, Demy size, required to be printed with great care and expedition, in both languages, viz.,	3s. 3d.	5s.	30s.			3s. 1½d.	40s.	
Reports, &c., on fine Folio Post,	2s. 9d.	4s. 3d.	Per Quire.			8s. 1½d.	70s.	
Reports, &c., on Foolscap,	2s. 9d.	2s. 6d.	2s. 3d to 3s 3d			4s. 0½d.	35s.	
Circulars, &c.,	2s. 9d.	2s. 6d.					Per Quire.	
							7½d to 1s 6d.	
							7½d to 1s 6d.	
						4s. 10½d.		
						2s. 7½d.		
						2s. 7½d.		
						5s. 2½d.		
						2s. 7½d.	7½d to 1s 6d.	

Kingsdon, 16th March, 1843.
The above calculations are correct.
(Signed) J. C.

Certified,
JOSH. CARY,
Dy. Insp. Gen.

The Papers will vary according to quality and size from 7½d. to 2s. 3d. per quire for Foolscap and Letter Paper—that generally made use of by Government, is from 1s. 8d. to 2s. per quire.
The above Works require to be executed with care, to be well dried, pressed, and glazed.

Kingston, 18th March, 1843.

SIR,

With respect to a Tariff for Printing, required by Government, we would represent that the scale or rate at which the Printing for the Assembly may be performed, cannot apply to the Queen's Printers for the following reasons :

In tendering for the Legislative Assembly Printing, the Printer has no other object in view but to fill up broken time, knowing that, however, a period may have been determined on for the delivery of a work, that it is never enforced, consequently he does not require ample materials or capital, being paid as the work proceeds ; he is also spared the expense of Proof Readers, these being supplied by the Assembly ; the work requires little care, and is always laid aside when more profitable employment is offered. Moreover, his tenders are often made with the hope of ruining other competitors, and this being effected, then to obtain his own prices.

On the other hand, the Queen's Printers are bound to have, and have very ample materials and machinery, at an expense exceeding three thousand pounds, and numerous workmen, so as to be in readiness at all times to execute the requisitions of Government with that dispatch which is demanded of them and enforced. Their establishment is formed solely with this great object in view, but the patronage of Government, either from the short duration of Sessions or other causes, does not produce employment for any length of time for the men and materials required to be kept ready : (The Laws of the last Session were only three weeks in being printed,) and since the tenth day of November last, the establishment required to be kept by the Queen's Printer has not been employed, though at an expense of above twenty-five pounds per week, exclusive of the interest and deterioration of materials, with the exception of the printing of the *Canada Gazette*, at present confined to a few Proclamations and Notices. The printing of the Laws requires great care and involves great responsibility, and has to be performed with great dispatch, consequently at much greater expense than any ordinary work, (not taking into account the loss incurred by the materials and men not being constantly employed.)

Also, in the formation of a Tariff the Queen's Printers would take the liberty of drawing attention to the fact, that the Government patronage is divided between many Printers, and that its being united in the Queen's Printer would better enable them to submit to reductions, from the employment that would thus be given to the men and materials during the slack season, when the necessity of maintaining the establishment entails only a loss on the Printers.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servants,

(Signed,) DESBARATS & DERBISHIRE,
Queen's Printers.

ET. PARENT, Esq.,

Clk. Ex. Council,

&c. &c. &c.

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council, dated the 21st March, 1843, and approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 23rd of the same month.

On a letter from Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire*, Queen's Printers, dated 18th March, 1843, submitting a Tariff for Government Printing.

The Committee of the Executive Council have examined and considered a scale of prices proposed for Government Printing by Her Majesty's Printer ; they are of opinion that the proposed prices are reasonable, and they recommend that the scale be adopted, until further orders.

(Signed,) W. H. LEE.

The Hon. the Inspector General,

&c. &c. &c.

(Certified,) JOSH. CARY,
Dy. In. Gen.

CROWN LANDS' OFFICE,
Montreal, 5th March, 1849.

£283 4s. 1d. has been paid during the past year for Advertising in the *Gazette* and other Newspapers of the Province.

SIR,

I have the honor to be,

In reply to your communication of the 3rd, I have to state that the amount paid to Printers, (Messrs. D. & D.) by this Department, for the year 1848, is £83 8s. 8d.—and is mostly for printing Blank Forms, Scrip Books, Location Tickets, &c. &c.

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

T. BOUTHILLIER.

In addition to the above, a further sum of

To the Honorable
The Provincial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

EXTRACTS of two Reports of the Deputy Inspector General to the Honorable the Executive Council.

Montreal, 23d, August, 1845.

Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, Queen's Printers, render an Account for Printing 8000 copies, in English, of the Acts of the last Session of the Legislature, and some extra copies of several of these Acts.

Amounting in the whole to Cy. £4789 5 8

The Printers, in consideration of the larger number of copies than usual, make a deduction of 10 per cent., on £4224 18s. 9d., being the amount of printing and paper, for the volume of these Acts, as the established rate, 422 9 10
£4366 15 10

On Account of which, the Printers have received by
 Warrant, No. 1808, of 1st April, 1845, £1000 0 0
 " " 1957, of 20th " " 1000 0 0
 " " 2167, of 5th June " 1000 0 0
 " " 2681, of 22d July, " 1400 0 0
4400 0 0

Leaving a Balance to their Debit, on Account of the French version of the Acts, Cy. £33 4 2

The cost of Printing the Laws has now become so serious an Item of the Annual Public Expenditure, that it becomes imperiously necessary to devise some means of diminishing the expense. appears to the undersigned, that a reduction to some amount may be effected, without disturbing the established Tariff of rates, and without in anywise impairing the utility of the work, but merely diminishing some unnecessary embellishments of the volume as now printed.

In examining closely into the subject, it ap-

On

On referring to the volume of the Laws as printed of later years, for it was not always so, at least not in *Lower Canada*, it will be perceived that a very considerable portion of each page is taken up with wide margins, and that at least one-fourth more matter might be compressed within each page, than is contained in the present impressions.

By reference to the volumes of the Acts of the Legislature of *Lower Canada*, passed during its first Sessions, the difference between the quantity of printing contained in a page then, compared with those of later years, will be evident.

If the volume of the Acts of last Session,

and now charged for, had been printed in the manner now proposed, the cost would be considerably diminished, and would stand as under:—

The charge for setting up the type would remain the same.

The charge for paper, now £2244		
12s. 0d, reduced one-fourth, or £561	3	0
That for presswork, now £1740		
0s. 0d, reduced one-fourth, or	435	0 0
That for folding, stitching, &c.,		
£433 6s. 8d, reduced one-fourth, or	108	6 8

Total reduction,	£1104	9 8
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Montreal, 26th September, 1846.

Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, Law Printers, render an Account for Printing the Statutes of last Session of the Provincial Legislature.

For Printing 8500 copies in English, and 4500 copies in French, folding, stitching, and covering the same.

Amounting to	Cy. £5881	16	4
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From which it is recommended that there be deducted for clerical errors,		36	12	6
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	£5845	3	10
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On account of which, they have received Warrants,

No. 1406, of 28th May, 1846,	£1000	0	0
“ 1573, of 27th June, “	1000	0	0
“ 2116, of 29th July, “	1000	0	0
“ 2315, of 24th Aug., “	500	0	0
		3500	0 0

Leaving a Balance due, of	Cy. £2345	3	10
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The Printing of these Acts has been performed in the manner suggested in the Report of the undersigned, of August, 1845, and consequently, at a reduced expense.

The present impression, although consisting of 1000 copies more, and containing a greater

quantity of matter, being done at a cost of £648 less than that of 1845, the average cost of each copy in 1845 being 10s 11d., and that for 1846, 8s. 11d.

Quebec,

Quebec, 15th February, 1849.

SIR,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, dated 10th instant, addressed to *J. C. Fisher*, instructing him to transmit, for the information of His Excellency, all papers in his possession, connected with the terms on which the *Quebec Gazette*, by authority, is now published—together with a statement of the Revenue derived from the said *Gazette* during the past year, under different heads, and of the circulation of the *Gazette* during the same period; and in reply, I have the honor to enclose statement showing the nett Revenue and circulation of the *Gazette* from 1st November, 1847, to 1st November, 1848, and would only remark, that although the nett Revenue appears to be over

seven hundred pounds, that that sum is materially reduced by bad debts, particularly in the circulation of the *Gazette*.

I regret that I have no papers in my possession connected with the terms on which the *Gazette* is published, *Dr. Fisher* being at present in *England*, on sick leave; but I am informed that the charge made for advertising is authorized by Tariff established by Law.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed) W. STEVENSON,
Attorney for *J. C. Fisher*.

To Honorable *James Leslie*,
Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

STATEMENT of the Revenue derived from the *Quebec Gazette*, by Authority, during the Year commencing 1st November, 1847, and ending 1st November, 1848:

From Sheriffs of Quebec, Three Rivers, and Montreal,	£790	14	0
From Sheriffs of Gaspé and St. Francis,	10	10	0
Quebec Ratifications,	107	3	0
Montreal Ratifications,	199	15	0
Commercial Notices and Licitations,	38	0	10
Circulation, 280,	280	0	0
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	£1426	2	10

EXPENSES.

Men's Wages for same period,	£354	8	0
Apprentices',	39	0	0
Paper for <i>Gazette</i> ,	40	0	0
Ink,	4	3	4
Sundry Expenses,	52	0	0
Rent of Office,	45	0	0
Do. of Printing Press, Types, &c.	105	0	0
Interest,	50	0	0
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	£736	11	6

(Signed)

W. STEVENSON,
Attorney for *J. C. Fisher*.

Quebec, 14th February, 1849.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Kingston, 10th March, 1843.

SIR,

I have the honor, by command of the Governor General, to acquaint you, that His Excellency in Council having had under consideration the account transmitted by you, in which charges are made for certain advertisements in the *Upper Canada Gazette*, and for furnishing that paper to the public functionaries therein mentioned; also for office rent, and for an allowance for type.

His Excellency in Council, considered, that the charges in your account originated in the *Upper Canada Gazette* being the official newspaper of *Upper Canada* before the Union. He, however, sees no necessity, now that there is an *Official Gazette* for the United Province, for continuing these charges, and I am therefore to acquaint you that no further allowance will be made to the *Upper Canada Gazette* after the 3rd June next.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) JAMES HOPKIRK,
Assistant Secretary.

Robert Stanton, Esquire,
Toronto.

—
Toronto, 22d May, 1844.

SIR,

I beg you will lay before His Excellency the Governor General my most respectful application, that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to bestow his favorable consideration to the prayer of the accompanying Memorial from Mr. *Richard Watson*, which he has requested me to forward.

I would beg leave to express to His Excellency the sentiments of my sincere gratitude for His Excellency's consideration towards me, when in consequence of the Union of the Provinces, which resulted in my loss of the office by the appointment of others as Queen's Printer, His Excellency was pleased to con-

fer upon me the appointment of Collector of Customs at *Toronto*.

Desirous of confining myself more exclusively to the arduous and responsible duties of this situation, which I feel to be in accordance with intimations which have been made public, I would respectfully pray that the publication of the *Upper Canada Gazette*, which is still continued under my charge by authority under existing laws, may be authorised by His Excellency in Mr. *Watson's* name, to whom the printing establishment which I had provided at much expense for the general work of the late Province, it is my intention to dispose, as the means of providing for the support of a person, whose whole conduct under my immediate observation and employment for the last eighteen years, I have found marked by the strictest integrity, and in every respect deserving of trust and confidence. I have great pleasure in stating that, whatever credit may have been given to the performance of the practical part of the duties of the office, Mr. *Watson* is chiefly entitled to it; and that for zeal, ability, and undeviating loyalty, I can with the most perfect confidence recommend him to the favorable consideration of His Excellency.

As a proof of my personal confidence in this respect, I would beg leave to add, that it is intended that in the printing establishment at *Toronto*, my eldest son, Mr. *William Stanton* is to be joined, as the best means in my power for affording him a commencement in life, and that in granting the prayer of Mr. *Watson's* Memorial I shall gratefully acknowledge, as an additional obligation conferred upon myself, His Excellency's favorable consideration towards a long-trying and faithful servant, and as affording me at the same time an opportunity of making some slender provision for one of my own family.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed,) ROBT. STANTON.

Hon. D. Daly,
Provincial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.
Kingston.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable
Sir Charles Theophilus Metcalfe,
G. C. B., Governor General and
Commander in Chief, in and over
the Province of Canada, &c. &c.

The Memorial of *Richard Watson*, Printer,
Humbly Sheweth.

That Your Excellency's Memorialist is a
native of *Ireland*, and has resided in *Canada*
twenty-five years.

That he has a family of seven dependent
upon him for support.

That for the last twenty years he has had
the management, as principal and confidential
foreman, of the Government Printing Office
in *Upper Canada*, under the former and pre-
sent incumbent of the office of Queen's Printer
in that Province, and that he still continues in
the employment of the publisher of the *Upper
Canada Gazette*.

That in consequence of the changes which
have occurred by the Union of the Provinces,
in the appointment of Queen's Printer being
bestowed upon others, he now finds himself
under the necessity of making other arrange-
ments for employment for the benefit of him-
self and family.

That he has, therefore, made such arrange-
ments with Mr. *Stanton*, whose attention
is now required to the discharge of other
duties, as will place him in possession, at *To-
ronto*, of an ample printing establishment.

That the publication of the *Upper Canada
Gazette* at *Toronto*, being still continued by
authority of the Government, under various
laws of that Province yet remaining in force,
with the duties of which from so long employ-
ment, he is fully conversant, and which from
long experience are familiar to him, he would
respectfully pray that Your Excellency would
be graciously pleased to sanction by authority
the publication of the same in his name, with
such patronage as it may be in Your Excel-
lency's power to confer upon him on the re-
moval of the Seat of Government to *Montreal*,
in its being made the channel of communica-
tion in this section of the Province of such
official and other public matter, as to Your
Excellency may seem desirable for the infor-
mation of the inhabitants of *Western Canada*, to
whom the *Gazette*, in the language best known
to them, has so long been acceptably known.

And as in duty bound, Your Excellency's
Memorialist will ever pray.

(Signed,) RICHD. WATSON.

Toronto, 21st May, 1844.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 10th Sept. 1844.

SIR,

I have the honor, by command of the Go-
vernor General, to acquaint you with refer-
ence to your letter of 22d May last, and to
the Memorial of Mr. *Richard Watson*, which
accompanied it, praying that he might be per-
mitted to publish the *Upper Canada Gazette*
by authority, and under his own name; that
His Excellency in Council has had the subject
under consideration, and that, as you have
strongly recommended Mr. *Watson's* applica-
tion, His Excellency has no objection to com-
ply with it, but it is at the same time to be
distinctly understood, that Mr. *Watson* will
have no claim whatever for compensation
from the public if, as is probable, any change
is introduced into the law by which the pub-
lication of the *Gazette*, or the profits derived
therefrom, may be affected.

I have the honor, &c.,

(Signed,) D. DALY, Secretary.

Robt. Stanton, Esquire.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 10th Sept., 1844.

SIR,

I am commanded, by the Governor Gene-
ral, to acquaint you that His Excellency has
been pleased to comply with your application
to be allowed to publish the *U. C. Gazette*,
by authority in your own name, but that in
granting you permission to do so, it is to be
distinctly understood that you are to have no
claim whatever to compensation from the pub-
lic, if, as is probable, any change is introduced
into the laws by which the publication of the
Gazette, or the profits derived therefrom, may
be affected.

I have the honor to be, &c.,

(Signed) D. DALY,
Secretary.

Mr. *Richd. Watson*,

Care of *R. Stanton*, Esquire.

U. C. GAZETTE OFFICE,
Toronto, 15th February, 1849.

SIR,

In obedience to the command of His Excellency the Governor General, conveyed to me in your letter of the 10th instant, I have the honor to transmit the following statement:—

I hold my appointment as publisher of the *U. C. Gazette*, by authority of letter from the Hon. D. Daly, P. Secry., dated *Montreal*, 10th September, 1844, addressed to *Robert Stanton*, Esquire, a copy of which I have not got; I enclose, however, the appointment as it appeared in the *U. C. Gazette* of September 26th, 1844.

STATEMENT of Revenue derived from the *U. C. Gazette*, from 1st January, 1848, to 31st December.

Sheriffs and Coroners of the respective Districts in Upper Canada, for Sales and Attachments, . . .	£229	11	1
Treasurers of do, . . .	75	9	7
Inspector General's Office, . . .	0	8	0
Toronto Corporation, . . .	3	1	8
Marmora Foundry Company, . . .	2	10	0
Hon. Legislative Council,—			
For gazetting Rules of House (not rendered) . . .	11	6	8
Two copies of Gazette, . . .	1	10	0
Legislative Assembly,—			
For gazetting Rules of House (not rendered) . . .	5	15	6
One copy of <i>Gazette</i> , . . .	0	15	0
Receiver General's Office,—			
Gazetting Militia Pension List for 1848, . . .	21	18	0
	£352	5	6

The weekly circulation of the *Gazette* is 250; copies are furnished to certain Officials gratis, the residue to paying subscribers.

I would further beg to state for His Excellency's information, that the whole of the printing materials, the necessary paper, stationery, Office rent, and labour, is paid for by myself.

I have the honor, &c.

(Signed) R. WATSON.

Honorable *James Leslie*,
&c. &c. &c.

Montreal, 27th February, 1849.

SIR,

We have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, requiring, for the information of His Excellency the Governor General, Copies of all papers in our possession connected with the terms on which the *Canada Gazette* by Authority is now published under our superintendence; together with a Statement of the Revenue derived from the said *Gazette* by us as Proprietors, during the past year, under different heads; and of the circulation of the *Gazette* for the same period; and in reply we beg to submit the following Statement:—

The only Document in our possession relating to the publication of the *Canada Gazette* by authority, under our superintendence, is the Commission under the Great Seal of the Province, ratified by Her Majesty in Council, appointing us Queen's Printer. The scale of remuneration for all work done by us by virtue of the said office, is settled by the Governor in Council; and an order in Council was passed in the year 1841, of which we have not been furnished with a copy, whereby the charge for all advertisements of the Government in the *Gazette* was limited to fourpence per line for the first insertion, and one penny per line for every subsequent insertion; and the amount of annual subscription for the same was fixed at twelve shillings and sixpence, covering paper, printing, delivery, and postage.

By a subsequent Order in Council, bearing date the 7th May, 1847, the pleasure of His Excellency was notified to the undersigned in the following communication:

"The Executive Government expects the Queen's Printer will be at all times prepared to execute any orders from it with due despatch, and in a workmanlike manner, and keep up an efficient establishment to that end."

The circulation of the *Gazette*, for the year 1848, amounted to 1503 copies, of which number 1238 were distributed by an order of Government, to persons holding certain offices throughout the Province, 193 were delivered to individuals subscribing on their own account, and 72 presented gratuitously to
Public

Public Institutions, Proprietors of Newspapers and others. The number of copies printed was 1600, the surplus being kept in store to supply losses.

The Revenue under different heads derived by us during the past year, will appear per the following Statement :

Government Advertisements.

For Eighty-one Proclamations by the Governor General, relating to the Prorogation or Summoning of Parliament for the Despatch of Business, making known Her Majesty's Assent to Reserved Bills, offering rewards for the apprehension of offenders, erecting and setting forth the limits of new Parishes and Townships, appointing free Ports of Entry, fixing the amount of tolls on Government Canals, Roads and Bridges; of Cullers' Fees, &c. &c. &c.	£344 14 9
For Proclamation establishing Quarantine and Emigrant regulations	31 1 10
For notifications of 2500 appointments made by the Governor General in the year 1848, in the various Civil and Military Departments of the Public Service, in the Judiciary and Magistracy, the Professions of Law and Medicine, Land Surveying, &c. &c. &c.	162 15 0
For sixteen Notices declaring certain places Free Ports of Entry, establishing Quarantine regulations. The amount of tolls upon Bridges and Canals, and relating to the payment of claims for losses during the Rebellion, and other matters	43 12 8
For twenty-two Notices made weekly, stating the amount of Provincial Debentures issued by the Receiver General	19 16 4
Carried forward	£602 0 7

Brought forward	£602 0 7
For insertion of Imperial Acts relating to Emigration and the use of the French language in public documents and proceedings	11 3 0
For insertion of Provincial Act relating to Emigrants arriving, for the year 1848	22 14 0
For proceedings at the opening and prorogation of Parliament, with list of Bills to which the Royal Assent was given, or which were reserved for signification of Her Majesty's pleasure	12 19 8
For list of Emigrants who died from the sickness of 1847, with names, date, and place of death; and similar list of orphans, with names of persons to whom given in charge	34 2 0
For several Orders in Council relating to the Registration of Titles in the County of <i>Hastings</i> , Clergy Reserve Sales, Free Grants of Land in District of <i>Gaspé</i> , and the use of Fire Screens on Chimneys of Steam Vessels navigating the <i>Lachine</i> Canal	19 16 3
For lists of Heir and Devisee Claims	5 16 0
For designation of the time and places, and the names of the Judges by whom Commission of Oyer and Terminer would be opened in <i>Upper Canada</i>	2 5 0
For list of Tavern Licenses to whom granted	20 1 4
For statement of the Gross Revenue of the Province	8 1 8
For twenty-five Notices of the Sales of Crown Lands, Clergy Reserves, Mill Sites, Village, Town, and Beach Lots, Indian Lands, &c.	48 3 1
Carried forward	£787 2 7

Brought

Brought forward	£787	2	7
For Notices of free grants of Land in the Eastern Townships, with conditions of Location Ticket, and application from parties in the District of Gaspé relating to free grants	10	18	5
<i>Subscription.</i>			
For 1223 copies of the <i>Gazette</i> , mailed or delivered by hand weekly or oftener, to the address of each individual to whom it is directed by the Government to be sent, at 12s. 6d.	£764	1	3
Less postage	161	1	9
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	602	19	6
Gross Receipts from Government	£1401	0	6
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<i>For Miscellaneous Advertisements, (not Government,)</i>			
Consisting of one hundred and two Notices of intended applications to Parliament for private Acts, forty-seven Notices of Dissolution of Partnership, &c.; eight decrees of the Court of Chancery, forty-two Notices of Incorporated Companies to their Stockholders; Statements of Bank Liabilities, Assets, &c.; Law Terms of Upper Canada, &c.	40	18	11
For five hundred and eighty-six Advertisements Meetings of Creditors for proof of debts, adjudication and orders of Court, Assets, description and sale of property, dividends, grant of Certificate and confirmation thereof	327	12	2
Miscellaneous Subscriptions	87	0	0
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Gross Receipts from other sources	£455	11	1
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We ask permission to observe before closing this Statement, that the charge per line for Advertisements in the *Gazette* is the same in amount as the Government and the public pay to the different Newspapers throughout the Province for the same amount of printed matter.

From the amount of annual subscription is to be deducted an average of three shillings postage on each copy transmitted by post, leaving nine shillings and sixpence as the price of a volume of fourteen hundred foolscap pages, covering nearly a ream of paper, and of which, including the Extraordinary as well as the Ordinary *Gazettes*, there are upwards of sixty several issues during the year, at each of which 1500 copies have to be folded, wrapped, addressed and mailed in the course of a few hours.

We may also observe, that the matter inserted in the *Gazette* is for the most part of a very technical and peculiar nature, requiring great care in the composition and proof reading to avoid inaccuracy; and that in Bankrupt Notices and Advertisements by Authority of Law, any omission or mistake subjects the Proprietors to the payment of damages.

We have the honor, &c.

(Signed) S. DERBISHIRE & GEO. DESBARATS,
Queen's Printers.

P. S.—We beg to observe, that at the close of each year a General Index to all the subjects that have appeared in the *Canada Gazette* is prepared and published, at an annual cost to the Queen's Printer of about £35, and distributed free to all receiving the *Gazette*.

The Honorable *James Leslie*,
Secretary of the Province.

COPY of a REPORT of the Inspector General, to the Hon. the Executive Council, of the 28th December, 1841, on the Accounts of

Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbshire*,
Printers to Her Majesty, for publishing in the *Canada Gazette*, the Acts of the late Session of the Provincial Parliament—amount to . Cy. £369 13 0

The rate of charge is 4d. per line, for one publication, being somewhat higher than the established rate, for similar publications, in the late Lower Province, which is 2s. 8d. for every 10 lines. The present charge is at the same rate for publication in the *Upper Canada Gazette*, as established by Report of the Executive Council. It may be observed, the lines of the *Upper Canada Gazette* are shorter, and the type larger than that of the *Canada Gazette*, which consequently contains a greater portion of matter.

These circumstances considered, as also the higher rate of wages, and other additional expenses necessarily incurred in the Upper part of the Province, it is recommended that the charge be allowed, and that a warrant do issue for the amount.

The Inspector General would respectfully submit for the consideration of your Honors, whether it is necessary that the public should be put to the expense of publishing in the several Provincial *Gazettes*, the Statutes of a purely private nature, several of which form part of the present account.

(Signed,) Jos. CARY,
Inspector General.

(Certified,) Jos. CARY,
Dy. Insp. General.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 5th March, 1849.

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council on Public Accounts, dated 3d January, 1842, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the same day.

On the Inspector General's Report, No. 130, dated 28th December, 1841, on the account of Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, Printers to Her Majesty, for publishing in the *Canada Gazette*, the Acts of the late Session of the Provincial Legislature.

The Committee confirm the Inspector General's Report, and recommend that a Warrant do issue in Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire's* favor for £332 13s. 8d., Sterling.

(Certified,) J. JOSEPH,
C. E. C.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, 6th March, 1848.

EXTRACT of a Report of the Inspector General to a Committee of the Honorable Executive Council, of 8th October, 1842, on the Accounts of

Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, Queen's Printers, for Subscriptions to the *Canada Gazette*, furnished to public departments and functionaries, for nine months from 1st October, 1841, to 30th June, 1842, at the rate of 12s. 6d. per annum for each *Gazette*, including, as understood, the expense of transmission to the various parts of the Province, in all 468 *Gazettes*, amounting to, Currency, £219 7s. 5d.

The charge appearing reasonable, and the service duly authorized, it is recommended that a warrant do issue for the amount.

(Signed) Jos. CARY,
Dy. Insp. General.

(Certified) Jos. CARY,
Dy. Insp. Gen.

EXTRACT from a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Executive Council on Public Accounts, dated 14th October, 1842, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the same day.

On the Report of the Honorable the Inspector General, No. 110, dated 8th October, 1842, on the account of Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, Printers to Her Majesty, for Subscriptions to the *Canada Gazette* furnished to public departments and functionaries, for Nine months, from 1st October, 1841, to 30th June, 1842, at the rate of 12s. 6d. per annum for each *Gazette*, including, as understood, the expense of transmission to the various parts of the Province, in all 468 *Gazettes*.

The Committee confirm the Report, and recommend that a warrant do issue in favor of Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbishire*, for £197 8s. 8d. sterling.

(Certified) J. JOSEPH,
C. E. C.

To the Honorable
The Provincial Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

Ordered,

The Return to
be printed.

Ordered, that one hundred copies of the foregoing Return be printed for the use of Members.

Official Ga-
zette Legal
Notices Bill
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the insertion of certain Official and Legal Notices in the *Canada Gazette* only," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

Committed

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Amendments
reported.

The Honorable the Chairman 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.

Adopted.

The said amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill for
3rd reading
tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill with the amendments be engrossed, and the same read a third time to-morrow.

School Lands
Bill brought
up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Price and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to raise an income of one hundred thousand pounds out of the Public Lands of *Canada*, for Common School Education," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on
Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Wednesday next.

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

Thursday, 8th March, 1849. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

<i>McGill,</i>	<i>Gordon,</i>
<i>Fraser,</i>	<i>Pinhey,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Ferrier,</i>
<i>Fergusson,</i>	<i>Matheson,</i>
<i>Macaulay,</i>	<i>Viger,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>Taché, E. P.,</i>
<i>Taché, J. B.,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>Knowlton,</i>	<i>Quesnel,</i>
<i>McKay,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Moore,</i>	<i>de Beaujeu,</i>
<i>Dionne, A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Walker,</i>	<i>Méthot,</i>
<i>Massue,</i>	<i>Crane,</i>
<i>de Boucherville,</i>	<i>Mills.</i>
<i>Morris, J.,</i>	

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:— Petitions pre-
sented.

From the *Toronto* Board of Trade.

— The Honorable *James Morris*.

— *Oliver Grace* of *Lewiston*, in the State of *New York*.

— *William Robinson* of the Townships of *Leeds* and *Lansdowne*.

— The *Hamilton* Mercantile Library Association, and

— The Great Western Rail-road Company.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a return shewing the number of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in *Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec*, for the Year 1848.

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

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letters C.C.C.C.)

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

When the Honorable *James Wylie* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

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



PROVINCE OF } ELGIN and KINCARDINE.
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 *James Wylie*, Esquire, of *Ramsay*.—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *James Wylie* that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all

times whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the twenty-ninth day of January, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign,

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,

C. C. C.

Recorded 30th January, 1849, Lib., A. S., folio 458.

R. A. TUCKER,

Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Wylie*, came to the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor*, Senior, 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.

Sworn and takes his seat.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the preservation of the Public health in certain emergencies."

Public Health Bill presented.

The

Return of Baptisms, &c., in Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec, presented.

The Hon. J. Wylie introduced as a Member.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

The Writ.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Quebec Ursuline Nuns' Bill presented

The Honorable Mr. *E. Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Ursuline Nuns of Quebec*, to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Motion to read Official Gazette Legal Notices Bill the 3rd time.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the insertion of certain Official and Legal notices in the *Canada Gazette* only,"

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Motion in amendment.

In amendment it was moved, to leave out all the words after "said," in the original motion, and to insert in lieu thereof, "order be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members."

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Negatived.

The same was resolved in the negative.

Main motion carried in the affirmative, and

The question being then put on the main motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Bill read 3rd time.

Whereupon the said Bill was read for the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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 for putting a Legislative Interpretation upon certain terms used in Acts of Parliament, and for rendering it unnecessary to repeat certain provisions and expressions therein, and for ascertaining the date and commencement thereof and for other purposes," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into Committee on the same.

The House according to Order was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *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 engrossed, and the same read for the third time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Price* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, 'An Act for the protection of the Lands of the Crown in this Province from trespass and injury, and to make further provision for that purpose,'" and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have passed this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wetenhall* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Nelson*, in *J. S. McCollom*," to 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.

Montreal
Bank Stock
Bill brought
up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time limited for an increase of the Capital "Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading
to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Drummond
Municipality
Bill brought
up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Polette* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the "Municipality of *Drummond* into two Municipalities," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on
Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Montreal and
Province Line
Junction Rail-
way Bill
brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *DeWitt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and "extend the Act to Incorporate the *Montreal* "and Province Line Junction Railway Com- "pany," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on
Tuesday.

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

River du
Chêne Bill
brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Scott* of *Two Mountains*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An "Act to provide for the improvement of the "River du *Chêne*, in the County of *Two* "Mountains," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on
Tuesday.

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

Bradley's Road
Bill brought
up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Johnson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable "William *Bradley* to hold a certain Road al- "lowance in *Caledonia*, in the *Ottawa* Dis- "trict," to 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 on Monday next. 2nd reading on Monday.

A Petition was presented to the House from *John Thomas*, of *Colborne*. Petition presented.

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. Adjourn.

Friday, 9th March, 1849.

FRIDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

It was moved, that the fifty-seventh Rule of this House, respecting the reception of Petitions for Private Bills be suspended for fifteen days from this day. Motion to suspend 57th Rule.

Which being objected to

Objected to.

After a long debate,

Debated.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and Carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, accordingly.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the *Toronto* Board of Trade, praying against the Assessment Bill at present in progress through the Legislature. Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* presented a Petition from certain inhabitants of the Counties of *Montreal* and *Vaudrieul*, praying that

that the Government may order levels to be taken by Officers of the Board of Works for a great Trunk Railroad from *Montreal* to *Prescott*, the same hereafter to be continued to *Lake Huron*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Quebec Literary and Historical Society Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the charter of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Petition presented.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Petition from the inhabitants of *Point Levy*, praying for the construction of a Railroad from *Quebec* to *Halifax*; and also a Petition from the County of *Dorchester*, praying for an augmentation in the representation.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Aliens Naturalization Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *E. Taché* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the naturalization of Aliens," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

M. Collom's Road Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Nelson* in *John S. McCollom*," was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of ——— Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs ———

Referred to a Select Committee.

to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act therein mentioned, and to vest the *Toronto* General Burying Ground in certain Trustees and their Successors," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Report of the Select Committee on Toronto Burial Ground Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

To be considered on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time limited for an increase of the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*," was read the second time.

Montreal Bank Stock Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision respecting Emigrants," was read the second time.

Emigrants' Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the said Bill.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole on the same.

Committed.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable the Chairman 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.

Reported.

Ordered,

46th Rule dispensed with.

Ordered, that the forty-sixth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it regards the said Bill, and that the same be read the third time presently.

Bill read 3rd time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Assembly acquainted thereof.

Ordered, that one 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.

Hastings Registration Bill Brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Flint* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts passed to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Tuesday.

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

Adjourn.

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

MONDAY.

Monday, 12th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Petitions presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented a Petition from certain persons therein mentioned, praying for the abolition of Capital Punishment.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Directors of the Bank of the *Midland District*, praying against the proposed issue of Government Debentures.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that the Return laid before this House, by direction of His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of Official Printing, be referred to a Committee of Three Members.

Return on Official Printing referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McKay*, *Ferrie*, and *Pinhey*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of *Nelson*," in *John S. McCollom*, reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with a certain Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Report of the Select Committee on M'Collom's Road Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

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

Press 1, Line 31.—After "Memorial," insert "in lieu and" "stead of the said" "Road, as running" "through the said" "lot number twenty," "which to the width" "of sixty-six feet" "is hereby declared" "to be and shall be" "and remain a public" "highway, as if the" "same had been originally reserved for" "that purpose."

The Amendment.

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

2nd reading tomorrow.

The

Petition presented.

The Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* presented a Petition from the Reverend R. *Short* and others in the County of *Gaspé*, praying for aid from the general funds of the *Province*, for Agricultural purposes.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Interpretation Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for putting a Legislative Interpretation upon certain terms used in Acts of Parliament, and for rendering it unnecessary to repeat certain provisions and expressions therein, and for ascertaining the date and commencement thereof, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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.

Montreal Bank Stock Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to extend the time limited for an Increase of the Capital Stock of the Bank of *Montreal*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Assembly informed thereof.

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

Quebec Ursuline Nuns' Bill read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Ursuline* Nuns of *Quebec*, to acquire and hold additional Real and Personal Property to a certain amount," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *de Boucherville*, and *E. P. Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the Preservation of the Public Health in certain emergencies," was read the second time.

Public Health Bill read 2nd time, and

Ordered, that said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel*, *Knowlton*, *Massue*, *J. Morris*, and *Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *William Bradley* to hold a certain Road allowance in *Canada*, in the *Ottawa* District," was read the second time.

Bradley's Road Bill read 2nd time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McKay*, *Macaulay*, and *Frasser*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

The Order of the Day being read for a consideration by the House of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee, to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the Naturalization of Aliens," it was

Order for considering the Amendments to Aliens Naturalization Bill discharged, and

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and

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 Bill to be committed to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act therein mentioned, and to vest the *Toronto* General Burying Ground in certain Trustees and their Successors."

Amendments to Toronto Burial Ground Bill considered.

Which 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.

Adopted.

Ordered,

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and the same read a third time to-morrow.

Building Societies Bill (U.C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Indemnity Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada* whose Property was destroyed during the Rebellion, in the years One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Seven and One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Eight," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 13th March, 1849.

TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

Fraser,
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Ferrie,
Taché, J. B.,
Knowlton,
McKay,
Moore,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.,
Gordon,

Pinhey,
Ferrier,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Turgeon,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

Seven Petitions were presented to the House, from *E. Delaire* and others of the County of *Dorchester*.

Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Return was presented to the House from the Agricultural Society of the County of *Glengarry* for 1848.

Return from Glengarry Agricultural Society presented.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest a certain road allowance in the Township of *Nelson*, in *John S. McCollom*," was, (as amended) read the third time.

McCollom's Road Allowance Bill, as amended, read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Council have passed this Bill, with an Amendment, to which they desire their concurrence.

Toronto Burying Ground Bill read 3d time

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act therein mentioned and to vest the *Toronto* General Burying Ground in certain Trustees and their successors," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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.

Motion to read Reciprocity Bill the 2d time

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the free admission of certain articles of the growth or production of the *United States* of *America* into *Canada*, whenever similar articles, the growth and production of *Canada*, shall be admitted without duty into the said *States*," being read,

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Objected to

Which being objected to,

Motion in amendment.

It was moved, in amendment to strike out "now" and insert in lieu thereof "this day six months."

Objected to

Which being also objected to,

Debated.

After debate,

Negatived.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the negative.

Main motion carried in the affirmative, and

The question being then put on the main motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

The Bill read 2d time.

The said Bill was read for the second time accordingly.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee on the said Bill. Committed.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable the Chairman reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to ask leave to sit again. Reported, and leave asked to sit again.

Upon the question being put whether the Committee shall have leave to sit again, Question negatived, and

It was resolved in the negative.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Leslie, Quesnel* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please. The Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Province Line Junction Railway Company*," was read the second time. Montreal and Province Line Junction Railway Bill, read 2d time, and

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 *Jones*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the improvement of the *River du Chêne*, in the County of *Two Mountains*," was read the second time. River du Chêne Bill, read 2nd time, and

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Massue, Quesnel, Bourret*, and *de Beaujeu*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts passed to remedy certain defects in the registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*," was read the second time. Hastings Registration Bill read 2d time.

Ordered,

3d reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

House in Committee on Aliens' Naturalization Bill. The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the "Naturalization of Aliens."

After some time the House was resumed, and

Amendments reported. The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit, whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Adopted. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

3d reading on Thursday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and the same read a third time on Thursday next.

Lotbinière Municipality Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the "County of *Lotbinière* into two Municipalities," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2d reading on Friday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read a second time on Friday next.

Bathurst and Johnstown Districts Boundaries Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bell* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the boundary between the Districts of *Bathurst* and "Johnstown," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2d reading on Friday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next.

Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Davignon* and others,

with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Ordinance relating to the *Longueuil* and "Chambly Turnpike 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 the second time on Tuesday next. 2d reading on Tuesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Smith*, of *Durham*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to reduce the expense of Proceedings in *Upper Canada*, against the property of absconding "debtors," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Absconding Debtors Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next. 2d reading on Friday.

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

Wednesday, 14th March, 1849. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Fraser,
Joliette,
Fergusson,
Macaulay,
Ferrie,
Taché, J. B.
Knowlton,
McKay,
Moore,
Dionne, A.,
Goodhue,
Walker,
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.,
Gordon,

Pinhey,
Ferrier,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
De Beaujeu,
Ross,
Méthot,
Turgeon,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Wednesday, 14th March, 1849.

Message from the Assembly for the Hon. B. Joliette to attend a Select Committee.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, praying that their Honors will permit the Honorable *Barthelemy Joliette*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee, to which is referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act providing for the Organization of the Notarial Profession of *Lower Canada*," on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, that Mr. *Jobin* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

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.

Leave granted, and

It was moved that the Honorable Mr. *Joliette* may have leave to go to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of this day, if he thinks fit.

And the Honorable Mr. *Joliette* being present in his place, acquainted the House that he was willing, with the leave of the House, to go to the said Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Joliette* have leave to go to the said Committee, if he thinks fit.

The Assembly informed thereof.

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 *Barthelemy Joliette* to attend the Select Committee to which is referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act providing for

"the Organization of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*," on Tuesday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From *M. P. Christie* and others.

— The Rev. *C. Bancroft*.

— *W. Murray* and others, of the *Eastern District*, and

— *J. Jameson* and others of *Quebec*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The following Returns were presented to the House, viz:—

From the Agricultural Society of the County of *Dorchester*, for the year 1848, and from

Returns From *Dorchester* for Agricultural Society, and

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

— The *Quebec Provident and Savings' Bank*, for the same year.

Quebec Provident and Savings Bank, presented.

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter P.*)

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh*, in *Upper Canada*," and also a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Protection of Mill Owners in *Upper Canada*."

Ameliasburgh Township Survey Bill, and

Mill Owners' Protection Bill, presented.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time on Friday next.

2nd reading on Friday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts passed to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of *Hastings*," was read the third time.

Hastings Registration Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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.

Motion to read Indemnification Bill the 2nd time. The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in Lower Canada, whose Property was destroyed during the Rebellion, in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Objected to. Which being objected to,

Motion in amendment. *It was moved*, in amendment, to leave out all the words after "be" in the original motion, and insert in lieu thereof, "not now read for the second time, but that the same be read a second time this day six months."

Objected to. Which being also objected to,

Debated. After a long debate,

House adjourned during pleasure. The House was adjourned during pleasure.

House resumes. After some time the House was resumed,

Debate on the motion in amendment resumed. And the debate on the motion of amendment being also resumed, and the House having continued to sit till after twelve of the clock on Thursday morning.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1849.

After further debate,

Question put on the motion in amendment and carried in the negative. The question of concurrence was put on the said motion of amendment, and

The same was resolved, in the negative.

A further motion in amendment. *Then it was moved*, that all the words after "that" in the original motion, be left out, and the words "it would be contrary to the Rules of this House to proceed on a Bill for the appropriation of Public Moneys without its being to their knowledge that the Bill has been recommended by the Representative of the Crown," be inserted in lieu thereof.

Which being objected to,

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

It was moved, that the said Bill be read for the third time at the next sitting of this House.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Ordered, that the remaining items upon the Orders of this Day be postponed until to-morrow.

The House having continued to sit till half an hour after one of the clock on Thursday morning,

The Speaker declared this House continued until three o'clock in the afternoon, of this day, the House so decreeing.

Thursday, 15th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker;

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Objected to.

Debated.

Carried in the negative.

Main motion carried in the affirmative, and

The Bill read 2nd time.

Motion to read the Bill the 3rd time at the next sitting.

Objected to.

Question carried in the affirmative, and

The Bill for 3rd reading at the next sitting.

Remaining Orders postponed till to-morrow.

Adjourn.

THURSDAY.

Message from the Assembly for leave to the Hon. B. Joliette to attend a Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Fortier* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Thursday, 15th March, 1849.

Resolved,—That a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, praying that their Honors will permit the Honorable *Barthelemy Joliette*, one of their Members, to attend the Standing Committee on Road and Bridge Bills, appointed by this House, on Saturday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined with reference to the Bill to authorize *Antoine Amable Archambault* and others, to erect a Toll Bridge over the river *L'Assomption*, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Ordered, that Mr. *Fortier* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assy.

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.

Leave granted, and

It was moved that the Honorable Mr. *Joliette* may have leave to go to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of this day, if he thinks fit.

And the Honorable Mr. *Joliette* being present in his place, acquainted the House that he was willing, with the leave of the House, to go to the said Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Joliette* have leave to go to the said Committee, if he thinks fit.

The Assembly informed thereof.

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 *Barthelemy Joliette* to attend the Standing Committee on Road and Bridge Bills, on Saturday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined with reference to the Bill to autho-

rize *Antoine Amable Archambault* and others, to erect a Toll Bridge over the river *L'Assomption*, and for other purposes therein mentioned, if he thinks fit.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Lafontaine* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Quarantine Act," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

Quarantine Bill passed by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Armstrong* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Berthier* into two Municipalities for Municipal purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Berthier Municipalities Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Taché* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove the seat of the Municipality Number One, of the County of *Rimouski*, from *St. Patrice de la Riviere du Loup* to *St. Jean Baptiste de l'Isle Verte*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Isle Verte Municipality Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2nd reading to-morrow.

The Honorable the Chairman, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the Act to incorporate the *Montreal* and *Province Line 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal and Province Line Junction Railway Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It

Passed, and *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

The Assembly acquainted thereof. *Ordered*, that one 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Quebec Ursuline Nuns' Bill presented. The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Ursuline Nuns of Quebec* to acquire and hold "additional real and personal property to "a certain amount," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read for the third time to-morrow.

Quebec Friendly Society Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a "limited time, the Act of the Legislature of "Lower Canada incorporating the *Quebec Friendly Society*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Bradley's Road Bill presented. The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *William Bradley* to hold a certain Road allowance "in *Caledonia*, in the *Ottawa District*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Bill read 3rd time. The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly,

and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill without any amendment.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision "for the preservation of the Public Health in "certain emergencies," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Report of the Select Committee on Public Health Bill presented.

Ordered, that the report be now received and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act "therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the naturalization of Aliens," was read the third time.

Aliens Naturalization Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act "to provide for the Indemnification of parties "in *Lower Canada* whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years "one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and one thousand eight hundred and "thirty-eight,"

Motion to read Indemnification Bill the 3rd time.

It was moved that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

It was moved in amendment, to leave out all the words after "be" in the original motion, and insert in lieu thereof "not read a third

Motion in amendment.

“ third time, but that it be rejected by the “ House.”

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Negatived.

The same was resolved in the negative.

Main motion carried in the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

Bill read 3rd time.

The Bill was read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

DISSENTIENT :

Protest thereon.

1.—Because this Bill having for its object the indemnification of parties whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion of 1837–38, fails in one important point, inasmuch as it does not establish a clear line of distinction between such as at that unhappy period, remained steadfast in their allegiance, and those who either rose in open revolt, or were engaged in treasonable practices, with a view to the subversion of the Queen’s rightful sway in *Canada*.

Considering this material defect of the Bill, in connexion with the specific sum to be raised by Debentures under its authority, and the Reports of former Commissioners upon the indemnification for losses sustained in *Lower Canada*; we think ourselves warranted in presuming that all who are not specially excepted in the Bill may seek indemnity from the Board of Commissioners, about to be formed, and be entitled to receive it; and that the claimants who proved faithful at the trying moment of insurrection, are to be mixed up and confounded with the mass of disaffected persons, whose loss of property was the result of their own wicked though vain endeavours to affect a violent change in the Government of this country.

The claims of the former class of sufferers are assuredly just, and will merit compensation, so long as it is found to be obligatory on subjects to bear true allegiance, and aid in maintaining the public peace.

The claims of the latter class are, on the other hand, clearly unjust, and ought to be regarded as undeserving of Legislative countenance or sympathy, so long as the act of Rebellion shall retain its old place in the calendar of crime.

To afford compensation for losses of the latter description, as the provisions of this Bill appear to authorize, is a proceeding which we consider repugnant to sound principles of policy and justice, injurious to public morals, and calculated to weaken throughout the land that salutary respect for law and order, that reverence for the constitutional authority of the Monarch, and that natural abhorrence of enormous crimes, which it is not less the interest than the sacred duty of a wise Legislature to sustain and cherish.

2.—Because upon questions of a grave and unusual nature, having, like the present, an obvious bearing upon the solemn relations which exist between subjects and their Sovereign, it is reasonable to expect either in the Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the Session, or by subsequent Message, information of the grounds upon which their introduction may have been approved and recommended by the Imperial Government, and in the absence of all such information on this extraordinary occasion, it is impossible for us to conceive that the Queen would see fit to recommend to the Canadian Parliament the adoption of a measure manifestly so objectionable in its principles, and so offensive to a great body of Her Majesty’s Loyal Colonists, as the compensation of losses suffered by the Insurgents of 1837 and 1838, from the Public Funds of the Province.

3.—Because the strong remonstrances made against the passing of this Bill, from various parts of the Province, demand the respectful consideration of this House, and show the importance of providing most distinctly and unequivocally, that no person actually engaged in the late Rebellion, shall be entitled to indemnity at the hands of the proposed Commissioners.

4.—Because the burden of satisfying the claims sanctioned by this Bill is to be placed on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the United Provinces of *Upper and Lower Canada*, which is unjust with respect to the former Province, inasmuch as the losses of the Loyalists

alists by the Rebellion in *Upper Canada*, were provided for by the tax on Tavern Licenses, in accordance with the law, which surrendered that branch of Revenue for local uses in both parts of *Canada*, while in *Lower Canada* the same fund was placed at the disposal of the Municipalities (without any charge or deduction,) from the passing of the Act.

Hence it appears that *Upper Canada* will be unequally dealt with by this Bill, in being compelled, after satisfying its own just claimants from its own local funds, to bear also a proportion of the charge of indemnifying *Lower Canadian* claimants out of the common Revenue of the United Provinces.

5.—Because a measure so contrary to historical precedent, and adverse to the traditional recollections of those who value settled Institutions, as we apprehend the present measure to be, should not be affirmed by a Council whose Members have been summoned to aid and assist Her Majesty in all that may concern the "state and defence of the Province;" for we feel, and are bound to assert, that the State cannot be sustained in its integrity, or defended with constancy, if the Legislature should cease to discriminate between the cases of those who uphold and those who resist the laws, of such as are zealous in maintaining public order, and such as are active in their endeavours to subvert it.

Peter McGill,
Alexander Fraser,
John Macaulay,
Adam Ferric,
Geo. J. Goodhue,
Jas. Gordon,
Wm. Walker,
T. McKay,
Paul H. Knowlton,
Hamnet Pinhey,
J. Ferrier,
R. Matheson.

For the first, second, third, and fifth reasons:

R. Jones.

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

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Kingston Hospital Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2nd reading tomorrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to raise an Income of One Hundred Thousand Pounds out of the Public Lands of *Canada*, for Common School Education," was read the second time.

School Lands Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.

Committed.

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.

Reported.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*," was read the second time.

Quebec Literary and Historical Society Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*," was read the second time.

Building Societies Bill read 2nd time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret, Massue, Moore, Méthot*, and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

The

Petition presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Gordon* presented a Petition from the *Western* District, praying for an Appropriation for the Repairing of Bridges therein.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Reciprocity Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled "An Act to provide for the free admission of certain articles of the growth or production of the *United States* of *America* into *Canada*, whenever similar articles, the growth and production of *Canada*, shall be admitted, without duty, into the said *States*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that said Bill and the Report thereon, be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House.

To be committed to-morrow.

Ordered, that the House be again put into a Committee on the said Bill and Report to-morrow.

Cayuga Township Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Thompson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of *Cayuga*, in the District of *Niagara*, into two Townships," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

Drummond Municipality Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipality of *Drummond* into two Municipalities," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

Committed.

The House, according to Order, was ad-

journed during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* reported from the said Committee, that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them. ^{Amendments reported.}

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Press 1, Line 27.—After "the" insert "first Saturday in July next after the." ^{The Amendments.}

Press, 2, Line 14.—After "the" where it occurs the first time, insert "first Saturday in July next after the."

Press 2, Line 20.—Leave out "first" and insert "second."

Press 2, Line 28.—Leave out "first" and insert "second."

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. ^{Adopted.}

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read the third time to-morrow. ^{3rd reading to-morrow.}

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *M'Connell* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect a new Township to be formed out of part of the Township of *Hatley*, and part of the Township of *Bolton*, in the County of *Stanstead*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. ^{Hatley New Township Bill brought up.}

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered,

2nd reading
to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 16th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and

Certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Message from His Excellency on the absence of the Hon. G. Pemberton, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General under his Sign Manual, recommending the House to take into consideration the absence therefrom of the Honorable *George Pemberton*, for two Sessions of the Legislature, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

Which said Message was then read by the Clerk.

Petition presented.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* presented a Petition from *F. G. Stewart* and others, praying that the present Stockholders of the *Quebec Protestant Seminary*, may be allowed to continue the management of the property, and that their right to do so may not be interfered with by the Bill at present before the Legislature.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Quebec Ursuline Nuns' Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Ursuline Nuns of Quebec* to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to raise an income of One hundred thousand pounds out of the Public Lands of *Canada* for Common School Education," was read the third time.

School Lands Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Charter of the Literary and Historical Society of *Quebec*," was read the third time.

Quebec Literary and Historical Society Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, 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 divide the Municipality of *Drummond* into two Municipalities," was (as amended) read the third time.

Drummond Municipality Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Lotbinière* into two Municipalities," was read the second time.

Lotbinière Municipality Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,

3rd reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read for the third time on Monday next.

Bathurst and Johnstown District Boundary Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the Boundary between the Districts of *Bathurst* and "*Johnstown*," was read the second time.

3rd reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Message from the Assembly for the Hon. J. B. Taché to attend a Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Laurin* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Friday, 16th March, 1849.

Resolved, that a Message be sent to the Legislative Council, praying that their Honors will permit the Honorable *Jean Baptiste Taché*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee, to which is referred the Bill to amend the Act providing for the organization of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*, on Tuesday next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference.

Ordered, that Mr. *Laurin* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,

Clk. Assy.

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.

Ameliasburgh Township Bill read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh* in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *J. Morris* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Mill-Owners in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

Mill Owners Protection Bill U.C., read 2nd time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee just appointed.

Referred to last Select Committee.

The House according to Order proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the preservation of the Public Health in certain emergencies."

Amendments to Public Health Bill considered.

Which 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.

Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed, and the same read the third time on Monday next.

Bill for 3rd reading on Monday.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and again put into a Committee of the whole upon the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the free admission of certain articles, the growth or production of the *United States of America* into *Canada*, whenever similar articles the growth and production of *Canada* shall be admitted without duty into the said *States*," together with the report of the Select Committee thereon.

House in Committee on Reciprocity Bill

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 with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Amendments reported.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :

Press

The Amend-
ments.

Press 1, Line 17.—Leave out from “ here-
“ tofore” to “ passed”
in line 18, both inclu-
sive.

In the Preamble, Line 1.—Leave out from
“ Whereas” to “ be”
in line 9, and insert
“ it is desirable to
“ provide for the free
“ admission into Ca-
“ nada of certain ar-
“ ticles, of the growth
“ or production of the
“ United States of
“ America, mentioned
“ in the Schedule to
“ this Act annexed,
“ whenever similar
“ articles, the growth
“ or production of
“ Canada shall be ad-
“ mitted without duty
“ into the said States.”

In the Title, Line 1.—After “ admission,”
insert “ into Canada.”

In the Title, Line 3.—Leave out from
“ into” to “ States” in
line 6, both inclusive,
and insert, “ on cer-
“ tain conditions there-
“ in mentioned.”

Adopted.

The said Amendments being read a second
time, and the question of concurrence put on
each, they were severally agreed to by the
House.

3rd reading on
Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be en-
grossed, and the said Bill (as amended), read
a third time on Monday next.

Absconding
Debtors Bill,
read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,
intituled, “ An Act to reduce the expenses of
“ proceedings in *Upper Canada* against the
“ property of absconding or concealed Deb-
“ tors,” was read the second time.

3rd reading on
Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third
time on Monday next.

Quebec
Friendly So-
ciety Bill read
2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,
intituled, “ An Act to continue for a limited
“ time the Act of the Legislature of *Lower*

Canada, incorporating the ‘*Quebec Friendly*
“ Society,’” was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third ^{3rd reading on}
time on Monday next. _{Monday.}

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, <sup>Cayuga Town-
ship Bill, read</sup>
intituled, “ An Act to divide the Township of ^{2d time, and}
“ *Cayuga*, in the District of *Niagara* into two
“ Townships,” was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a
Select Committee of Three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honor- ^{Referred to a}
able Messieurs *Mills, Crane* and *Ross*, to <sup>Select Com-
mittee.</sup>
meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, <sup>Isle Verte Mu-
nicipality Bill.</sup>
intituled, “ An Act to remove the seat of the
“ Municipality Number One of the County of
“ *Rimouski*, from *St. Patrice de la Rivière du*
“ *Loup*, to *St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte*,”
also the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to divide the
“ County of *Berthier* into two Municipalities,
“ and for other purposes relative to the said
“ County,” also the Bill, intituled, “ An Act <sup>Kingston Hos-
pital Bill, and</sup>
“ to incorporate the Trustees of the *Kingston*
“ Hospital,” and also the Bill, intituled, “ An <sup>Hatley new
Township Bill
severally read</sup>
“ Act to erect a new Township, to be formed ^{2nd time.}
“ out of the Township of *Hatley*, and part of
“ the Township of *Bolton*, in the County of
“ *Stanstead*,” were severally read for the
second time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally ^{3rd reading on}
read the third time on Monday next. _{Monday.}

A Message was brought from the Legisla- <sup>Amendment
to M'Collom's
Road Bill
agreed to by
the Assembly.</sup>
tive Assembly by Mr. *Wetenhall* and others,
to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to vest
“ a certain Road allowance in the Township
“ of *Nelson* in *John S. McCollom*,” and to ac-
quaint this House that they have agreed to
the Amendments made by the Legislative
Council to the said Bill without any amend-
ment.

The Speaker declared this House conti- ^{Adjourn.}
nued until Monday next at three o'clock in
the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Monday,

MONDAY

Monday, 19th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Motion to give leave to Hon. J. B. Taché to attend a Select Committee of the Assembly.

It was moved, that the Honorable Mr. *Jean Baptiste Taché* may have leave to go to the Committee of the Legislative Assembly, as desired by that House in their Message of Friday last, if he thinks fit.

And the Honorable Mr. *Taché* being present in his place, acquainted the House that he was willing, with the leave of the House, to go to the said Committee.

Leave granted, and

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Taché* have leave to go to the said Committee, if he thinks fit.

The Assembly informed thereof

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 *Jean Baptiste Taché*, one of their Members, to attend the Select Committee to which is referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Amend the Act providing for the Organization of the Notarial Profession in *Lower Canada*," on Tuesday next at Ten o'clock in the forenoon, to be examined on the subject of the said reference, if he thinks fit.

Report of the Select Committee on Mill Owners' Protection Bill, presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Protection of Mill-Owners in *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be considered by the House to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Lotbinière* into two Municipalities" it was

Order for reading Lotbinière Municipalities Bill the 3rd time, discharged, and

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Taché*, *Bourret* and *Dionne*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to define the boundary between the Districts of *Bathurst* and *Johnstown*," was read the third time.

Bathurst and Johnstown Districts Boundaries Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one 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 make provision for the preservation of the Public Health in certain emergencies," was read the third time.

Public Health Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one 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 free admission of certain articles of the growth or production of the *United States of America* into *Canada*, whenever similar articles, the growth and production of *Canada*, shall be admitted without duty into the said *States*," was (as amended,) read the third time.

Reciprocity Bill, as amended, read 3rd time.

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The question was put, whether this Bill, (as amended,) shall pass ?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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 for reading Absconding Debtors Bill, U.C., the 3rd time, discharged, and

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to reduce the expenses of proceedings in *Upper Canada* against the Property of Absconding or Concealed Debtors," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

The Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris, Ross* and *Crane*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Quebec Friendly Society Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to continue for a limited time the Act of the Legislature of *Lower Canada* incorporating the *Quebec Friendly Society*," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Isle Verte Municipality Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove the Seat of the Municipality, Number One, of the County of *Rimouski* from *St. Patrice de la Rivière du Loup* to *St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte*," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Berthier Municipalities Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Berthier* into two Municipalities, and for other purposes relative to the said County," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, 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 Incorporate the Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*," it was

The Order for reading Kingston Hospital Bill the 3rd time, discharged, and

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay, J. Morris*, and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The Bill referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to erect a new Township to be formed out of part of the Township of *Hatley*, and part of the Township of *Bolton*, in the County of *Stanstead*," was read the third time.

Hatley new Township Bill, read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one 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* presented a Petition from a certain party, complaining that a portion of his lot, on which he had expended a large sum of money in the erection of a Saw-mill, &c., had been taken from him by the Commissioners of the Clergy Reserves, for the purpose of a Glebe.

Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented two Petitions from the County of *Dorchester*, relating to Squatters upon Lands, and in favor of some alterations in the Seigniorial Tenure.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

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Petitions presented

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *J. O. Wilson* and others, praying that the *Thompsonian* Physicians may be allowed to prescribe in case of sickness, and collect payment for so doing; and also, a Petition from *John Egan* and others, in the *Ottawa* District, engaged in the Lumber Trade, praying that their licenses may be protected.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Stuart's Law Practice Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *Charles James Stuart*, Esquire, to practise the Law in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Montreal and Lachine Railroad Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Lachine* Railroad Company, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Amendment to Drummond Municipality Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Watts* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Municipality of *Drummond* into two Municipalities," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 20th March, 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker;

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Crane* presented a Petition from the *Huron* District, in favor of the adjustment and payment of Rebellion Losses. Petition presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Pinhey* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Return laid before this House, by order of His Excellency the Governor General, on the subject of Official Printing, presented their Report. Report of the Select Committee on the Returns respecting Official Printing, presented.

Ordered, that it be received, and

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

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, COMMITTEE ROOM, The Report.
Tuesday, 20th March, 1849.

The Committee to whom was referred the Return laid before this House on the seventh instant, in answer to its Address on the subject of the Government Printing, and the *Official Gazette*, have the honor to Report:

That they have carefully examined the Documents referred to them; and from the testimony of several Printers and Proprietors of Journals, (the Queen's Printer being one,) they have come to the conclusion that a reduction in the price charged the Government by Her Majesty's Printer, amounting in the aggregate to a very considerable sum, might be reasonably submitted to; they have that confidence in the financial vigilance of the Government that the subject will engage their attention.

To this Report they beg to annex the Minutes of Evidence as taken before the Committee, and respectfully present the same.

HAMNETT PINHEY,
Chairman.

ADAM FERRIE.

Legislative

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,
Monday, 12th March, 1849.

Ordered, that the Documents laid before this House on the subject of the Government Printing, be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, McKay, and Pinhey*, to meet and adjourn as they please; with power to send for persons, papers, and records.

(Attest,) CHARLES DE LERY,
Clerk, Legislative Council.

WEDNESDAY, 14TH MARCH.

The Committee met this day at 11, A. M., pursuant to notice.

Present:—The Honorable Messrs. *McKay* and *Pinhey*.

The Honorable Mr. *McKay* in the Chair.

Ordered, that the following persons be summoned to attend and give evidence before this Committee, viz.:—*James Potts, John Lovell, Thomas Jones Donoghue, George Mantz, Ludger Duvernay, and James Moir Ferres*, all of *Montreal*, at ten o'clock, A. M., to-morrow; and *John Rose, Esq., Q. C.; Robert Mackay, Esq., Advocate; George Desbarats, Esq., and Stewart Derbishire, Esq.*; also of *Montreal*, at noon to-morrow.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at ten in the forenoon.

(Attest,) E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,
Law Clerk.

THURSDAY, 15TH MARCH.

The Committee met this morning, pursuant to adjournment.

Present:—The Honorable Mr. *McKay*, Chairman, *Pinhey, Ferrie*.

John Lovell, of Montreal, Printer, was called in and examined:—

Q. Have you been a printer in *Montreal*, and for what period of time?

A. Nearly twenty years, of which twelve as a Master Printer.

Q. State particularly your experience as a Printer, and whether you are well acquainted with all kinds of printing, and with the usual prices therefor; and, if you can, state the usual prices both of job printing and of advertisements in papers?

A. I have had experience of all kinds of printing, and am well acquainted with all branches of the business: the usual price for printing is two shillings and sixpence per mille ems for book-work or heavy work; the price for job-work varies according to circumstances; the usual price for advertisements in newspapers is fourpence per line for the first insertion, and one penny per line for every subsequent insertion.

Q. Can a great quantity of printing be procured to be executed usually at a price per line lower than a small quantity per line?

A. Yes, it might be done for something less.

Q. Do you publish a newspaper?

A. No.

Q. Ought a newspaper entirely made up of paid-for matter, and not comprehending editorial or selected matter, to be more profitable to the proprietor than ordinary newspapers? and could, or ought, the subscription price be lower than that of the ordinary literary and political newspapers? Specify particularly.

A. A Newspaper made up entirely of paid-for matter, and not comprehending selected or editorial matter, ought to be more profitable to the proprietor than ordinary newspapers; and the subscription price ought to be much lower.

Q. Look at the paper now produced and shewn to you, and particularly to page three, (four first columns thereof) and say whether you

you would undertake similar description of printing, furnishing paper such as used for that printing, at lower rates than stated in said page three, and at what rates?

(Here the witness was shewn a printed copy of the Return laid before this House on the seventh instant, in answer to its address of the fifth ultimo, on the subject of the Government Printing, and the *Official Gazettes*.)

A. I consider the rates in page three, columns one, two, three and four, to be high; the work might be executed, if guaranteed for a number of years, at two shillings and sixpence per mille ems for composition; two shillings and sixpence per token for presswork, and twenty shillings per ream for paper: the charges made for reports, circulars, &c., are a little higher than is usually charged.

Q. What would you undertake to sell or publish a weekly paper for, such as the *Canada Gazette*, in which all Official and Law Notices and Advertisements should be published, supposing it had eighteen hundred subscribers, and what if it had fifteen hundred?

A. I would undertake to publish it at ten shillings per annum in either case. The number of subscribers would make no difference.

Q. Is it not found that a cheap subscription price often leads to an extensive circulation, and to as much profit as a paper at a higher subscription price with fewer subscribers?

A. I consider a cheap newspaper with a large circulation very unprofitable, though the latter is a consequence of the former. A limited circulation at a fair price is much more remunerative.

George Mantz, of *Montreal*, Printer, was called in and examined as follows, viz:—

Q. Have you been a printer in *Montreal*, and for what period of time?

A. I have been a printer in *Montreal* for six years, two of which as Master Printer.

Q. Have you been present at and attended to the examination of the last witness, Mr.

John Lovell, before this Committee, and are you prepared to agree with or dissent from the statements contained in his answers?

A. I have been present at and attentive to the whole of Mr. *Lovell's* examination before this Committee, and I am prepared to corroborate his testimony in every particular, with the exception of his answer to the last question, on the subject of which I have not had sufficient experience to be able to form an opinion.

Thomas Jones Donoghue, of *Montreal*, Printer, was called in and examined as follows, viz:—

Q. Have you been a printer in *Montreal*, and for what period of time?

A. I have been a printer in *Montreal* about thirteen years.

Q. State particularly your experience as a printer, and whether you are well acquainted with all kinds of printing, and with the usual prices therefor, and if you can, state the usual prices both of job printing and of advertisements in newspapers.

A. I have had experience of all kinds of printing, and am well acquainted with all branches of the business; the usual prices for general book work are two shillings and sixpence per mille ems, for composition, and about two shillings and sixpence per token for press work: job printing is generally taken on the average, unless it is an extensive job, when it is done at the same prices as book work; the usual price for advertisements is fourpence per line for the first insertion, and one penny per line for every subsequent insertion, except to persons who advertise extensively or by the year, to whom a discount is allowed according to agreement.

Q. Can a great quantity of printing be procured to be executed usually at a price per line lower than a small quantity per line?

A. Yes, it would make some difference.

Q. Do you publish a newspaper?

A. Yes.

Q.

Q. State its name and how often it is published, and how much printing each number, and how much each volume contains, and what is the subscription price to your paper per annum, and what quantity of your paper can, on an average, be said to be advertisements or chargeable as advertisements, and what quantity not chargeable for, as for advertisements?

A. It is called the "*Pilot and Journal of Commerce*," and is published weekly and tri-weekly; each number may contain about one hundred and twenty-six mille ems, in twenty-eight columns; a volume of each edition is completed every year; that of the weekly edition contains six thousand five hundred and fifty-two mille ems or thereabouts, that of the tri-weekly nineteen thousand six hundred and fifty-six mille ems, or thereabouts, making together twenty-six thousand two hundred and eight mille ems, or thereabouts; the subscription price is five dollars for the tri-weekly, and two dollars for the weekly; about one half of the matter of the tri-weekly edition may be said to be chargeable for as advertisements, and the other half not so chargeable; the weekly edition contains no advertisements, and is made up entirely of reading matter selected from the tri-weekly, and kept in type for that purpose.

Q. Ought a newspaper, entirely made up of paid-for matter, and not comprehending editorial or selected matter, to be more profitable to the proprietor than ordinary newspapers; and could, or ought, the subscription price be lower than that of the ordinary literary and political newspapers? Specify particularly.

A. It would be more profitable, and might be published at a lower price.

Q. Look at the paper now shown to you, and particularly to page three, (four first columns thereof,) and say whether you would undertake similar description of printing, furnishing paper such as used for that printing, at lower rates than stated in said page three, and at what rates?

(Here the Document referred to this Committee was shewn to the witness.)

A. I would undertake to do similar work,

and furnish similar paper, provided the continuance of it were guaranteed for some length of time, at the following rates, viz. :— for composition, two shillings and sixpence per mille ems; for press-work, two shillings and sixpence per token; for paper, twenty shillings per ream for laws, and about two shillings per quire for reports, circulars, &c.

Q. What would you undertake to sell or publish a weekly paper for, such as the *Canada Gazette*, in which all Official and Law Notices and Advertisements should be published, supposing it had eighteen hundred subscribers? and what if it had fifteen hundred?

A. Ten shillings per annum would be enough in either case to cover expenses—the number of subscribers would make no difference.

Q. Is it not found that a cheap subscription price often leads to an extensive circulation, and to as much profit as a paper at a higher subscription price with fewer subscribers?

A. A cheap subscription price does lead to a more extensive circulation, and might be more profitable than a higher price and more limited circulation, were payment in advance strictly enforced.

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Ludger Duvernay, of the City of *Montreal*, Printer, was called in and examined as follows, viz. :—

Q. Have you been a Printer in *Montreal*, and for what period of time?

A. I have been a Printer in *Montreal* for upwards of thirty-five years.

Q. State particularly your experience as a Printer, and whether you are well acquainted with all kinds of printing, and with the usual prices therefor; and, if you can, state the usual prices both of job printing and of advertisements in papers?

A. My experience as a printer has been chiefly in the line of newspaper printing: the usual prices of advertisements in newspapers are fourpence per line for the first insertion, and

and one penny per line for subsequent insertions; in columns of the usual size of newspapers.

Q. Can a great quantity of printing be procured to be executed, usually at a price per line, lower than a small quantity per line?

A. Yes.

Q. Do you publish a newspaper?

A. Yes.

Q. State its name, and how often it is published, and how much printing each number, and how much each volume contains, and what is the subscription price to your paper per annum, and what quantity of your paper can on an average be said to be advertisements, or chargeable as advertisements, and what quantity not chargeable for, as for advertisements?

A. It is called *La Minerve*, and is published twice a week: each number may contain about as much as a number of the *Pilot*, and the yearly volume also, in proportion to the number of issues: the subscription price is four dollars per annum: about half of each number on an average may be said to be payable for as advertisements.

Q. Ought a newspaper, entirely made up of paid-for matter, and not comprehending editorial or selected matter, to be more profitable to the proprietor than ordinary newspapers? and could, or ought, the subscription price to be lower than that of the ordinary literary and political newspapers? Specify particularly.

A. I believe it ought to be more profitable, and the subscription might be lower.

Q. Look at the paper now shewn to you, and particularly to page three, (four first columns thereof,) and say whether you would undertake similar description of printing, furnishing paper such as used for that printing, at lower rates than stated in such page three, and at what rates?

A. I am unable to answer this question.

Q. What would you undertake to sell or

publish a weekly paper for, such as the *Canada Gazette*, in which all Official and Law Notices and Advertisements should be published, supposing it had eighteen hundred subscribers? and what if it had fifteen hundred?

A. I am not prepared to say.

Q. Is it not found that a cheap subscription price often leads to an extensive circulation, and to as much profit as a paper at a higher subscription with fewer subscribers.

A. A small list of good subscribers at a high price is better than a large list of bad ones at a low price. By good subscribers, I mean those who pay regularly, by bad ones, those who do not pay at all.

James Moir Ferres, of the City of Montreal, Esquire, was called in and examined as follows, viz. :—

Q. Have you been a Printer in Montreal, and for what period of time?

A. I am not a Printer, but have been proprietor of a printing establishment since the first of December last, and have had some knowledge of newspaper printing offices for the last fourteen years.

Q. State particularly your experience as a printer, and whether you are well acquainted with all kinds of printing, and with the usual prices therefor; and if you can, state the usual prices both of job printing and of advertisements in newspapers?

A. I know nothing of job printing. Advertisements are charged fourpence per line for the first insertion, and one penny per line for subsequent insertions. There are special bargains with advertisers by the year.

Q. Can a great quantity of printing be procured to be executed usually at a price per line lower than a small quantity per line?

A. A difference in favor of a large quantity of printing would be made per line. As in any other business, a large one can be conducted at a cheaper rate than a small one.

Q.

Q. Do you publish a newspaper?

A. Yes.

Q. State its name, and how often it is published, and how much printing each number, and how much each volume contains, and what is the subscription price to your paper per annum, and what quantity of your paper can on an average be said to be advertisements, or chargeable as advertisements, and what quantity not chargeable for, as for advertisements?

A. It is called the *Montreal Gazette*, and is published daily during the summer, and tri-weekly and weekly all the year round: The price of the daily, with tri-weekly in winter, is six dollars per annum—of the tri-weekly three dollars per annum, and of the weekly six shillings and eightpence per annum: The tri-weekly in summer, and the weekly all the year, are made from the matter of the daily and tri-weekly respectively, without any composition of new matter: each column contains about five mille ems, and there are about thirty-two columns in every number of each edition; of which the daily contains about twenty-three columns of advertisements; the tri-weekly about twenty-three columns in winter, and about fourteen in summer; the weekly none: The reading matter, or matter not charged for as for advertisements, is about nine columns in the daily and in the tri-weekly during winter, eighteen in the tri-weekly during summer, and thirty-two in the weekly: The weekly volume contains about eight thousand three hundred and twenty, mille ems; the daily and the tri-weekly volumes each about twenty-three thousand and forty mille ems; and the daily, with the winter portion of the tri-weekly in one volume, about thirty-four thousand five hundred and sixty mille ems.

Q. Ought a newspaper, entirely made up of paid-for matter, and not comprehending editorial or selected matter, to be more profitable to the proprietor than ordinary newspapers? and could, or ought the subscription price to be lower than that of the ordinary literary and political newspapers?—Specify particularly.

A. A newspaper made up of matter all paid for, can be sold at a much lower rate than an ordinary literary and political newspaper, and is much more profitable than the other.

Q. Look at the paper now shewn to you, and particularly at page three (four first columns thereof) and say whether you would undertake similar description of printing, furnishing paper such as used for that printing, at lower rates than stated in said page three, and at what rates?

A. Not being a practical printer, I can only answer from my general impressions as to the business; but I think that an establishment to which constant employment could be secured for its material, would undertake the composition at an average of two shillings and sixpence per mille ems; press-work, about three shillings per two hundred impressions of Reports, Folio-foolscap, and Circulars, and about three shillings and sixpence or four shillings for the Laws: Information on this head will be better obtained from practical men: The paper to be charged according to quality.

Q. What would you undertake to sell or publish a weekly paper for, such as the *Canada Gazette*, in which all Official and Law Notices and advertisements should be published, supposing it had eighteen hundred subscribers?—And what if it had fifteen hundred?

A. I would undertake to sell a weekly paper, such as the *Canada Gazette*, containing all the Official and Law Advertisements, with fifteen hundred subscribers, for seven shillings and sixpence per annum: the same price for eighteen hundred.

Q. Is it not found that a cheap subscription price often leads to an extensive circulation, and to as much profit as a paper at a higher subscription with fewer subscribers?

A. It does for a general newspaper; but for a paper like the *Canada Gazette* I do not think it would.

Robert Mackay, of Montreal, Esquire, Advocate, was called in and examined as follows, viz. :—

Q. Have you considered the system heretofore in force in *Lower Canada*, relating to publication Officially of Sheriffs' Sales, and legal

legal notices generally, and do you think that system can be improved, and how?

A. I have considered the present system, and it is bad. Men of business have to refer to three *Gazettes*, else may lose rights, and poor defendants have to pay some twenty-five per cent. more (for the advertisements for sale of their lands in a paper with only say three hundred readers) than necessary to obtain the benefit of advertisements in papers with fifteen hundred or more readers. The Bill now before Parliament (to provide for the insertion of notices in the *Canada Gazette* only) will remove some of the evils which now subsist; but this Bill does not go far enough. It would have been better had it provided for the advertising of all official and legal notices whatever, such as notices of interdictions, venditioni exponas, and advertisements of calling in absentees, in the *Canada Gazette*. There ought to be no necessity to refer to many papers, or to more than one, to find out what is doing against your debtors, or what may affect parties with whom you deal, or to learn any thing concerning them; and absentees ought to know where they will find out, at once, if any thing be doing against them. The greatest publicity should be given to all legal notices, and particularly to sales of lands and applications for ratifications of title, and therefore the *Official Gazette* ought to be as widely circulated as possible. It ought to be published at as low a rate as possible. Mercantile men would probably then subscribe for it. I think twelve shillings and sixpence too high a rate for subscription price to such a paper, and that the present charges for advertising ought to be reduced. I have several times, last year, after having paid the Sheriff sums for printing in the *Quebec* (official) *Gazette*, sent the said *Official Gazette* (containing the very advertisements paid for) to newspaper proprietors in Montreal, who have offered to do the same printing, as often, for twenty-five per cent. less. In the case of *La Banque du Peuple vs. Tully*, in which defendant's lands were seized by the Sheriff, defendant had to pay ten pounds and odd shillings for the advertisements of his lands in the *Quebec Gazette*, when he could have got the same quantity of advertising done, at the same intervals between each insertion, in *Montreal*, for seven pounds and odd shillings.

Adjourned until to-morrow at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

(Attest,) E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,
Law Clerk.

FRIDAY, 16TH MARCH.

The Committee met at ten o'clock this morning, pursuant to adjournment.

Present :

The Honorable Mr. *McKay*, Chairman.
" " *Ferrie*.
" " *Pinhey*.

Stewart Derbshire, Esquire, of *Montreal*, Queen's Printer, and Law Printer, was called in and examined as follows, viz. :—

Q. Do you mean the revenue stated by you on pages twelve and thirteen of the printed Return now shewn to you, (here a printed copy of the Return referred to this Committee was shewn to the witness,) to be neat or gross?—If the latter, state what you consider the neat revenue, and explain.

A. We mean gross revenue. The neat revenue upon the items in that statement could not be declared without calculations, for which I have no materials here. Printing for the *Gazette* is not the only business carried on at our office: there are numerous branches of other printing and other business, and the separation of expenses must be made before the neat revenue upon any one branch of the business can be declared.

Q. Do you charge fifteen shillings sometimes as the subscription price per annum to the *Canada Gazette*?

A. I believe there are some subscribers who are charged fifteen shillings. The Government subscription list is charged twelve shillings and sixpence by virtue of a special tariff made by the Government for that list.

Q. The Committee understand that pages twelve and thirteen state only the revenues derived by you from printing and publishing of the *Canada Gazette* strictly, and exclude

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all revenue derived by you from the printing or otherwise in virtue of your commission as Queen's Printer. Is it so?

A. It is so.

Q. When advertisements in the *Canada Gazette* amount to nine or ten lines, how much per line is charged therefor for the first, and how much for each subsequent insertion? And is it the same as charged by the newspapers generally?

A. For the first insertion the charge is fourpence per line, for subsequent insertions one penny per line; and these charges are the same as newspapers generally make throughout the Province.

Q. Do you not think that the subscription list to the *Canada Gazette*, and its business, will be increased by the merging of the two other *Official Gazettes* into it?

A. The subscription list will be increased but very little; most, if not all of the subscribers to the other *Gazettes* being already subscribers to the *Canada Gazette*. Its business will of course be increased by the addition of Sheriff's advertisements; but there is much matter in the three *Gazettes* identical.

Q. Ought a newspaper, entirely composed of advertisements, to be more profitable than a newspaper made up of matter editorial and literary more than of advertisements?

A. Certainly not. The editorial and literary matter draw subscribers, and, with augmented circulation, advertisements increase, and a class of advertisements that pay far better than those inserted in the *Gazette*; the latter being limited to three insertions, whilst the former are, in many cases, extended to two and three hundred insertions of the same advertisement. Proprietors of newspapers make large fortunes in different parts of the world. Queen's Printers have, for the most part, retired or been removed from their appointments but little better than when they received them, and in some cases impoverished. A dependence upon the public patronage in the art of printing offers higher prizes to be attained by industry and talent, and such patronage is more stable, than Government has been found to be.

Q. Upon whom does the expense of Sheriffs' advertisements of lands to be sold under execution usually fall? Is it not a charge upon the defendant whose lands are seized?

A. The charge is made in the first instance upon the Sheriff, or whomsoever directs the insertion of the advertisement; ultimately, it is presumable, upon the defendant or debtor.

Q. Would it not manifestly be to the advantage of defendants, whose lands are seized, that the advertisements thereof should be as general as possible?

A. I should be of opinion that it would not be beneficial to insert such advertisements in many newspapers, unless they could be inserted free of charge; for numerous charges would only diminish the proceeds of their estates, whilst the uncertainty attaching to a search in numerous channels of information for such sales, with the descriptions of property and dates of sale, would rather tend to puzzle intending purchasers than to direct them with certainty to their object.

Q. What is the class and profession of those who have heretofore become subscribers to the *Canada Gazette*? and can you suggest any means of extending the circulation of the said *Gazette*?

A. Judicial officers, persons holding civil appointments under the Executive—as Collectors of Customs and others—Magistrates, Officers of Municipal Corporations, Members of the Legislature, Members of the Executive Council, Officers of the Militia, Members of the Legal Profession, Merchants, and generally all persons engaged in business, and of active and intelligent minds: to all such persons the *Gazette* becomes, by reason of the official and authentic business matter contained in it, indispensable. I can suggest no means of increasing the circulation of a publication exclusively devoted to authentic notifications of the description contained in the *Canada Gazette*, but such as must result from the increasing population, business and wants of a growing country like this.

Q. Do you not think, that if the terms of subscription to the *Canada Gazette* were lower, the effect would be an increased subscription list, and a more extensive circulation,

tion, and this without loss of your present amount of profit upon the whole to you ?

A. If a reduction in the price would produce a more extended subscription list from the Government, they would have, I apprehend, proposed that reduction, for that object, to the Queen's printers: The *Canada Gazette*, like all other such publications, is not taken for the entertainment of any general reader: It is taken voluntarily by individuals, simply because they cannot safely conduct their business or perform their duties without having it to refer to for that information which they can obtain with assurance of official and authentic certainty no where else: In this point of view the *Gazette* is of great use, and therefore of great value to them; and were it double the price it is at present, they would be compelled to take it, and would not have much reason to complain, upon a balance between the advantages and the cost: If the price were reduced down to half-a-dollar per annum, I do not believe that any person, not requiring it as above stated, would think it worth the trouble of taking it into his house, or of paying for, unless, indeed, it were for the purpose of making a profit of it by selling it at an increased price as waste paper: With the increased matter that will come into the publication upon the junction of the other two *Gazettes*, it is very probable that a volume will be produced which, at the price given for waste paper, may be sold at a profit if charged at twelve shillings and sixpence to the subscriber: This, of course, would entail the ruin of the publishers, if persons were found to encumber them with subscriptions with such a view: The annual volume is at present nearly two thousand foolscap pages: The price of the *Quebec Gazette* is twenty shillings: I need not observe that as the *Gazette* increases in bulk, the postage, which falls exclusively on the publishers, would also increase.

Thomas Ferguson Miller, of Montreal, Merchant and Paper-Manufacturer, was called in and examined as follows, viz:—

Q. At what prices would you undertake to furnish paper of the size and quality of that used in printing the *Canada Gazette* and the Acts of the Provincial Parliament ?

Answered by letter addressed to the Chairman of the Committee, and hereunto annexed.

The Committee then adjourned.

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,
Law Clerk.

Montreal, 16th March, 1849.

SIR,

In answer to the questions proposed to me to-day by your Committee, with reference to the price of the paper used for printing the Laws, &c., I respectfully beg leave to state,

- 1st. That the paper (Demy size) for printing the Laws, as good as any and better than most of what has for years been used, may be furnished at the rate of 11s. 3d. single; or double size (the form in which it usually is printed) at 22s. 6d. per ream.
- 2nd. Foolscap, for Bills or "*Canada Gazette*," quality same as the preceding, at single 6s. 3d., double 12s. 6d. and quadruple size 25s. per ream.
- 3rd. Crown, for Reports, Documents, &c., quality same as preceding, but heavier and thicker in proportion to size, at single 8s. 9d., double size, 16s. 3d. to 17s. 6d. per ream.
- 4th. Crown, for Journal of the Hon. the Legislative Council, quality at least as good as any heretofore used for that purpose, single 13s. 9d., double size, 27s. 6d. per ream.
- 5th. Folio Posts, (fine) for Reports, &c., at from 17s. 6d. to 27s. 6d. per ream, or 10½d. to 1s. 4½d. per quire, varying according to weight and quality.
- 6th. Posts, (4to fine and superfine) for Circulars, &c., at 7s. 6d. to 17s. 6d. per ream, or 4½d. to 10½d. per quire, varying as under the preceding head.

The above humbly appears to me to meet and cover the subject and questions submitted for answer.

It

It only remains to be added, with reference to heads 1, 2, 3 and 4, of the above; that, if paper of a lower quality or lighter weight than is understood by me and indicated above were preferred for the work, the prices here given would in that case, of course, admit of a corresponding reduction.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble Servant,

THOMAS MILLER.

Hon. *Thomas Mackay*,

Chairman of Printing Committee.

This is the letter referred to in the foregoing minute of the examination of *Thomas Ferguson Miller*, before a Select Committee of the Honorable the Legislative Council this 16th day of March, 1849.

E. L. MONTIZAMBERT,

Law Clerk.

Report of the Select Committee on Kingston Hospital Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Macaulay* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Ordinance relating to the *Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road*," was read the second time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *E. P. Taché, Leslie and Jones*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to take into consideration the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Mill-Owners in *Upper Canada*." Amendments to Mill-Owners Protection Bill considered.

Which 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. Adopted.

Ordered, that the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed, and the same read the third time on Thursday next. Bill for 3rd reading on Thursday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *Charles James Stuart, Esquire*, to practise the Law in "*Lower Canada*," was read the second time. Stuart's Law Practice Bill read 2nd time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M^r Gill, Quesnel and Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company*, and for other purposes," was read the second time. Montreal and Lachine Railroad Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, J. Morris, Bourret, Ferrier and Jones*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Smith of Durham* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the several Laws therein mentioned, relative to the appointment and duties of Inspectors of Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Weights and Measures Bill (U.C.) brought up.

The

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading tomorrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Gore Bank Stock Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Thompson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the "Act to incorporate the *Gore Bank*, and to "increase the Capital Stock of the said "Bank," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Quebec St. George's Society Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate "the *Saint George's Society of Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

First Report on Registration and Statistics presented.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House the first Report of the Board of Registration and Statistics for the Province of *Canada*, constituted under the authority of the Act of the Provincial Parliament, 10 and 11 *Vict.*, c. 14.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter B.*)

Report of the Select Committee on Lotbinière Municipalities Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Dionne*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County "of *Lotbinière* into two Municipalities," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of " *Cayuga*, in the District of *Niagara*, into "two Townships," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Cayuga Township Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Bill read 3d time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, that one 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 three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.

Wednesday, 21st March, 1849. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Macaulay,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
Dionne,
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.,
Gordon,
Pinhey,
Ferrier,

Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
De Beaujeu,
Ross,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

Petition presented.

A Petition was presented from *Sophie Belair*, of the County of *Saguenay*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Roman Catholic Bishops Bill, L. C. presented.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in *Lower Canada*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Public Accounts for 1848 presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, presented to the House the Public Accounts for the year 1848.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :—

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter A.*)

Motion to put the House into a Committee of Privileges on the absence of the Hon. G. Pemberton.

Pursuant to notice it was moved, that the House be now put into a Committee of Privileges to take into consideration the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, respecting the absence from the House of the Honorable Mr. *Pemberton* for two Sessions of the Legislature.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Carried in the affirmative.

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

House in Committee thereon.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Message.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Resolutions reported.

The Honorable the Speaker reported from the said Committee, that they had taken the subject of the said Message into consideration, and had agreed to certain resolutions, which he was directed to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The said Resolutions were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Resolved, that as it appears by the Journals of this House, that the Honorable *George Pemberton* has for two successive Sessions of the Legislature of this Province failed to give his attendance in this House, and that permission for such absence has not been obtained by the said *George Pemberton* from Her Majesty or the Governor of this Province, and signified to this House, whereby the seat of the said *George Pemberton* has become vacant.

The Resolutions.

Resolved, therefore, that in pursuance of the Eighth Section of the Imperial Act, intituled, "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, and for the Government of *Canada*," this House doth now declare, determine, and adjudge that the seat of the said Honorable *George Pemberton* in this Council, is vacated.

The said Resolutions being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the foregoing Resolutions be communicated to His Excellency the Governor General for His Excellency's information.

Communicated to His Excellency.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*."

Amendments to Kingston Hospital Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

Press 2, Line 7.—Leave out from "shall" to "for," and insert "from time to time, as hereinafter mentioned, be elected."

The Amendments.

Press 2, Line 8.—Leave out from "City" to "shall" in line 9.

Press 2, Line 9.—Leave out from "shall" to "be" in line 10.

Press 2, line 16.—After "from" insert, "Her Majesty or from"

Press

Press 2, line 18.—After “which” insert
“Her Majesty or.”

Press 2, line 33.—After “Trustees” insert
“Clause A.”

CLAUSE A.

“And be it enacted,
“that it shall be lawful
“for the said City
“Council of the City of
“*Kingston*, immediately
“after the passing of
“this Act and thereafter
“in the month of Janu-
“ary in each and every
“year, beginning with
“the year one thousand
“eight hundred and
“fifty, to elect any three
“of the Aldermen of the
“said City to be Trus-
“tees under this Act,
“and the Aldermen so at
“any time elected or
“the Survivor or Survi-
“vors of them shall con-
“tinue in office, as such
“Trustees until the end
“of the month of Ja-
“nuary next following
“their election, or until
“the election of their
“successors as afore-
“said, whichever event
“may soonest happen.”

Adopted.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read the third time to-morrow.

Weights and Measures Bill, U. C., read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to amend the several
“Laws therein mentioned, relative to the
“appointment and duties of Inspectors of
“Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*,” was read the second time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay, J. Morris, Ross, Crane and Wylie*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Saint George’s Society of Quebec*,” was read the second time. Quebec St. George’s Society Bill read 2d time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, Massue, Pinhey, Bourret and de Boucherville*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to divide the County of *Lotbinière* into two Municipalities.” Amendments to Lotbinière Municipality Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Press 1, Line 17.—After “and” insert
“after the first Satur-
“day in July next.” The Amendments.

Press 1, Line 33.—After “and” insert
“after the first Satur-
“day in July next.”

Press 1, Line 43.—After “Municipalities” insert “Clause A.”

CLAUSE A.

“And, be it enacted,
“That all By-Laws of
“the Municipal Council
“of the now existing
“Municipality of the
“said Council, shall re-
“main in full force and
“effect as By-Laws of
“each of the said new
“Municipalities respec-
“tively, until altered or
“repealed by any By-
“Law to be passed by
“the said Municipalities
“respectively; and all
“moneys in the hands
“of

“ of the Secretary-Trea-
 “ surer of the said Muni-
 “ cipality shall, after
 “ paying therefrom all
 “ debts due by the said
 “ Municipality, be divi-
 “ ded between the said
 “ two Municipalities, in
 “ proportion to the
 “ amount levied in each
 “ respectively.”

Adopted. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

3rd reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read the third time to-morrow.

Amendments to Reciprocity Bill agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide for the free admission of certain articles of the growth or production of the *United States of America* into *Canada*, whenever similar articles, the growth and production of *Canada*, shall be admitted without duty into the said *States*,” and to acquaint this House that the Legislative Assembly have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any amendment.

Quebec Gas Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *Quebec Gas Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Kingston Water Works Bill brought up. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *McDonald* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *City of Kingston Water Works Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Fournier* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet*, from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*,” to 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. 2nd reading to-morrow.

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

Thursday, 22nd March, 1849. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

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| <i>McGill,</i> | <i>Matheson,</i> |
| <i>Joliette,</i> | <i>Viger,</i> |
| <i>Macaulay,</i> | <i>Taché, E. P.,</i> |
| <i>Ferrie,</i> | <i>Leslie,</i> |
| <i>Knowlton,</i> | <i>Quesnel,</i> |
| <i>Dionne, A.,</i> | <i>Bourret,</i> |
| <i>Dionne, J.,</i> | <i>de Beaujeu,</i> |
| <i>Massue,</i> | <i>Ross,</i> |
| <i>de Boucherville,</i> | <i>Jones,</i> |
| <i>Morris, J.,</i> | <i>Wylie,</i> |
| <i>Pinhey,</i> | <i>Mills.</i> |
| <i>Ferrier,</i> | |

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to enable *Charles James Stuart*, Esquire, to practise the Law 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. Report of the Select Committee on Stuart's Law practice Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow. Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

Pursuant

Mill Owners' Protection Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the protection of Mill-Owners in *Upper Canada*," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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.

Lotbinière Municipalities Bill, as amended, read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to divide the County of *Lotbinière* into two Municipalities," was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Kingston Hospital Bill, as amended, read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled "An Act to Incorporate the Trustees of the *Kingston Hospital*," was (as amended) read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Gore Bank Stock Bill, read 2d time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the *Gore Bank*, and to increase "the Capital Stock of the said Bank," was read the second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill*, *J. Morris* and *Quesnel*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate 'The *Quebec Gas Company*,'" was read the second time. Quebec Gas Bill read 2d time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill*, *Massue*, *Ferrier*, *Bourret* and *de Beaujeu*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the City of *Kingston Water Works Company*," was read the second time. Kingston Water Works Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Macaulay*, *Matheson*, and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet* from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*," was read the second time. L'Islet Registry Office Bill, read 2nd time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Massue*, *J. Dionne*, and *A. Dionne*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 30rd March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker:

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Macaulay,
Ferrie,
Dionne, A.,
Dionne, J.,
Massue,
de Boucherville,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,

Ferrier,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From certain *Algonquin Indians*, of the river *Gatineau*, and

— The *Rev. J. Mackenzie* and others, of *Glengarry*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A certain Honorable Member presented to the House, a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and simplify the Laws relating to the Interest of Money."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Saint George's Society of Quebec*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Amendments to be considered on Monday.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *City of Kingston Water Works Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Kingston Water Works Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Bill for 3rd reading on Monday.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet* from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on L'Islet Registry Office Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

Bill for 3rd reading on Monday.

The Honorable the Chairman, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Lachine Rail-Road Company*, 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal and Lachine Rail-road Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Amendments to be considered on Monday.

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable *Charles James Stuart, Esquire*, to practise the Law in *Lower Canada*."

Motion to read Stuart's Law Practice Bill the 3rd time.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Which being objected to,

Objected to:

After

Debated

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Question put and carried in the affirmative

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

Bill read 3rd time.

Whereupon the said Bill was read for the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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.

Amendments to Lotbinière Municipalities Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Laurin* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Lotbinière* into two "Municipalities," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

Amendments to Kingston Hospital Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *M'Donald* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the "Kingston Hospital," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

Adjourn.

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

MONDAY.

Monday, 26th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie* presented three petitions from the Fire Companies of *Brantford*, *Galt* and *Hamilton*, severally praying that certain exemptions named in the Petitions should be granted them on account of seven years' service as firemen. Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from the Directors of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*, praying that the time allowed for paying up their Stock may be extended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *Peter Winter*, late Municipal Clerk for *Gaspé*, praying for indemnification, and praying that no Legislative interference may take place with respect to a certain suit at law in which he is at present interested; and also, a Petition from *Dorchester*, praying for the abolition of the Commissioner's Court.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act further "to extend the time for paying up the new "Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*." Commercial Bank Stock Bill, presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next. 2nd reading on Wednesday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the City "of *Kingston Water Works Company*," was read the third time. Kingston Water Works Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, that one 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

Motion to read L'Islet Registry Office Bill the 3rd time.

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of L'Islet from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of L'Islet."

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

Motion in amendment.

It was moved in Amendment after "be," to leave out the remainder of the motion, and to insert in lieu thereof "read the third time this day three months."

Objected to.

Which being also objected to,

Debated.

After debate,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Carried in the negative.

The same was resolved in the negative.

The question being then put on the main motion,

Main motion carried in the affirmative, and

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

The Bill read 3rd time.

The said Bill was read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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.

Amendments to Quebec St. George's Society Bill considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Saint George's Society of Quebec."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Press. 4, Line 11.—After "management," insert "Clause A."

The Amendments.

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted, that
"no person otherwise
"competent to be a witness
"in any suit, action, or prosecution
"in which the said
"Corporation may be
"engaged, shall be
"deemed incompetent
"to be such witness by
"reason of his being, or
"having been at any
"time, a member, officer, or servant of the
"said Corporation."

Press. 4, Line 19.—After "Corporation," insert, "Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any member of the said Corporation from withdrawing therefrom, after payment of all arrears of subscription by him due to the funds thereof, and of his annual subscription for the then current year."

The said Amendments being read the 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 the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled "An Act further to amend the Act Incorporating the Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow:—

Press 2, Line 48.—After "and," insert "that the calls in arrear have"

“ have been made as
“ aforesaid, and that
“ he.”

Press 3, Line 1.—Leave out from “ and”
to “ thereof,” both in-
clusive.

Press 3, Line 30.—After “ exceeding,” in-
sert “ in the whole at
“ any one time.”

Press 4, Line 1.—Leave out from “ with-
“ out” to “ necessary,”
in line 2, both inclusive,
and insert, “ on proof of
“ the execution thereof
“ by the oath of one wit-
“ ness, which oath any
“ such Registrar, or his
“ Deputy, is hereby au-
“ thorized to adminis-
“ ter ; and if at any time
“ after the registration
“ of any such Deben-
“ ture as aforesaid, the
“ same shall be brought
“ to such Registrar or
“ his Deputy, with the
“ word ‘ cancelled,’ and
“ the signature of the
“ President or other
“ duly authorized Di-
“ rector of the said Com-
“ pany, written across
“ the face thereof, the
“ said Registrar, or his
“ Deputy, shall make an
“ entry in the margin of
“ the Register against
“ the Registry of such
“ Debenture, to the
“ effect that such De-
“ benture has been can-
“ celled, adding the date
“ of such entry, and
“ shall thereupon file
“ such Debenture to re-
“ main of record in the
“ said Registry Office,
“ in the same manner
“ as Certificates of dis-
“ charge.”

Press 4, Line 18.—Leave out from “ same”
to “ provided,” in line
27.

Press 4, Line 40.—After “ notwithstand-
ing” insert—“ Provided
“ always, that it shall
“ not be lawful for the
“ said Company to issue
“ any Debenture payable
“ to bearer, under this
“ Act, for a less sum
“ than one hundred
“ pounds.”

Press 4, Line 42.—After “ majority,” insert
“ consisting of not less
“ than two-thirds.”

Press 6, Line 35.—After “ money,” insert
“ nor shall any note
“ issued or to be issued
“ by the said Company
“ be assignable or trans-
“ ferable otherwise than
“ by endorsement in
“ full.”

Press 7, Line 27.—After “ *Luchine*,” insert
“ but the said Company
“ shall at each and every
“ other place where the
“ said Railroad shall
“ cross any highway on
“ a level, erect and keep
“ up a sign-board, stret-
“ ching across the high-
“ way at such a height
“ as to leave sixteen
“ feet from the highway
“ to the lower edge of
“ the sign-board, and
“ having the words
“ ‘ Railway Crossing’
“ ‘ and Traverse de Che-
“ min à Rails,’ painted
“ on each side thereof,
“ in letters not less than
“ six inches in length ;
“ and for each and every
“ neglect to comply with
“ this requirement, the
“ said Company shall
“ incur a penalty of five
“ pounds currency.”

Press 7, Line 44.—After “ Directors,” in-
sert “ Clauses A. & B.”

CLAUSE A.

" And be it enacted,
 " That the forty-seventh
 " section of the Act
 " herein first cited, and
 " the twelfth section of
 " the Act herein cited,
 " amending the said
 " Act, be, and the same
 " are hereby repealed,
 " and that the said Com-
 " pany shall at all times
 " when thereunto re-
 " quired by Her Majes-
 " ty's Deputy Post-Mas-
 " ter General, the Com-
 " mander of the Forces,
 " or any person having
 " the superintendence or
 " command of any Po-
 " lice Force, and with
 " the whole resources of
 " the Company, if neces-
 " sary, carry Her Ma-
 " jesty's Mails, Her Ma-
 " jesty's Naval or Mili-
 " tary Forces, or Militia,
 " and all Artillery, Am-
 " munition, Provisions,
 " or other Stores for
 " their use, and all Po-
 " licemen, Constables,
 " and others travelling
 " on Her Majesty's Ser-
 " vice on the said Rail-
 " road, on such terms
 " and conditions, and
 " under such regulations
 " as the said Company
 " and the said Deputy
 " Post-Master General,
 " the Commander of the
 " Forces, or person in
 " command of any Po-
 " lice Force, respective-
 " ly, shall agree upon ;
 " or if they cannot agree,
 " then on such terms
 " and conditions, and
 " under such regulations
 " as the Governor, or
 " person administering
 " the Government, shall
 " in Council make: Pro-
 " vided that any further

" enactments which the
 " Legislature of this
 " Province may hereaf-
 " ter deem it expedient
 " to make, with regard
 " to the carriage of the
 " said Mail or Her Ma-
 " jesty's Forces, and
 " other persons and ar-
 " ticles as aforesaid, or
 " the rates to be paid
 " for carrying the same,
 " or in any way respect-
 " ing the use of any
 " Electric Telegraph, or
 " other service to be
 " rendered by the Com-
 " pany to the Govern-
 " ment, shall not be
 " deemed an infringe-
 " ment of the privileges
 " conferred by the said
 " Acts or either of them,
 " or by this Act, or in-
 " tended so to be."

CLAUSE B.

" And be it enacted, that
 " for and notwithstand-
 " ing anything in the
 " said Acts or either of
 " them, no By-law,
 " Rule, or Order, which
 " may be made by the
 " said Company after
 " the passing of this
 " Act, shall have any
 " force or effect until
 " the same shall have
 " been sanctioned and
 " confirmed by the Go-
 " vernor of this Pro-
 " vince, under his hand,
 " and seal at arms, and
 " shall thereafter have
 " been published in the
 " *Canada Gazette*."

The said Amendments being read a second Agreed to.
 time, and the question of concurrence put on
 each, they were severally agreed to by the
 House.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be en- Bill, as amend-
 ed, for 3rd
 reading to-
 morrow.
 grossed, and the said Bill (as amended,) read
 the third time to-morrow.

The

Petitions presented

The Honorable Mr. Crane presented a Petition from *Silas Anstell* and others, praying for an Act of Incorporation to the Rechabites.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Massue presented a petition from *Quebec* in favor of the Lumber Bill, at present before the Legislative Assembly, and against the Stevedore's Bill.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Canada Life Assurance Bill brought up

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Canada Life Assurance Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow

Ordered, that the said Bill be read for the second time to-morrow.

Adjourn

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

TUESDAY

Tuesday, 27th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Return of the Select Committee on official Printing to be printed

Ordered, that two hundred copies of the Report of the Select Committee, on the Return laid before this House, by Order of His Excellency the Governor General, respecting the official Printing, be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

Motion to read Quebec St. George's Society Bill the 3rd time

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Saint George's Society of Quebec*," as amended,

It was moved that the said Bill, as amended, be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to,

Objected to

It was moved in amendment, after "be," to leave out the remainder of the motion, and insert in lieu thereof "read the third time on Thursday next."

Motion on Amendment.

Which being also objected to,

Objected to

After debate,

Debated, and

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

Carried in the affirmative

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

Question on main Motion (as amended.)

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Carried in the affirmative.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and simplify the Laws relating to the Interest of Money," it was

2nd reading, Interest of Money postponed till Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to amend the Act incorporating the *Montreal and Lachine Railroad Company*, and for other purposes," was, as amended, read the third time.

Montreal and Lachine Rail. Road Bill as amended, read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill, as amended, shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Life Assurance Company*," was read the second time.

Canada Life Assurance Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of seven Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill, Knowlton, Ferrier, Ross, Bourret, Quesnel* and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Report of the Select Committee on the Gore Bank Stock Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the *Gore Bank*, and to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Thursday next.

Leeds and Lansdown Division Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Townships of *Leeds* and *Lansdown* in the District of *Johnstown*."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Friday.

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

Report of the Select Committee on Weights and Measures Bill U.C., presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the several Laws therein mentioned, relative to the appointment and duties of Inspectors of Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Petition presented.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Jones Walker* and others, of *Nicolet*, praying against the contemplated division of Counties.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the right of suing and defending causes *in forma pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Causes in forma pauperis Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Fournier* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to detach the Parish of *Saint Antoine de l'Isle-aux-Grues* from the Municipality of *L'Islet*, and to erect the same into a separate Municipality," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

St. Antoine de l'Isle aux Grues Municipality Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2nd reading to-morrow.

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

Adjourn.

Wednesday, 28th March, 1849. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and

Certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition praying for a renewal of the Charter of the *Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*.

Petition presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada Life Assurance* Bill presented.

Report of the Select Committee on Canada Life Assurance Bill presented.

"Life Assurance 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 this 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 :—

The Amend-
ment

In the Preamble, Line 34.—After "Com-pany," insert "and
"whereas the sum of
"two pounds on each
"share of the Capital
"Stock of the said
"Association has been
"paid up by the said
"Stockholders."

Agreed to.

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 the third time presently.

Bill, as amend-
ed, read 3rd
time.

The said Bill (as amended) was then read the third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass ?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the
Assembly for
concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Quebec Gas
Bill, presented

The Honorable Mr. *Massue*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec Gas Company*;" reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Friday next. Amendments to be considered on Friday.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*;" reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it. Report of the Select Committee on Building Societies Bill, L.C., presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow. Amendment to be considered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to reduce the expense of the proceedings in *Upper Canada* against the property of absconding or concealed Debtors;" reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them. Report of the Select Committee on Absconding Debtors, U.C. Bill, presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow. Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the several Laws therein mentioned, relative to the appointment and duties of Inspectors of Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*," was read the third time. Weights and Measures Bill, U.C., read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and

and acquaint that House, that the Legislative Council have passed this Bill, without any amendment.

Roman Catholic Bishops Bill, L. C. read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in *Lower Canada*," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Quesnel, J. Morris, Viger, Ross* and *Massue*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Commercial Bank Bill, read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to extend the time for paying up the new Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*," was read the second time.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Causes in forma pauperis Bill, read 2nd time, and

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to remove doubts as to the right of suing and defending causes in *forma pauperis* before the Courts of Law in *Lower Canada*," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Three Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *E. P. Taché, Bourret* and *Quesnel*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

St. Antoine de l'Isle aux Grues, Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to detach the Parish of *Saint Antoine de L'Isle aux Grues* from the Municipality of *L'Islet*, and to erect the same into a separate Municipality," was read the second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Massue* and *A. Dionne*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Public Debt Management Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*

and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better management of the Public Debt, Accounts, Revenue 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 the second time on Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act for putting a Legislative Interpretation upon certain terms used in Acts of Parliament, and for rendering it unnecessary to repeat certain provisions and expressions therein, and for ascertaining the date and commencement thereof, and for other purposes," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the same without any amendment.

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

Thursday, 29th March, 1849. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
McKay,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Matheson,
Viger,
Dionne, A.,

The Honorable Messieurs

Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Turgeon,
Crane,
Wylie,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris* presented a Petition from *Joseph Wiltes*, who signed the same as Chairman of a public meeting held at *Farmersville*.

Farmersville in the *Johnstown* District, praying for protection to native Industry.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Mills* presented a petition from the Mayor of *Hamilton*, praying that several additional clauses may be added to the Municipal Bill at present before the Legislature.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A certain Honorable Member presented a petition from the Reverend *J. Amlair* and others, of the Parish of *St. Mary*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Ameliasburgh Township Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh* in Upper *Canada*," reported 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Order for reading Quebec St. George's Society Bill the 3rd time, discharged, and

The Order of the Day being read for the third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *St. George's* Society of *Quebec* (as amended)," it was

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

The Bill referred *de novo* to the Select Committee.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred *de novo*, to the Select Committee to whom it was first referred.

3rd reading of Commercial Bank Stock Bill postponed till to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to extend the time for paying up the new Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District," it was

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and simplify the Laws relating to the interest of money," Motion to read Interest of Money Bill the 2d time.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the second time.

In amendment it was moved, to leave out "now," and insert "this day three months." Motion in amendment.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the negative. Negatived.

The question being then put on the main motion, Main motion carried in the affirmative.

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read the second time accordingly. Bill read 2nd time, and

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill*, *J. Morris*, *Ross*, *Joliette*, and *Knowlton*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the distribution of the Laws of *Canada* in 1848. Return of the distribution of the Laws, presented.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letters C.C.C.C.*)

The Order of the Day being read for considering the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act to Incorporate the *Gore* Bank, and to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank," it was Consideration of the Amendments to Gore Bank postponed till to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Canada* Life Assurance Company," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made Amendments to Canada Life Assurance Bill Agreed to by Assembly.

by

by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Amendments to Montreal and Lachine Rail Road Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holmes* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to Amend the Act Incorporating the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company, and for "other purposes," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Naturalized persons relief Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Gugy* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure Titles to Real Estate to certain persons, naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada* first *William* the Fourth, Chapter fifty-three," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 30th March, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

Petitions presented.

The Honorable Mr. *de Beaujeu* presented a Petition from *G. Beaudet* and others, of the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying for the continuation of the Commissioner's Court, and to extend its jurisdiction to the sum of Ten Pounds; and that power may be given to the Commissioners to issue *saisies arrêts* under ten pounds, also praying for a reduction in the rates of Postage; the abolition of the Navigation Laws; the suppression of Ta-

verns, and the establishment of Temperance Houses in their stead.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from *D. McMillan* and others, on behalf of a meeting of the Freeholders of the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying that the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company may not be allowed to extend their Railroad, otherwise than by the route laid down in the Act for the construction of a Railroad from *Montreal* to *Kingston*; that the *Lake Saint Louis* and Province Line Railroad Company may not be allowed to make their Railroad along the south bank of the *Saint Lawrence* to the Province Line at *Saint Régis*; and that a survey may be made, at the expense of the Province, of the lines for which Charters have been granted for the construction of Railroads from *Montreal* to the Western limits of the Province; also, praying that their vested rights may not be interfered with;—and also, a Petition praying for an Act incorporating the *Saint Jean Baptiste* Society of *Quebec*.

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 and simplify the Laws relating to the Interest of Money," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Interest of Money Bill presented

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read the third time on Monday next.

Bill for 3rd reading on Monday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to extend the time for paying up the new Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland* District," was read the third time.

Commercial Bank Stock Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The

Amendments
to Gore Bank
Stock Bill
considered

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 to Incorporate the *Gore* Bank, and to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

The Amend-
ments

Press 2, Line 19.—Leave out "no," and insert "every."

Press 2, Line 20.—Leave out from "for" to "from" and insert "with-
in eighteen months."

Press 2, Line 21.—After "Act" insert "or
within such extended
period, not exceeding
five years from the
passing of this Act, as
the Governor General
in Council may per-
mit."

Press 2, Line 22.—Leave out "eight" and insert "two."

Press 2, Line 23.—After "Act" insert "or
within such extended
period, not exceeding
eight years from the
passing of this Act, as
the Governor General
in Council may per-
mit."

Press 2, Line 34.—After "same" insert
"Clause A."

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted, that
except as hereinbe-
fore provided, every
person subscribing for,
or taking any share
or shares in the said
additional Capital
Stock, shall have the
same rights and be
subject to the liabili-
ties as the original
subscribers and share-
holders in the said
Bank."

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Agreed to.

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. Read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Township of *Leeds* and *Lansdown*, in the District of *Johnstown*," was read the second time. First Leeds and Lansdown Division Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs, *J. Morris*, *Matheson* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec Gas Company*," Amendments to Quebec Gas Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Press 10, line 22.—Leave out from "Sur-
veyor" to "of" in line 23. The Amend-
ments.

Press 10, line 27.—After "places" insert,
"to the satisfaction of
the said Road Sur-
veyor."

Press 10, line 29.—Leave out from "delay"
to "and" in Press 11,
line 1.

Press

Press 15, line 46.—Leave out “in case” and insert “whenever.”

Press 16, line 5.—Leave out from “Surveyor” to “shall,” in line 6.

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

3rd reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended), read a third time on Monday next.

Amendments to Ameliasburgh Township Survey Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to confirm a certain survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh* in *Upper Canada*.”

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

3rd reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and the same read the third time on Monday next.

Amendment to Building Societies Bill L.C. considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*.”

Which said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

The Amendment. Press 3, line 20.—Leave out from “cases” to “and” in line 24.

Agreed to. The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

3rd reading on Monday. *Ordered*, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended), read a third time on Monday next.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “An Act to reduce the expense of proceedings in *Upper Canada* against the property of absconding or concealed Debtors.”

Amendments to Absconding Debtors Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Press 1, Line 21.—After “repealed” insert “Provided always, that notwithstanding the repeal of the said Section, any notice inserted before the passing of this Act, under the provisions of the said Section, may be continued in the same way and for the same time, and with the same effect, as if this Act had not been passed.”

The Amendments.

Press 1, Line 25.—After “Debtor” insert “as to whom he shall not have already caused the notice herein-after mentioned to be published under any writ issued within six months next preceding the date of such writ.”

Press 1, Line 26.—Leave out from “notice” to “to” in line 27.

Press 2, Line 1.—Leave out “twelve” and insert “six.”

Press 2, Line 2.—Leave out “first,” and after “attachment” insert “in virtue of which such notice shall be so published.”

Press 2, Line 9.—Leave out “twelve” and insert “six.”

Press 2, Line 10.—Leave out “first.”

Press 2, Line 12.—After “Debtors” insert “in

“ in virtue of which such
“ notice shall be so pub-
“ lished.”

Press 2, Line 17.—After “ always ” insert
“ that the Defendant in
“ any attachment shall
“ be entitled to three
“ calendar months from
“ the day of the issuing
“ thereof, to give the
“ Bond mentioned in the
“ fourth and fifth Sec-
“ tions of the hereinbe-
“ fore mentioned Act :
“ and provided also.”

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second
time, and the question of concurrence put on
each, they were severally agreed to by the
House.

3rd reading on
Tuesday. *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be en-
grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
the third time on Tuesday next.

Message from
His Excellen-
cy with Des-
patch on Hal-
ifax and Que-
bec Railroad. The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* acquainted the
House that he had a Message from His Excel-
lency the Governor General, under his sign
Manual, which His Excellency had com-
manded him to deliver to this House, and

The same was then read, as follows :—

ELGIN AND KINCARDINE :

The Governor General transmits for the
information of the Honorable the Legislative
Council, copies of Despatches subsequent to
those already transmitted on the subject of
the *Halifax* and *Quebec* Railroad, and Public
Works in *Canada*.

Government House,
Montreal, 30th March, 1849.

SCHEDULE.

- 1.—Earl *Grey* to the Earl of *Elgin*, 26th
January, 1849—Encloses Observa-
tions of the Railway Commissioners
on Major *Robinson's* Report.
- 2.—The same to the same, 27th January,
1849—Acknowledges receipt of a
Despatch of 4th January, enclosing

Tabular Statement of Population and
amount of Rateable Property in *Up-
per Canada*.

3.—The Earl of *Elgin* to Earl *Grey*, 20th
December, 1848—With Copy of a
Letter from the Inspector General
to Messrs. *Baring & Co.*, on Fi-
nancial arrangements.

4.—The same to the same, 20th December,
1848—In reply to Lord *Grey's* De-
spatch, No. 299—transmitting Major
Robinson's Report; sends Minute
of Executive Council and Memo-
randum of the Inspector General on
measures for constructing the Rail-
way.

5.—The same to the same, 3rd January,
1849—In continuation of above,
sends Copy of Instructions addressed
to the Lieutenant Governor of *Nova
Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

6.—The same to the same, 4th January,
1849—Population and value of Pro-
perty of *Upper Canada*, from 1825
to 1847.

7.—Sir *E. Head* to Earl *Grey*, 1st January,
1849—Observations on Major *Ro-
binson's* final Report, submitted by
Mr. *Wilkinson*, of the Crown Lands
Office, *New Brunswick*.

8.—The same to the same, 6th January,
1849—Minute of Council on receiv-
ing final Report of Major *Robinson* ;
and in connexion with the Instruc-
tions received from Lord *Elgin*.

9.—The same to the same, 19th January,
1849—With Copy of Resolutions of
Meeting held at *Dorchester*, on the
subject of the *Halifax* and *Quebec*
Railway.

10.—Sir *J. Harvey* to Earl *Grey*, 8th De-
cember, 1848—Acknowledging Lord
Grey's Despatch of 17th November,
transmitting Major *Robinson's* final
Report.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented to the
House a Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the Re-
“ moval
Criminal Jus-
tice Defects
Bill, and

“ moval of Defects in the Administration of Criminal Justice;” and also a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to make certain general provisions with regard to the services which the Government may require of Railroad Companies whose Acts of Incorporation make them subject to such general provisions.”

Railway Companies Government Service Bill, presented.

The said Bills were severally read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bills be severally read the second time on Tuesday next.

2d reading on Tuesday.

The Honorable Messsieurs *Bourret*, *Taché* and *Turgeon* presented petitions on various subjects.

Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *McDonald*, (of *Glen-garry*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to alter the day on which the Militia shall annually assemble for muster and discipline in *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Militia Muster Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

2d reading on Tuesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act requiring Mortgages of Personal Property in *Upper Canada* to be fyled,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Mortgages Fyling Bill U.C., brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

2d reading on Tuesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act for the punishment of Warehousemen and others, giving false receipts for Merchandize, and of persons receiving advances upon goods and afterwards fraudulently disposing of the same,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Warehousemen's punishment Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next. 2d reading on Tuesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Partnerships Limitation Bill U.C., brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next. 2d reading on Tuesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Richards* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to substitute yearly Returns, for the quarterly returns required of Clergymen and others, by the sixteenth section of the Census Act,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Clergymen's Census Returns Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Tuesday next. 2d reading on Tuesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bell* and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to repeal the Act defining the Boundary Line between the Fourth Concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

North Elmsley and Montague Boundary Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next. 2d reading on Wednesday.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to detach the Parish of *Saint Antoine de l'Isle-aux-Grues* from the Municipality of *L'Islet*, and to erect the same into a separate Municipality,” 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.

Report of the Select Committee on St. Antoine de l'Isle-aux-Grues Bill presented.

Ordered, that the report be now received, and

The

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendment
to be con-
sidered on
Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Adjourn.

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

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intitled, "An Act to detach the Parish of *Saint Antoine de L'Isle-aux-Grues* from the Municipality of *L'Islet*, and to erect the same into a separate Municipality."

Amendment
to St. Antoine
de L'Isle-aux-
Grues Bill
considered

Which said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Press 2, Line 13.—After "year" insert "Clause A."

The Amend-
ment.

MONDAY

Monday, 2nd April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker;

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Dionne, J.,
Mussue,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Matheson,

Viger,
Taché, E. P.
Leslie,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Turgeon,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

Petitions pre-
sented.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From the Agricultural Society, No. 1, of the County of *Bonaventure*.

— *Kenneth Cameron* and others, of the Township of *Thora*, in the County of *York*.

— The Municipality of the County of *Bonaventure*.

— The Rev. *M. Brunet* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Janvier de Blainville*, and

— *L. Bourassa* and others, of the Parish of *Saint Martin, Isle Jesus*, in the District of *Montreal*.

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted,
"that all By-Laws of
"the Municipal Council
"of the now existing
"Municipality of the
"said County, shall re-
"main in full force and
"effect as By-Laws of
"each of the said two
"new Municipalities re-
"spectively, until alter-
"ed or repealed by any
"By-Law to be passed
"by the said Muni-
"cipalities respectively;
"and all monies in the
"hands of the Secre-
"tary-Treasurer of the
"said Municipality shall,
"after paying there-
"from all debts due by
"the said Municipality,
"be divided between
"the said two new Mu-
"nicipalities, in propor-
"tion to the amount le-
"vied in each respect-
"ively."

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time to-morrow.

3rd reading
to-morrow.

Amendments to Gore Bank Stock Bill agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Thompson* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Amend the Act to Incorporate the Gore Bank, and to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Customs Duties Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and render permanent, as amended, the Act for the Management of the Customs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Ontario Insurance Company Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Ontario Marine and Fire Insurance Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Hallowell and Sophiasburgh Boundary Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Stevenson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the Boundary Line between the Townships of *Hallowell* and *Sophiasburgh*, in the District of *Prince Edward*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

A Member enters.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel* enters.

Report de novo of the Select Committee on Quebec St. George's Society Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred de novo the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Saint George's* Society of *Quebec*," reported that they had again gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any further amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill and Report be taken into consideration on Thursday next.

To be considered on Thursday.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and simplify the Laws relating to the Interest of Money," was read a third time.

Interest of Money Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* Gas Company," was (as amended) read a third time.

Quebec Gas Bill, as amended, read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm a certain Survey of the Township of *Ameliasburgh*, in *Upper Canada*," was read a third time.

Ameliasburgh Township Survey Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*," was (as amended) read a third time.

Building Societies Bill, as amended, read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It

Passed, and
Sent to the
Assembly for
concurrence

It was resolved in the affirmative, and
Ordered, that one 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.

Motion to read
Public Debt
Management
Bill, the 3rd
time.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the better management of the Public Debt, Accounts, Revenue and Property,"

It was moved, that the said Bill be "now" read for the second time.

Objected to

Which being objected to,

Motion in
amendment

It was moved, in amendment, to leave out "now," and insert in lieu thereof "to-morrow."

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Negatived.

The same was resolved in the negative.

Motion to
adjourn

It was then moved, that the House do now adjourn.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

Negatived.

The same was resolved in the negative.

Question on
the main mo-
tion carried in
the affirmative.

The question being then put on the main motion,

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

Bill for 3rd
reading to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read for the third time to-morrow.

Amendments
to Quebec Gas
Bill agreed to
by the Assem-
bly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Chabot* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Quebec Gas 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.

Adjourn.

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

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1849.

Tuesday.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker, and

Certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret* presented two Petitions from various parties and on divers subjects. Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Ordered, that two hundred and fifty copies of the Petition of *D. McMillan* and others, on behalf of the Freeholders of the County of *Vaudreuil*, praying that the *Montreal* and *Lachine* Railroad Company may not be allowed to extend their Railroad otherwise than by the route laid down in the Act of 1846 for the construction of a Railroad from *Montreal* to *Kingston*; that the *Lake St. Louis* and *Province Line* Railroad Company be not permitted to make their Railroad along the south bank of the *St. Lawrence* to the *Province Line* at *St. Régis*; and that a survey may be made at the expense of the Province of the line for which charters have been granted for the construction of a Railroad from *Montreal* to the western limits of the Province; also, the memorial of *J. P. Lantier*, Esq., respecting this subject, one of the signers of the said Petition, be printed in both Languages for the use of Members. Petition of D. McMillan and others, of Vaudreuil to be printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to reduce the expense of proceedings in *Upper Canada*, against the property of absconding or concealed Debtors," was (as amended) read the third time. Absconding Debtors Bill, as amended, read 3rd time

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

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 for the better management of the Public Debt, Accounts, Revenue, and Property," 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 detach the Parish of *St. Antoine de l'Isle-aux-Grues* from the "Municipality of *l'Islet*, and to erect the same "into a separate Municipality," was, as amended, read the 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 for the removal of defects "in the administration of Criminal Justice," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make certain general "provisions with regard to the service which "the Government may require of Railroad "Companies whose Acts of Incorporation "make them subject to such general provision," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited Partnerships in *Upper Canada*," was read the second time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ross, J. Morris* and *Crane*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act requiring Mortgages of personal property to be fyled," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee last appointed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the punishment of Warehousemen and others, giving false receipts for merchandize, and of persons receiving advances upon goods, and afterwards fraudulently disposing of the same," was read the second time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill, Quesnel* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the Day on which "the Militia shall annually assemble for muster and discipline in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to substitute yearly Returns "for the quarterly Returns required of Clergymen and others, by the sixteenth section of "the Census Act," was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the Boundary "Line between the Townships of *Hallowell* "and

Limited partnerships Bill, U.C., read 2d time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Mortgages Fyling Bill, read 2d time.

Referred to last Select Committee.

Warehousemen's Punishment Bill read 2d time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Militia Muster Bill read 2d time.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Clergymen's Census Returns Bill read 2d time.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Hallowell and Sophiasburgh Boundary Bill, read 2d time.

Public Debt Management Bill read 3rd time.

Passed.

St. Antoine de l'Isle-aux-Grues Bill, as amended, read 3rd time.

Passed, and

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Criminal Justice Defects Bill, read 2nd time.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Railroad Companies Government Service Bill read 2nd time.

3rd reading to-morrow.

"and *Sophiasburgh*, in the District of *Prince Edward*," was read a second time.

3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Ontario Insurance Company Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Ontario Marine and Fire Insurance Company*," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, Knowlton, Ross, Joliette* and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Report of the Select Committee on Thompson and Jessup's Relief Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Joseph Richard Thompson* and *Henry Jessup*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Montreal Turnpike Roads Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Scott*, of *Two Mountains*, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances relative to the *Montreal Turnpike Roads*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Pilots' Apprentices Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *LaTerrière* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to compel Pilots' Apprentices to qualify themselves to pilot Vessels by the North Channel of the *River Saint Lawrence*, below the Island of *Orléans*; and to oblige the *Trinity House* of *Quebec* to lay down buoys to mark the shoals in the said Channel, and to facilitate the traverse from the South to the North from *Isle aux Reaux* to *Cape Tourmente*," to 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 on Thursday next. 2d reading on Thursday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower 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.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the tenure of lands *en roture*, in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *franc-aleu roturier*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Tenure Commutation Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. 2nd reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to detach the settlements of *St. Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the Municipality of *Gaspé*, and to erect them into a separate Municipality," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. St. Anne des Monts Municipality Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. 2nd reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *LaTerrière* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Inhabitant Household holders holding lands in the new Settlements on the borders of the *Saguenay*, forming the second Municipal Division of that County, to establish a Municipal Council therein, and for other purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Saguenay Municipality Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. 2nd reading on Monday.

Adjourn.

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

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 4th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Ferrie,
Knowlton,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Dionne, J.,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Matheson,
Viger,

Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Turgeon,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

Petition from A. Lachance presented, and

The Honorable Mr. Joliette presented a Petition from Antoine Lachance, one of the Messengers of the Legislative Council, praying to be named permanently as such Messenger, with such a salary as the House may think fit to grant him.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Referred to the Select Committee on Contingent Accounts.

Ordered, that the said Petition be referred to the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of this House, during the present Session.

Petitions presented.

The Honorable Mr. Wylie presented two Petitions from the Quebec Board of Trade, praying that the Bill for encouraging the construction of Vessels in Lower Canada, may not be passed into a Law in its present form; and also praying that the Bill for amending the Act regulating the Inspection of Timber, may not be passed into a Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from George Thomas dit Bigonette and others, of Quebec, praying that the "Congrégation des hommes de Saint Roch de Quebec," may be incorporated.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act for the removal of defects in the Administration of Criminal Justice," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled "An Act to make certain general provisions with regard to the services which the Government may require of Railroad Companies, whose Acts of Incorporation make them subject to such general provisions," was read a third time.

The question was put; whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed, and

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have passed these Bills, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the day on which the Militia shall annually assemble for Muster and Discipline in Upper Canada," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to substitute yearly returns for the quarterly returns required of Clergymen and others, by the sixteenth section of the Census Act," was read the third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It

Passed. *It was resolved in the affirmative.*

Hallowell and Sophiasburgh Boundary Bill read 3rd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter the boundary line between the Townships of *Hallowell* and *Sophiasburg*, in the District of *Prince Edward*," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed *It was resolved in the affirmative.*

Ordered, 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.

Thompson and Jessup's Relief Bill read 3rd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the relief of *Joseph Richard Thompson* and *Henry Jessup*," was read the third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed, and *It was resolved in the affirmative.*

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence. Ordered, that one 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.

Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill read 2nd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act defining the Boundary Line between the Fourth Concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Five Members.

Referred to a Select Committee. Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Matheson*, *Crane*, *Ross* and *Wylie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Amendment to St. Antoine de L'Isle-aux-Grues Municipality Bill agreed to by the Assembly. A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Fournier* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to detach the Parish of *Saint Antoine de l'Isle-aux-Grues*, from the Municipality of *L'Islet*," and to erect the same into a separate Mu-

nicipality," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wetenhall* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Gore* Mechanics' Institute," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Mount Hermon* Cemetery," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Mount Hermon Cemetery Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Provincial, Mutual, and General Insurance Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Provincial Insurance Company Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2d reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Societies and Companies," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Actions against Incorporated Companies Bill, brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

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

2d reading on Monday

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

Adjourn.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 5th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Dionne, J.,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.

Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Turgeon,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie,
Mills.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. Pinhey presented a Petition from W. B. Robinson and others, of the Township of Nepean, praying that the Bills now before Parliament, touching the Assessments and Municipal Corporations, may not be passed into Law.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Corporation of Quebec, praying that the piece of ground known as the Cul-de-Sac, in Lower Town, be conveyed to the said Corporation; and also a Petition from Alexander Provan and others, of the City of Quebec, praying to be incorporated under the name of "The Quebec and Saint Andrew Railroad Company."

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure titles to real estate to certain persons naturalized under the statute of Lower Canada, first William the Fourth, Chapter fifty-three,"

It was moved that the Petition of Joseph Donegani be now read.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The said Petition was read by the Clerk accordingly. The Petition read.

It was then moved, that the said Bill be now read for the second time. Motion to read the last mentioned Bill the 2nd time.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and Question put, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative. Carried in the affirmative.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of Seven Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs McGill, J. Morris, Ferrie, Quesnel, Ross, Jones and Crane, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and render permanent, as amended, the Act for the Management of the Customs," was read the second time. Customs Duties Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time on Saturday next. 3rd reading on Saturday.

Ordered, that the remaining items upon the Order of this Day be discharged until Saturday next. Remaining Orders of the Day discharged till Saturday.

Ordered, that the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the Townships of Leeds and Lansdowne, in the District of Johnstown, and to attach South Burgess to Bastard, in the same District," be discharged. Select Committee on 1st Leeds and Lansdown Bill discharged.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and request that that House will communicate the Proofs, Evidence, and Documents upon which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act defining the Boundary Line between the Fourth Concessions of the Townships of Montague and North Elmsly." Message to the Assembly for proofs, &c., on which was founded Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill ordered.

The Honorable Mr. Ross, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize Limited Partnerships" presented. Report of the Select Committee on Limited Partnerships Bill presented.

Petitions presented.

Order for reading Naturalized persons Real Estate Bill the 2nd time read.

Motion to read the Petition of Joseph Donegani in relation thereto. Question put, and

Carried in the affirmative.

"Partnerships in *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

Bill for 3rd reading on Saturday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

Report of the Select Committee on Warehousemen's Punishment Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. Ross, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the Punishment of Warehousemen and others, giving false receipts for Merchandize, and of persons receiving advances upon goods, and afterwards fraudulently disposing of the same," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same, to the House, without any amendment.

3rd reading on Saturday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

Report of the Select Committee on Mortgages Fyling Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. Ross, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act requiring Mortgages of Personal Property in *Upper Canada* to be fyled," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

3rd reading on Saturday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time on Saturday next.

Delisle's Bridge Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Dumas and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Alexandre Maurice Delisle, Benjamin Henry Le-moine* and *Jean Baptiste Debier*, the younger, "to build a Toll Bridge over the river *Jesus*," and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Montreal New City Gas Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Holmes and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, and to extend the powers of the said Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Saturday next. 2nd reading on Saturday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Boulton and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other works in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Joint Stock Road Company Bill (U.C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Saturday next. 2nd reading on Saturday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Smith, of *Durham*, and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to reduce the expense of proceedings in *Upper Canada*, against the property of Absconding or Concealed Debtors," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to this Bill without any amendment. Amendments to Absconding Debtors Bill U.C. agreed to by the Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. Merritt and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal a certain Act therein mentioned, and to make better provision for the naturalization of Aliens," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the same without any amendment. Aliens Naturalization Bill passed by the Assembly.

John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire, as Master in Chancery, reported that, in obedience to the Order made this Day, he duly delivered the Message of their Honors to the Legislative Assembly, and was informed by their Speaker that they will send an answer thereto by Messengers of their own. Master in Chancery reports the delivery of a Message to the Assembly.

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

SATURDAY.

Saturday, 7th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker :

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. Richards and others, as follows :—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,
Saturday, 7th April, 1849.

Resolved, that the Documents, Evidence and Proofs upon which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act defining "the Boundary Line between the Fourth Con- cessions of the Townships of Montague and "North Elmsley," be communicated to the Legislative Council by Message.

Ordered, that Mr. Richards do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY,
Clk. Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. J. Morris, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the "Ontario Marine and Fire Insurance Com- pany," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amend- ment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read for the third time on Monday next.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chan- cery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and request that that House will communicate the Proofs, Evidence and Documents upon which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act "to secure titles to Real Estate to certain "persons naturalized under the statute of "Lower Canada, first William the Fourth, "chapter fifty-three."

It was then moved, that the Petition of Joseph Donegani, be referred to the Select Committee to whom has been referred the last mentioned Bill, and that the said Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

The question of concurrence was put there- on, and

Question put, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

Carried in the affirmative.

Ordered, accordingly.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and to render "permanent, as amended, the Act for the ma- "nagement of the Customs," was read a third time.

Customs duties Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize limited part- nerships in Upper Canada," was read a third time.

Limited Part- nerships Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for the punishment of "Warehousemen and others, giving false "receipts for Merchandize, and of persons re- "ceiving advances upon goods, and after- "wards fraudulently disposing of the same," was read a third time.

Warehouse- men's punish- ment Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act requiring Mortgages of "personal property in Upper Canada to be "fyled," was read a third time.

Mortgages Fyling Bill read 3rd time.

The

Message from Assembly with evidence, &c., for passing Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill brought up.

Report of the Select Committee on Ontario Insurance Company Bill presented.

Bill for 3rd reading on Monday.

Message to the Assembly for the evidence, &c., on which was founded Naturalized persons Real Estate Bill ordered.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass ?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, 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.

Pilots' Apprentices Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the Bill, intituled, "An Act to compel Pilots' apprentices to qualify themselves to pilot vessels "by the North Channel of the River *St. Lawrence*, below the Island of *Orleans*, and to "oblige the Trinity House of *Quebec* to lay "down buoys to mark the Shoals in the said "Channel, and to facilitate the Traverse from "the South to the North from *Isle aux Reaux* "to *Cap Tourmente*," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Dionne*, *McGill* and *Taché*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Report de novo of the Select Committee on Quebec St. George's Society Bill considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the second report of the Select Committee to whom was referred *de novo* the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *St. George's* Society of *Quebec*."

Adopted.

Which said report being read by the Clerk, was adopted by the House.

Bill for 3rd reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Bill, as amended, be read the third time on Monday next.

Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Gore* Mechanics' Institute," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie*, *J. Morris* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Mount Hermon Cemetery Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Mount Hermon* Cemetery," 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*, *McKay* and *J. Morris*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company," was read a second time.

Provincial Insurance Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie*, *J. Morris*, *Crane* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act Incorporating the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, and to extend the powers of the said Company," was read a second time.

Montreal New City Gas Bill read 2nd time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bourret*, *de Beaujeu* and *Ferrie*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the Construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*," was read a second time.

Joint Stock Road Companies Bill read 2nd time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie*, *J. Morris*, *de Beaujeu*, *Wythe*, and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire, Master in Chancery, reported that he had, in obedience to the order of this House, proceeded to the Legislative Assembly, and requested the Grounds, Evidence and Proofs whereon is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure Titles to Real Estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, First *William* the Fourth, Chapter "fifty-three," and was informed by the Speaker

Master in Chancery reports the delivery of a Message to the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker of that House that the Legislative Assembly would send an answer by Messengers of their own.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Wednesday next. Amendments to be considered on Wednesday.

Adjourn.

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

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *McGill* and *A. Dionne* be added to the Select Committee, to whom has been referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in Lower Canada." Members added to the Select Committee on Roman Catholic Bishops Bill.

MONDAY

Monday, 9th April, 1849.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Ontario Marine and Fire Insurance Company," was read a third time. Ontario Insurance Company Bill read 3rd time.

The Members convened were—

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Dionne, A.
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Matheson,
Viger,

Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
De Beaujeu,
Ross,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie.

Ordered, that one 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 *Saint George's Society of Quebec*," was (as amended) read the third time. Quebec St. George's Society Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented a Petition from the Municipality of the County of *Portneuf*, praying for a reform in the Seigniorial Tenure in *Lower Canada*.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

DISSENTIENT—*D. B. Viger.*

Protest thereon.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau* from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the improvement of the River *du Chêne*, in the County of *Two Mountains*;" 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 one 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. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act the better to facilitate optional Commutation of the Tenure of Lands (*en roture*) in the Seigniories and Fiefs in *Lower Canada*, into that of *franc-aleu-roturier*," was read a second time. Tenure Commutation Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered,

Petition presented.

Report of the Select Committee on River du Chêne Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Bruneau, Viger, E. P. Taché, Quesnel* and *Jones*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ste. Anne des Monts Municipality Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to detach the Settlements of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from "the Municipality of *Gaspé*," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *A. Dionne, Quesnel* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Motion to read Montreal Turnpike Roads Bill the 2nd time.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Acts and Ordinances relative to the *Montreal Turnpike Roads*,"

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Objected to.

Which being objected to,

Debated.

After debate,

Motion in amendment.

It was moved in amendment, to leave out "now" and insert "this day three months," in lieu thereof.

Objected to.

Which being also objected to,

Debated.

After further debate,

Question put, and

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Carried in the affirmative

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

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

Main Motion (as amended) carried in the affirmative.

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Sagueny Municipality Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Inhabitant Householders holding lands in the

"new Settlements on the borders of the *Saguenay*, forming the second Municipal Division of that County to establish a Municipal Council therein, 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 *E. P. Taché, McGill* and *Pinhey*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Societies and Companies," 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, Jones, de Beaujeu* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Alexander Maurice Delisle* and others, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jesus*, and for other purposes 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 *McGill, Bourret, Viger, Jones* and *Quesnel*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to prohibit the use of Strychnine and other poisons for the destruction of certain kinds of wild animals," to 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 on Wednesday next.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Méthot* and others, with

Referred to a Select Committee.

Tenure Commutation Bill read 2nd time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Delisle's Bridge Bill read 2nd time.

Referred to a Select Committee.

Strychnine prohibition Bill brought up.

2nd reading on Wednesday.

Quebec Warehousing Company's Bill brought up.

with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Quebec* Warehousing Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Sault Ste. Mary Mining Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wilson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Sault Sainte Mary* Mining Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Petitions presented.

The Honorable Mr. *E. P. Taché* presented a Petition from the School Commissioners of the Municipality of *Deschambault*, in the County of *Portneuf*, praying for a modification of the Act of 1847, regulating Elementary Education in *Lower Canada*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from the Magistrates of the *Wellington* District, assembled, praying against a division of the same; also a Petition from *Archibald Russel* and others, praying for the abolition of Capital Punishment; and, also a Petition from *J. Mills* and others, inhabitants of the Township of *Zora*, in the County of *Kent*, praying that all legal and constitutional means may be taken to abolish entirely and as soon as possible certain Rectories, and to appropriate to general and useful purposes their Endowments, which were obtained in a fraudulent manner; and, also that all the interest accruing in future from the sale of the Clergy Reserves may be employed to the advantage of Elementary Education, and that the balance resulting from that fund may be applied in purchasing copies of the Holy Scriptures for the use of Elementary Schools.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Adjourn.

The Speaker declared this House continued

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

Tuesday, 10th April, 1849.

TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

M^cGill,

Taché, E. P.,

Ferrie,

Leslie,

M^cKay,

Bourret,

Dionne, A.,

de Beaujeu,

Morris, J.,

Ross,

Matheson,

Crane,

Viger,

Jones.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the *Stormont* Agricultural Society for the year 1848.

Return from Stormont Agricultural Society presented.

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

(*Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.*)

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and request that that House will communicate the Grounds, Evidence, and Proofs upon which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Alexander M. Delisle* and others, to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*," and for other purposes therein mentioned."

A Message to be sent to the Assembly for the evidence for passing *Delisle's* Bridge Bill

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

House resumed.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Community of the Nuns of the *General Hospital of Quebec* to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the same with several Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Quebec General Hospital Bill passed by Assembly with Amendments.

Which

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

The Amend-
ments.

Press 1, Line 27.—Strike out “this Pro-
“ vince,” and insert
“ Lower Canada.”

Press 1, Line 33.—After “ whatsoever ”
insert “ in Lower Ca-
“ nada.”

Press 1, Line 41.—After “ thereof ” insert
“ in Lower Canada.”

Amendments
to be consider-
ed on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be
taken into consideration by the House on
Monday next.

Master in
Chancery
reports the
delivery of a
Message to the
Legislative
Assembly.

John F. Taylor, Senior, Esquire, Master in
Chancery, reported that he had, in obedience
to the Order of this House, proceeded to the
Legislative Assembly, and requested the
Grounds, Evidence, and Proofs whereon is
founded the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to au-
“ thorize *Alexander M. Delisle* and others, to
“ build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*,
“ and for other purposes therein mentioned,”
and was informed by the Speaker of that
House that the Legislative Assembly would
send an answer by Messengers of their own.

Adjourn.

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

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, 11th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker ;

The Honorable Messieurs.

McGill,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,

The Honorable Messieurs.

Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Turgeon,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Se-
lect Committee, to whom was referred the
Bill, intituled, “ An Act to detach the Settle-
“ ments of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cap*
“ *Chat* from the Municipality of *Gaspé*, and
“ to erect them into a separate Municipality,”
reported that they had gone through the said
Bill, and had directed him to report the same
to the House without any amendment.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
*Gaspé Muni-
cipality Bill*
presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third
time to-morrow.

3rd reading
to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for
taking into consideration the Amendments re-
ported by the Select Committee to whom was
referred the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to pro-
“ vide for the improvement of the River *du*
“ *Chêne*, in the County of *Two Mountains*,”
it was

Order for con-
sidering the
Amendments
to River *du*
Chêne Bill
discharged,
and

Ordered, that the same be discharged, and
that the said Bill, as proposed to be amended,
be printed in both languages for the use of
Members.

The Bill to be
printed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,
intituled, “ An Act to prohibit the use of
“ Strychnine and other poisons for the des-
“ truction of certain kinds of wild animals,”
was read a second time.

Strychnine
prohibition
Bill read 2nd
time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Ross*, and *E. P.*
Taché, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,
intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *Sault*
“ *Sainte Mary Mining Company*,” was read
a second time.

Sault Ste.
Mary Mining
Bill read 2nd
time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a
Select Committee of Five Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hon-
orable Messieurs *J. Morris*, *Ross*, *Pinhey*,
Jones and *Quesnel*, to meet and adjourn as they
please.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select
Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, in-
tituled, “ An Act to authorize the formation
“ of Joint Stock Companies for the construc-

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on Joint
Stock Compa-
nies Bill pre-
sented.

“ tion

"tion of roads and other works in *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with several Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrie*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Mutual and General 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Provincial Insurance Company Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and,

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Price* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to vest the *Toronto* General Burying Ground in certain Trustees and their Successors," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

Toronto Burying Ground Bill passed by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Solicitor General *Blake* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make provision for the preservation of the Public Health in certain emergencies," and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill without any amendment.

Public Health Bill passed by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Saint George's Society of Quebec*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed

Amendments to Quebec St. George's Society Bill agreed to by Assembly.

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. *Gugy* and others, as follows:—

Message from the Assembly with evidence, &c., on Naturalized persons Real Estate Bill brought up, and

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Tuesday, 10th April, 1849.

Resolved, that the Documents, Evidence and Proofs on which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure Titles to Real Estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, first *William* the Fourth, chapter fifty-three," be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, that Mr. *Gugy* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY.

Clk. Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

Ordered, that the documents just received be referred to the Select Committee to whom the said Bill was referred.

The same referred to Select Committee on said Bill.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chabot* and others, to return the Bill intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Ursuline* Nuns of *Quebec*, to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount," 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.

Quebec Ursuline Nuns Bill passed by Assembly with Amendments.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Ursuline* Nuns of *Quebec* to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount."

Press 1, line 23.—strike out "*Ursuline*" and insert "*Ursulines*."

The Amendments.

Press

Press 1, line 24.—Strike out “Nuns.”

Press 1, line 26.—Strike out “this Province,” and insert, “Lower Canada.”

Press 1, line 32.—After “whatsoever,” insert “in Lower Canada.”

Press 1, line 40.—After “thereof,” insert “in Lower Canada.”

Title, line 2.—Strike out “Ursuline Nuns” and insert “Ursulines.”

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

St. Viateur Catechistes Bill passed by Assembly with Amendments.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Armstrong* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to Incorporate ‘*Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur*,’ in the village of *Industry*, in the County of *Berthier*,” and to acquaint this House that they have passed the said Bill with several Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the engrossed Bill sent down by the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to incorporate, ‘*Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur*,’ in the Village of *Industry*, in the County of *Berthier*.”

The Amendments.

Press 1, line 29.—After “persons” insert “being natural born subjects of Her Majesty, or naturalized according to law.”

Press 2, line 29.—Strike out “this” and insert “the.”

Press 2, line 30.—After “Province,” insert “of Lower Canada.”

Press 3, line 33.—After “bequeathed,” insert, “and which shall be in possession of the said Corporation at the

“time of its dissolution.”

Press 4, line 24.—After “acquired” insert “also of the number of members of the said Corporation, the number of Teachers employed in the various branches of instruction, the number of Scholars under instruction, and the course of instruction pursued.”

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Tuesday next.

To be considered on Tuesday.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, “An Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for Commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Societies and Companies,” 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.

Report of the Select Committee on Commercial Actions Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

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

Adjourn.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 12th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable René E. Caron, Speaker ;

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Ferrier,
Matheson,

Taché, E. P.
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie.

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to notice, it was moved that it be Resolved :—

1st. That the present constitution of the House is defective.

2nd. That from the number of Members of this House not being limited, and from the power of appointment of Members being vested virtually in the Members of the Executive Council, most of them leaders of the majority in the Legislative Assembly, who have lately used such power to the extent of acquiring the power of this House—there is no longer in this House that check upon undue or oppressive legislation, which there ought to be for the public liberty and welfare.

3rd. That this House is in favor of its own dissolution, with a view to its being re-organized upon some better constitutional principle.

4th. That an Address, founded on these Resolutions, be presented to His Excellency the Governor General.

The first Resolution being then twice read by the Clerk,

It was moved to adopt the same.

Which being objected to,

It was moved, in amendment, to leave out all the words after “that,” in the original motion, and insert in lieu thereof—“this branch

“ of the Legislature, reposing the utmost confidence in the attachment of the people of this Province to the Mother Country, is in hope, and trusts that, notwithstanding the support of the majority of this House to the Bill passed by the Legislative Assembly, intituled, ‘An Act for the indemnification of parties in Lower Canada whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight’—the people of this Province will show to the world by their patience, that they will continue firm in the allegiance which they owe to their Queen and to the Constitution.”

Which being also objected to,

Objected to.

After debate,

Debated.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the negative.

Negated.

The question being then put on the main motion,

Question on the main motion carried in the negative.

It was resolved in the negative.

The second Resolution being then twice read by the Clerk,

Motion to adopt 2nd Resolution.

It was moved to adopt the same.

Which being objected to,

Objected to

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the negative.

Negated.

The third Resolution being then twice read by the Clerk,

Motion to adopt 3rd Resolution.

It was moved to adopt the same,

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

The same was resolved in the negative.

Negated.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “An Act to detach the Settlements

Sto Anne des Monts Municipality Bill read 3rd time.

Resolutions on the Constitution of the Legislative Council moved

Motion to adopt 1st Resolution.

Objected to.

Motion in amendment.

" of *Ste. Anne des Monts* and *Cap Chat* from the Municipality of *Gaspé*, and to erect them into a separate Municipality," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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.

Remaining Orders discharged till to-morrow.

Ordered, that the remaining items upon the Orders of this Day be discharged until to-morrow.

Adjourn.

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

FRIDAY.

Friday, 13th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

Ferrie,
M'Kay,
Dionne, A.,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Matheson,
Vigcr,
Taché, E. P.,

Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie.

PRAYERS.

Members of Assembly Indemnification Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to indemnify Members of the Legislative Assembly for their expenses in attending the Sessions of the Legislature," to 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 on Monday next. 2nd reading on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *Leslie* presented a Petition from *E. Cartwright Thomas* and others, inhabitants of the District of *Gore*, praying against the passing of a Bill erecting the new District of *Brant*. Petition presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *E. P. Taché*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to compel Pilots' Apprentices to qualify themselves to pilot Vessels by the North Channel of the River *Saint Lawrence*, below the Island of *Orleans*; and to oblige the Trinity House of *Quebec* to lay down Buoys to mark the shoals in the said Channel, and to facilitate the traverse from the South to the North from *Ile au Reaux* to *Cape Tourmente*," 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. Report of the Select Committee on Pilots' Apprentices Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next. To be considered on Monday.

The Honorable Mr. *E. P. Taché*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Inhabitant Householdors holding lands in the new Settlements on the borders of the *Saguenay*, forming the second Municipal Division of that County, to establish a Municipal Council therein, and for other purposes," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it. Report of the Select Committee on Saguenay Municipality Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendment to be considered on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Report of the Select Committee on Roman Catholic Bishops Incorporation Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. Quesnel, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

To be considered on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal New City Gas Bill presented

The Honorable Mr. Bourret, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the New City Gas Company of Montreal, and to extend the powers of the said 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

To be considered on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House on Monday next.

Report of the Select Committee on Tenure Commutation Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. Jones, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend an Act passed in the eighth year of Her Majesty's reign, intituled, 'An Act the better to facilitate optional commutation of the Tenure of lands en roture in the Seigneuries and Fiefs in Lower Canada, into that of franc-aleu-roturier,'" reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed

him to report the same to the House, without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly. Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, 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, without any amendment.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return from the Agricultural Society of the County of Bonaventure for the year 1848. Return from Bonaventure Agricultural Society presented.

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

(Vide Sessional Papers, Letter Q.)

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Community of the Nuns of the General Hospital of Quebec, to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount." Amendments of Assembly to Quebec General Hospital Nuns Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Press 1, line 27.—Strike out "this Province" and insert "Lower Canada." The Amendments.

Press 1, line 33.—After "whatsoever" insert "in Lower Canada."

Press 1, line 41.—After "thereof" insert "in Lower Canada."

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Agreed to.

Ordered,

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 Amendments made to this Bill without any amendment.

Amendments to Joint Stock Road Companies Bill U.C. considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies in *Upper Canada*, for the construction of Plank, Gravelled and Macadamized Roads therein."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

The Amendments

Press 3, line 16.—After "through" insert "or along the boundary of."

Press 4, line 23.—After "elected" insert "by the Stockholders."

Press 6, line 4.—After "in" insert "or along."

Press 6, line 40.—After "in" insert "or along."

Press 8, line 22.—After "through" insert "or along the boundary thereof."

Press 9, line 29.—After "tolls" insert "not exceeding the rate aforesaid."

Press 12, line 15.—After "through," insert "or along the boundary of."

Press 12, line 39.—After "through" insert "or along the boundary of."

Press 13, line 6.—After "through" insert "or along the boundary of."

Press 14, line 27.—Leave out "the" and insert "or along the boundary of any."

Press 15, line 30.—After "behalf" insert "and we do hereby

"nominate (the names to be here inserted) to be the first directors of 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. Agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended), read a third time on Monday next. Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading on Monday.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company." Amendments to Provincial Insurance Company Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Press 9, line 39.—Leave out "six months" and insert, "sixty days." The Amendments.

Press 12, line 18.—After "Company," insert "signed and sworn to by him as such, before a Judge of any of Her Majesty's Courts of Law in this Province, or before a Commissioner duly authorized to take affidavits, within the jurisdiction of the Court in which such action is brought, and bearing the seal of the said Company."

Press 12, line 22.—Leave out "thereof" and insert, "of the facts therein stated."

Press 13, line 15.—Leave out from "be" to "at" and insert "paid."

Press 13, line 16.—Leave out from "there" to "to" to "and" in line 18.

The said Amendments being read a second time, Agreed to.

time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended), read a third time on Monday next.

Amendments to Commercial Actions Bill considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Societies and Companies."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

(Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House.)

Agreed to.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading on Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read the third time on Monday next.

Counties Division Bill, U.C., brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for abolishing the territorial division of *Upper Canada* into Districts, and for providing for temporary unions of Counties for judicial and other purposes; and for the future dissolution of such unions as the increase of wealth and population may require, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Tuesday.

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

Petit Jurors Bill, U.C., brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Wilson* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to limit the number of Petit Jurors to be summoned to attend the several Courts in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. 2nd reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *Les Sœurs de Miséricorde pour la régie de l'ospice de la Maternité de Montréal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Montreal Sœurs de Miséricorde Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next. 2nd reading on Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Communauté des Sœurs de Ste. Croix*, in the Parish of *Saint Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. St. Laurent Sœurs de Ste. Croix Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. 2nd reading of Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Jobin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *L'Académie Industrielle de Saint Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. St. Laurent Académie Industrielle Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Monday next. 2nd reading of Monday.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the *Ursuline Nuns of Quebec* to acquire and hold additional Real and personal Property to a certain amount." Amendments of Assembly to Quebec Ursuline Nuns Bill considered.

Which said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House. Agreed to.

Ordered, that one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly, and

and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to the Amendments made to this Bill without any amendment.

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow. Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Quebec St. Jean Baptiste Society Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *E. P. Taché* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Saint Jean Baptiste Society* of the City of *Quebec*."

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for commercial purposes, and against unincorporated Societies and Companies," was (as amended) read the third time. Commercial Actions Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday

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

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Adjourn.

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

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Provincial Mutual and General Insurance Company," was (as amended) read the third time. Provincial Insurance Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the construction of Roads and other works in *Upper Canada*," was (as amended) read the third time. Joint Stock Road Companies Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed, and

Ordered, 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence. Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec Warehousing Company*," it was 2nd reading of Quebec Warehousing Bill postponed till to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Motion to read Members of Assembly Indemnification Bill the 2nd time.

Monday, 16th April, 1849.

MONDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

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| <i>McGill,</i> | <i>Boulton,</i> |
| <i>Joliette,</i> | <i>Viger,</i> |
| <i>Bruneau,</i> | <i>Taché, E. P.</i> |
| <i>Ferrie,</i> | <i>Leslie,</i> |
| <i>McKay,</i> | <i>Quesnel,</i> |
| <i>Dionne, A.,</i> | <i>Bourret,</i> |
| <i>Morris, J.,</i> | <i>Ross,</i> |
| <i>Pinhey,</i> | <i>Jones,</i> |
| <i>Ferrier,</i> | <i>Wylie.</i> |
| <i>Matheson,</i> | |

PRAYERS.

Report of the Select Committee on Sault Ste. Marie Mining Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Sault Saint Mary Mining 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

“ to indemnify Members of the Legislative Assembly for their expenses in attending the Sessions of the Legislature,”

It was moved that the said Bill be now read the second time.

Objected to. Which being objected to,

Debated. After debate,

Question put, and The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Carried in the affirmative. *The same was resolved* in the affirmative.

Bill read 2nd time. Whereupon the said Bill was read the second time accordingly.

3rd reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Quebec St. Jean Baptiste Society Bill read 2nd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the *Saint Jean Baptiste Society of the City of Quebec*,” was read a second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee. *Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *E. P. Taché, Bourret* and *A. Dionne*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Amendments to Pilots' Apprentices Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to compel Pilots' apprentices to qualify themselves to pilot vessels by the North Channel of the River *St. Lawrence*, below the Island of *Orleans*, and to oblige the Trinity House of *Quebec* to lay down buoys to mark the Shoals in the said Channel, and to facilitate the Traverse from the South to the North from *Isle aux Reaux* to *Cap Tourmente*.”

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

(Destroyed by the Fire of the 25th April.)

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read a third time at the next sitting day of this House. Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading at next sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the Inhabitant Householders holding lands in the new Settlements on the borders of the *Saguenay*, forming the second Municipal Division of that County to establish a Municipal Council therein, and for other purposes.” Amendment to Saguenay Municipality Bill considered.

Which said Amendment was then read by the Clerk as follows :

(Destroyed by the Fire of the 25th April.)

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House. Agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read a third time at the next sitting day of this House. Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading at next sitting.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, “ An Act to amend the Act incorporating the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, and to extend the powers of the said Company.” Amendment to Montreal New City Gas Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow :—

Press 2, line 32.—Leave out “ not” and insert “ even.” The Amendments.

Press 2, line 34.—After “ bond” insert “ or” and leave out from “ debenture” to “ such.”

Press 2, line 46.—Leave out “ notes” and insert “ debentures.”

Press 3, line 1.—Leave out “ notes.”

Press 3, line 3.—After “ fit” insert “ Provided always that no such bond, debenture, or other security, shall be made or granted for

“ for a less sum than
 “ one hundred pounds
 “ currency.”

Press 3, line 14.—Leave out “ bond” and
 insert “ bonds.”

Press 3, line 15.—Leave out “ debenture”
 and insert “ debentures,”
 and leave out “ it” and
 insert “ they.”

Press 3, line 18.—After “ on” insert “ all”
 leave out “ bond” and
 insert “ bonds” and leave
 out “ debenture” and
 insert “ debentures.”

Press 3, line 45.—Leave out from “ Com-
 “ pany” to “ Provided”
 in line 48.

Press 4, line 1.—After “ signed” insert “ or
 “ signed and sealed.”

Press 4, line 4.—After “ signed” insert “ or
 “ signed.”

Press 4, line 8.—Leave out from “ Direct-
 “ ors” to “ of” in line
 11.

Press 4, line 16.—Leave out from “ pre-
 “ sumed” to “ unless,” in
 line 17.

Press 4, Line 17.—After “ Company,” in-
 sert “ And provided al-
 “ so, that in any action,
 “ suit, or proceeding on
 “ any such bond, bill,
 “ note, contract or other
 “ instrument so signed,
 “ or signed and sealed
 “ as aforesaid, or in
 “ which the said Com-
 “ pany may be engaged,
 “ copies of the minutes
 “ of proceedings and re-
 “ solves of the Proprie-
 “ tors of Shares, of the
 “ Capital Stock of the
 “ said Company, at any
 “ General or Special
 “ Meeting, or of the Di-
 “ rectors at their meet-

“ ings, extracted from
 “ the Minute Book or
 “ Books kept by the
 “ Secretary of the Com-
 “ pany, and by him duly
 “ certified on oath before
 “ a Judge of one of Her
 “ Majesty’s Courts of
 “ Law in *Lower Canada*,
 “ or before a Commis-
 “ sioner duly authorized
 “ to take affidavits to be
 “ used in the Court in
 “ which such action,
 “ suit or proceeding is
 “ brought, to be true
 “ copies extracted from
 “ such Minute Book or
 “ Books, and bearing the
 “ Seal of the said Com-
 “ pany, shall be held as
 “ conclusive evidence of
 “ the facts therein stated,
 “ as well as of the elec-
 “ tion of any President,
 “ Vice-President, or Di-
 “ rector therein named.”

Press 6, Line 10.—Leave out from “ Com-
 “ pany” to “ and” in
 line 13.

The said Amendments being read a second Agreed to.
 time, and the question of concurrence put on
 each, they were severally agreed to by the
 House.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be en- Bill (as amend-
 grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read a ed) for 3rd
 third time at the next sitting day of this House. reading at next
 sitting.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Pe- Petitions pre-
 tition from *Duncan Campbell* and another, on sented.
 behalf of the inhabitants of the Town and
 vicinity of *Simcoe*, in the District of *Talbot*,
 praying for the establishment of the Route
 originally traced in the new Charte of the
*Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Com-
 pany*; also a Petition from *A. M. Stephens*
 and others, inhabitants of the Townships form-
 ing the County of *Grey*, praying that the
 united Counties of *Grey* and *Peel* may be
 formed into a provisional Municipality; and
 also a Petition from *Thomas Christie* and
 others, of the Townships of *Blanchard*, *Ful-
 larton* and *Dowie*, praying that the project of
 erecting

erecting the District of *Brock* may be put into execution by the Government.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Amendments to Roman Catholic Bishops Bill considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in *Lower Canada*."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Agreed to.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

3rd reading on Wednesday.

Ordered, that the said Bill with the Amendments be engrossed, and the same read the third time on Wednesday next.

Amendments of Assembly to Quebec General Hospital Nuns Bill considered.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Community of the Nuns of the General Hospital of *Quebec* to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount."

Agreed to.

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 one of the Masters in Chancery do go down to the Legislative Assembly and acquaint that House that the Legislative Council have agreed to their Amendments to this Bill without any amendment.

Remaining Orders postponed till to-morrow.

Ordered, that all the remaining items upon the Orders of this Day be postponed until to-morrow.

Real Property Transfer Bill U.C., brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Richards* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to simplify the transfer of Real Property in *Upper Canada*, and to render certain rights and interests therein liable under execution," to 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. 2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Méthot* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of 'The Quebec Forwarding Company,' to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Quebec Forwarding Company Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. 2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Association of the Merchants' Exchange and Reading Room of *Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Montreal Merchants' Exchange Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next. 2nd reading on Wednesday.

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

Tuesday, 17th April, 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Dionne, A.
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Ferrier,

Matheson,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
De Beaujeu,
Ross,
Wylie.

PRAYERS.

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Motion for a Message to the Assembly for the evidence, &c., on River du Chêne Bill.

It was moved that a Message be sent to the Legislative Assembly to request the Documents Evidence and Proofs upon which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the improvement of the River du Chêne, in the County of Two Mountains."

Motion in Amendment to consider the Report of the Select Committee on the Bill to-morrow.

It was moved in amendment, that all the words after "that" be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, "the Report of the Select Committee to whom was referred the said Bill be taken into consideration to-morrow."

Question put, and

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Carried in the affirmative.

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

Main motion (as amended) carried in the affirmative.

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

It was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered accordingly.

Report of the Select Committee on Contingent Accounts presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bruneau*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the present Session; and also upon the petition of Mr. *Robert LeMoine*, reported that it appears that the sum last granted to the Council has not been wholly expended.

The Committee recommend that three thousand pounds should be applied for to meet the demands against the House for the next year; they also recommend that the Clerk and Clerk Assistant should in future be the only parties authorized to employ tradesmen, and order supplies for the use of the House, who should be held responsible for the same.

The Committee also recommend that Mr. *Robert LeMoine*, the French Translator, be appointed an additional Assistant Clerk, to rank next after Mr. *J. Fenning Taylor*, junior.

To be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Report be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Motion to read Members of Assembly Indemnification Bill the 3rd time.

The Order of the Day being read for a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to indemnify Members of the Legislative Assembly for their expenses in attending the Sessions of the Legislature,"

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read the third time.

Which being objected to,

Objected to.

After debate,

Debated.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Question put, and

The same was resolved in the affirmative.

Carried in the affirmative.

Whereupon the said Bill was read the third time.

Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

DISSENTIENT:—*T. McKay* and *D. B. Viger*.

Protest thereon.

Ordered, that one 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 incorporate the "Sault "Saint Mary Mining Company."

Amendments to Sault St. Mary Mining Bill considered

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

Press 1, line 27.—Leave out "Saint Mary" and insert "Sainte Marie."

The Amendments.

Press 1, line 34.—Leave out "Association" and insert "Corporation."

Press 3, line 38.—After "Corporation" insert "And provided also that no such Bond, Debenture or other Security shall be made or granted for any less sum than one hundred pounds currency."

Press

Press 8, line 7.—Leave out "forty-eight" and insert "forty-nine."

Press 8, line penult.—Leave out "forty-eight" and insert "forty-nine."

IN THE SCHEDULES TO THE BILL:

IN SCHEDULE A.

Press 10, Line 16.—Leave out "Saint Mary," and insert "Sainte Marie."

IN SCHEDULE B.

Press 8, Line 30.—Leave out "Saint Mary," and insert "Sainte Marie."

IN THE PREAMBLE TO THE BILL.

Press 1, Line 8.—Leave out "Saint Mary," and insert "Sainte Marie."

In the Title to the Bill.—Leave out "Saint Mary," and insert "Sainte Marie."

Agreed to.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill, as amended, read the third time to-morrow.

Pilots' Apprentices Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to compel Pilots' Apprentices to qualify themselves to pilot Vessels by the North Channel of the River Saint Lawrence, below the Island of Orleans; and to oblige the Trinity House of Quebec to lay down buoys to mark the shoals in the said Channel, and to facilitate the traverse from the South to the North from Isle aux Reaux to Cape Tourmente," was (as amended) read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Inhabitant Householders holding lands in the new Settlements on the borders of the Saguenay, forming the second Municipal Division of that County, to establish a Municipal Council therein, and for other purposes," was (as amended) read a third time.

Saguenay Municipality Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the New City Gas Company of Montreal, and to extend the powers of the said Company," was, (as amended,) read a third time.

Montreal New City Gas Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division of Upper Canada into Districts, and for providing for temporary unions of Counties for judicial and other purposes, and for the future dissolution of such unions as the increase of wealth and population may require," was read a second time.

Counties Division Bill, U.C., read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be put into a Committee on the said Bill to-morrow.

To be committed to-morrow

The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Quebec Warehousing Company,"

Motion to read Quebec Warehousing Bill the 2nd time.

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read the second time.

Which

Objected to. Which being objected to,
 Debated. After debate,
 Question put, and The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Carried in the affirmative. *The same was resolved* in the affirmative.

Bill read 2nd time. The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly.

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

Referred to a Select Committee. *Ordered*, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill, Joliette, Bruneau, Ferrier* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Motion to read Petit Jurors Bill, U.C., the 2nd time. The Order of the Day being read for a second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to limit the number of Petit Jurors to be summoned to attend the several Courts in *Upper Canada*, and to provide for the payment of them,"

It was moved, that the said Bill be now read for the second time.

Objected to. Which being objected to,

Debated. After debate,

Question put, and The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Carried in the negative. *The same was resolved* in the negative.

Amendments of Assembly to Catéchistes de St. Viateur Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments made by the Legislative Assembly to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *Les Clercs Paroissiaux ou Catéchistes de Saint Viateur*, in the Village of *Industry* in the County of *Berthier*."

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Ordered, that 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 Amendments made to the said Bill without any amendment.

Montreal Sœurs de Miséricorde Bill read 2nd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *Les Sœurs*

"*de Miséricorde, pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal*," 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 *A. Dionne, Quesnel* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Communauté des Sœurs de Sainte Croix*, in the Parish of *Saint Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education," was read a second time. St. Laurent Sœurs de Ste. Croix Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee just appointed. Referred to last Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *L'Académie Industrielle de St. Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*," was read a second time. St. Laurent Académie Industrielle Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to the Select Committee last named. Referred to last Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to simplify the transfer of Real Property in *Upper Canada*, and to render certain rights and interests therein liable under execution," was read a second time. Real Property Transfer Bill, U.C., read 2nd 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 *Boulton*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons under the name of, "The *Quebec Forwarding Company*," was read a second time. Quebec Forwarding Company Bill read 2nd 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 *Ferrier*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier* and *J. Morris* be added to the Select Committee on Dower Bill, U.C. Members added to the Select Committee on Dower Bill, U.C.

Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the law of Dower in that part of *Canada* formerly called *Upper Canada*."

Quebec Teachers' Association Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Teachers' Association of the District of *Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Montreal and Troy Telegraph Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the *Montreal and Troy Telegraph Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Marriage Oppositions Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish oppositions to Marriages founded on promises of Marriage," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2d reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Huron Copper Bay Bill

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Christie* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron Copper Bay Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Thursday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next.

Amendments to Joint Stock Roads Bill, U.C., agreed to by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An

Act to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies for the Construction of Roads and other Works in *Upper Canada*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to Incorporate the Provincial Mutual and General 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.

Amendments to Provincial Insurance Bill agreed to by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Robinson* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act further to extend the time for paying up the new Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the same with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of the Legislative Council.

Commercial Bank Stock Bill passed by Assembly with an Amendment.

Which said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—

Amendment made by the Legislative Assembly to the engrossed Bill sent down from the Legislative Council, intituled, "An Act further to extend the time for paying up the New Stock of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*."

The Amendment.

Clause A. to be added at the end of the Bill.

CLAUSE A.

"And be it enacted,
 "That for and notwithstanding any thing in the said Acts or in any other Act or Law, the Corporation therein mentioned and heretofore known as the President, Directors and Company of the Commercial Bank of the *Midland District*, shall from and after the passing of this Act, be called and known by the Corporate name

" name of "The Com-
 " mercial Bank of the
 " *Midland District*" but
 " such change of name
 " shall not be construed
 " to make the said Cor-
 " poration a new Cor-
 " poration, or in any
 " way whatever to
 " affect any right or lia-
 " bility of the said Cor-
 " poration, or any action,
 " suit or proceeding
 " pending at the time of
 " the passing of this
 " Act."

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

Hon. Mr. Crooks takes the oath prescribed by law.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops in each Diocese in *Lower Canada*," was read a third time.

Roman Catholic Bishop Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Sault Saint Mary Mining Company*," was (as amended) read a third time.

Sault St. Mary Mining Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The Order of the Day being read for the second reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Association of the Merchants' Exchange and Reading Room of *Montreal*," it was

2nd reading of Montreal Merchants' Exchange Bill postponed till Monday.

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

The Order of the Day being read for the House to take into consideration the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the improvement of the *River du Chêne*, in the County of *Two Mountains*,"

Motion to consider the Amendments to River du Chêne Bill.

It

Agreed to.

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 have agreed to the Amendment made to the said Bill without any amendment.

Adjourn.

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

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday, 18th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker ;

The Honorable Messieurs.

The Honorable Messieurs.

McGill,
Joliette,
Bruneau,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Dionne, A.,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Ferrier,

Matheson,
Boulton,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross.

PRAYERS.

It was moved that the said Amendments be now taken into consideration by the House.

Objected to. Which being objected to,

Debated. After debate,

Question put, and The question of concurrence was put thereon, and

Carried in the affirmative. *The same was resolved* in the affirmative, and

The said Amendments were then read by the Clerk as follow :—

The Amendments. Press 2, Line 34.—After “Commissioners” insert “and all questions which shall arise at any meeting of the said Commissioners shall be decided by a majority of the voices of such Commissioners as shall be present, other than the President; and when the voices shall be equal, the President shall have the casting vote.”

Press 3, Line 3.—Leave out from “in” to “languages” in line 4, and insert “both.”

Press 3, Line 4.—After “weeks,” insert “in the *Canada Gazette* and also.”

Press 3, Line 5.—After “published,” insert “the one in English and the other in French,” and leave out “District” and insert “City.”

Press 4, Line 28.—After “Copies,” insert “or extracts, and shall be bound at all reasonable hours to give communication.”

Press 4, Line 30.—After “County,” insert “And the said Commissioners shall immediately give notice by an advertisement in both

“languages, to be posted up and published at the Church doors of the said Parishes after morning service, during two consecutive Sundays, of the said assessment or repartition and *procès-verbal* having been deposited in the hands of such Notary.”

Press 4, Line 46.—After “aforesaid,” insert “Clause A.”

CLAUSE A.

“Provided always, and be it enacted, That any such person who may feel aggrieved by the final decision of the said Commissioners as aforesaid, may appeal therefrom by Petition to any one Circuit Judge in and for the District of *Montreal*, setting forth the grounds of his objection to the said decision, and praying that the same may be reversed; which Petition must be presented within fifteen days at most from the last publication of the notice of deposit of the said assessment or repartition and *procès-verbal*; and upon proof of a copy of the said Petition, together with notice of the time and place when and where the same would be so presented, having been served upon the Secretary-Treasurer of the said Commissioners three clear days at least before the presentation thereof; it shall be lawful for the said Circuit Judge to

“fix

“ fix a time and place,
 “ either in term or in
 “ vacation, in Court or
 “ out of Court, in the
 “ City of *Montreal*, or at
 “ some convenient place
 “ within the said Coun-
 “ ty, or at the sitting of
 “ any Circuit Court that
 “ may be held within
 “ the limits thereof,
 “ when and where he
 “ will proceed, and then
 “ and there to proceed
 “ in a summary manner,
 “ to hear the said Ap-
 “ pellant and the said
 “ Commissioners, and
 “ adjudicate upon the
 “ said appeal; and the
 “ decision of such Cir-
 “ cuit Judge shall be
 “ final and conclusive;
 “ and in case any alter-
 “ ation shall be thereby
 “ made in the said as-
 “ sessment or repartiti-
 “ tion and *procès-verbal*,
 “ it shall be the duty of
 “ the Registrar of the
 “ said County, on a copy
 “ of such decision, cer-
 “ tified by the said Cir-
 “ cuit Judge under his
 “ hand and seal, being
 “ brought to him, forth-
 “ with to register the
 “ same at full length, or
 “ to enter and file the
 “ same as the case may
 “ require.”

Press 6, Line 23.—Leave out “publication”
 and insert “passing.”

Agreed to

The said Amendments being read a second
 time, and the question of concurrence put on
 each, they were severally agreed to by the
 House.

Bill amended
 for 3rd
 reading to-
 morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be en-
 grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
 the third time to-morrow.

Report of the
 Select Com-
 mittee on Com.

The House, according to Order, proceeded
 to the consideration of the Report of the Se-

lect Committee appointed to examine into and
 report upon the Contingent Accounts of this
 House for the present Session.

Contingent Ac-
 counts consid-
 ered.

Which said Report being read by the Clerk,
 the same was adopted by the House.

Adopted, and

Ordered, that an humble Address be pre-
 sented to His Excellency the Governor Gen-
 eral, praying that His Excellency would be
 pleased to issue his warrant in favor of *Charles
 de Léry*, Esquire, as Clerk of this House, for
 the sum of three thousand pounds, currency,
 to enable him to defray the present demands
 against the Legislative Council, and to meet
 its current expenditure during the Recess, for
 which he will afterwards account.

An Address to
 His Excellen-
 cy for £3000
 ordered.

Ordered, that such Members of the Exe-
 cutive Council who are Members of this
 House, do wait on His Excellency the Gov-
 ernor General with the said Address.

The Order of the Day being read for con-
 sidering in a Committee of the whole House,
 the Bill, intituled, “An Act for abolishing the
 “Territorial division of *Upper Canada* into
 “Districts, and for providing for temporary
 “unions of Counties for Judicial and other
 “purposes, and for the future dissolution of
 “such unions, as the increase of wealth and
 “population may require,” it was

Committee of
 the Whole on
 Counties Divi-
 sion Bill, U.C.,
 postponed till
 Friday.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to
 a Committee of the whole, on Friday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,
 intituled, “An Act to incorporate the Teach-
 “er’s Association of the District of *Quebec*,”
 was read a second time.

Quebec
 Teachers’
 Association
 Bill read 2nd
 time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Hono-
 rable Messieurs *A. Dionne*, *J. Morris* and *Jo-
 liette*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to
 a Select Com-
 mittee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill,
 intituled, “An Act to incorporate the *Mon-
 treal and Troy Telegraph Company*,” was
 read a second time.

Montreal and
 Troy Tele-
 graph Bill read
 2nd time.

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

Ordered,

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M'Gill, Ferrie, Ferrier, Ross* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next. 2nd reading on Friday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Davignon* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to annex a certain part of the Township of *Upton* to the County of *Saint Hyacinthe* for Judicial and Municipal purposes," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Upton Township Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. 2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, of *Kent*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the Title of the Calvinistic Baptist Congregation of *Perth*, to a certain piece of Land in that Town," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Perth Baptist Congregation Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. 2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Sir *Allan N. MacNab* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Great Western Railroad Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Great Western Railroad Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. 2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Holmes* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the New City Gas Company of *Montreal*, and to extend the powers of the said 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. Amendments to Montreal New City Gas Bill agreed to by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to facilitate actions against persons associated for Commercial" Amendments to Commercial Actions Bill agreed to by Assembly.

Marriage oppositions Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish oppositions to Marriages, founded on promises of Marriage," was read the second time.

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

Referred to a Select Committee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *A. Dionne, Joliette* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

City Bank Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the City Bank, and to provide for a reduction of its Capital Stock," to 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 on Friday next. 2nd reading on Friday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Flint* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of Churches and Parsonages, and other trusts belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in *Canada*, more conveniently to manage and dispose of their estates, and for other purposes therein mentioned," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Wesleyan Parsonages Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Friday next. 2nd reading on Friday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Johnson* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Ottawa* District Grammar School, to sell the present School House, and apply the funds arising from the sale thereof, toward purchasing a new Site, and erecting a new School House in the Town of *L'Orignal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Ottawa District Grammar School Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

“mercial purposes, and against unincorporated Societies and Companies,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Amendments to Pilots' Apprentices Bill agreed to by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Laterrière* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to compel Pilots' Apprentices to qualify themselves to pilot Vessels by the North Channel of the River *Saint Lawrence*, below the Island of *Orleans*; and to oblige the Trinity House of *Quebec* to lay down Buoys to mark the shoals in the said Channel, and to facilitate the traverse from the South to the North from *Ile aux Reaux* to *Cape Tourmente*,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill without any amendment.

Thompson and Jessup's Relief Bill passed by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Price* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act for the relief of *Joseph Richard Thompson* and *Henry Jessup*,” and to acquaint this House that they have passed the same without any amendment.

Amendments to Saguenay Municipality Bill agreed to by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *LaTerrière* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “An Act to authorize the Inhabitant Household holders holding lands in the new settlements on the borders of the *Saguenay*, forming the second Municipal Division of that County, to establish a Municipal Council therein, and for other purposes,” and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendment made by the Legislative Council to the said Bill, without any amendment.

Adjourn.

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

Thursday, 19th April, 1849. THURSDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Crooks,
Ferrie,
McKay,
Moore,
Morris, J.,
Pinhey,
Ferrier,
Mutheson,

Boulton,
Viger,
Taché, E. P.,
Leslie,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Jones,
Wylie.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from *Thomas W. Middleton*, of the City of *Montreal*, late Deputy Registrar of the County of *Montreal*, praying for the adoption of an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, requesting that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be transmitted to this House copy of a certain Document by him prepared, touching the Report of the Commissioner appointed to investigate into the affairs of the said office.

Petition from T. W. Middleton, late Deputy Registrar of Montreal presented.

Ordered, that the said Petition be now read.

Whereupon the same was then read by the Clerk accordingly. Read.

Ordered, that the said Petition do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill* presented a Petition from the Board of Trustees of the University of Queen's College, *Kingston*, praying against the passing of the proposed Bill relative to the University of King's College, *Toronto*.

Petitions presented.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Crooks* presented a Petition from *Henry Ball* and others, of the Township of *Binbrook*, praying that the proposed Bill to divide the District of *Gore*, may not be passed into a Law; also a Petition from *Arthur Shaw* and others, of the Township

ship of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *Charles Neale* and others, of the said Township of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *William Kingsmill* and others, of the Town of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *George Secord* and others, of the Township of *Gainsborough*; also a Petition from *John Root* and others, of the Township of *Sherbrooke*, in the District of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *George Walker* and others, of the Township of *Cayuga*; also a Petition from *George Jamieson* and others, of the Township of *Moulton*, in the District of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *W. B. Shehan* and others, of the Township of *Dunn*, in the District of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *William T. Burke* and others, of the Township of *Canborough*; also a Petition from *Adam Zimmerman* and others, of the Township of *Clinton*, in the same District; also a Petition from *Isaac Johnston* and others, of the Township of *Bertie* in the said District; also a petition from *Abisha Morse* and others, of the Township of *Grimsbey* in the said District, also a Petition from the said *Abisha Morse* and others, of the Townships of *Grimsbey*, *Gainsborough* and *Caistor*; also a Petition from *James Oswald* and others, of the Township of *Stamford*, in the said District of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *John Dolbie* and others, of the Township of *Willoughby*, in the said District; also a Petition from *William Duff*, of the Town of *Queenstown*, in the said District; and also a Petition from *J. E. Jennings* and others, of *Louth*, in the said District of *Niagara*, respectively praying that the site of the District Town of *Niagara*, may not be changed.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate certain persons, under the name of the 'Quebec Forwarding Company,'" reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the 'Montreal and Troy Telegraph Company,'" reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with an Amendment, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive it.

Report of the Select Committee on Montreal and Troy Telegraph Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendment to be considered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act defining the Boundary line between the fourth concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton* and *Gore Mechanics' Institute*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec Warehousing Company*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on Quebec Warehousing Bill presented.

Ordered,

Report of the Select Committee on Quebec Forwarding Company Bill presented.

Bill read 3rd time.

Bill for 3rd
reading to-
morrow

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

River du
Chêne Bill (as
amended) read
3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the improvement of the River *du Chêne*, in the County of *Two Mountains*," was (as amended) read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the
Assembly for
concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Huron Copper
Bay Bill read
2nd time

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron Copper Bay Company*," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill, Ferrier, Jones, Ross* and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Upton Town-
ship Bill read
2nd time

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to annex a certain part of the Township of *Upton* to the County of *St. Hyacinthe*, for Judicial and Municipal purposes," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *A. Dionne, Joliette* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Perth Baptist
Congregation
Bill read 2nd
time

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the Title of the Calvinistic Baptist Congregation of *Perth* to a certain piece of land in that Town," was read a second time.

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

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrie, Crooks* and *Matheson* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend the Charter of the Great Western Railroad Company," was read a second time.

Great Western
Railroad Bill
read 2nd 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, Crooks* and *Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate 'Les Sœurs de Miséricorde, pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal,'" 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.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Montreal
Sœurs de Mi-
séricorde Bill
presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendment
to be consid-
ered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate 'La Communauté des Sœurs de Ste. Croix,' in the Parish of *St. Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the purposes of Education," 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.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on St.
Laurent Sœurs
de Ste. Croix
Bill presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendment
to be consid-
ered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross* presented a Petition from *T. B. Hendershot* and others, of the Township of *Thorold*, in the District of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *John Rannie* and others, of the said Township of *Thorold*; also

Petitions pre-
sented.

Petitions presented.

a Petition from *David Dean* and others, of the Township of *Crowland*, in the District of *Niagara*; also a Petition from *Albert Page* and others, of the Township of *Pelham* in the said District; also a Petition from *John Thompson* and others, of the Township of *Humberstone* in the said District; respectively praying that the site of the District Town of *Niagara* may be transferred to a more convenient place in the said District; also a Petition from *R. Griffith* and others, of the Township of *Cayuga*, in the County of *Haldimand*, praying that the said County may be erected into a separate District; and also a Petition from *George Southwick* and others, shareholders in the *Niagara and Detroit Rivers Railroad Company*, praying that the old Charter of the said Company may be renewed.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *James Morris* presented a Petition from *Silvester Skinner* and others, of the Town of *Brockville*, praying that the limits of the said Town may be extended.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate l'Académie Industrielle de Saint Laurent, in the District 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *McGill*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure titles to Real Estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, first *William IV. ch. 53*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the 3rd reading third time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the rates of damages on Protested Bills of Exchange in *Upper Canada*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the 2nd reading second time to-morrow.

Ordered, that the Order made this day in relation to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Troy Telegraph Company*," be discharged, and that the said Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee to whom it was formerly referred.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Dumas* and others, as follows:—

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY,

Wednesday, 18th April, 1849.

Resolved, that the Grounds, Evidence and Proofs upon which is founded the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize *Alexandre M. Delisle* and others to build a Toll Bridge over the River *Jésus*, and for other purposes therein mentioned," be communicated by Message to the Legislative Council.

Ordered, that Mr. *Dumas* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

Attest,

W. B. LINDSAY.

Clk. Assembly.

And then they withdrew.

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

Friday,

Report of the Select Committee on St. Laurent Academie Bill presented.

Amendment to be considered to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Titles to Real Estate Bill presented.

Protested Bills of Exchange Bill, U.C., brought up.

Order in regard to Montreal and Troy Telegraph Bill discharged, and the Bill again referred to a Select Committee.

Message from Assembly with evidence, &c., on Delisle's Toll Bridge Bill.

Adjourn.

FAIDAT.

Friday, 20th April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker,
andCertain other Honorable Members of this
House.

PRAYERS.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on Up-
ton Township
Bill presented.The Honorable Mr. *Bouret*, from the Se-
lect Committee to whom was referred the
Bill, intituled, "An Act to annex a certain
" part of the Township of *Upton* to the Coun-
" ty of *St. Hyacinthe*, for Judicial and Muni-
" cipal purposes," reported that they had gone
through the said Bill and had directed him
to report the same to the House without any
amendment.Bill for
3rd reading on
Monday.*Ordered*, that the said Bill be read the third
time on Monday next.Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Great Western
Railroad Bill
presented.The Honorable Mr. *J. Morris*, from the
Select Committee to whom was referred the
Bill, intituled, "An Act to alter and amend
" the Charter of the Great Western Railroad
" Company," reported that they had gone
through the said Bill and had directed him to
report the same to the House without any
amendment.*Ordered*, that the said Bill be now read for
the third time.Bill read 3rd
time.The said Bill was then read a third time
accordingly.The question was put, whether this Bill
shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.*Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chan-
cery do go down to the Legislative Assem-
bly, and acquaint that House that the Legis-
lative Council have passed this Bill without
any amendment.Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Perth Baptist
Congregation
Bill presented.The Honorable Mr. *Matheson*, from the
Select Committee to whom was referred the
Bill, intituled, "An Act to confirm the title
" of the *Calvinistic Baptist Congregation* of*Perth* to a certain piece of land in that
" Town," reported that they had gone through
the said Bill and had directed him to report
the same to the House without any amend-
ment.*Ordered*, that the said Bill be now read for
the third time.The said Bill was then read a third time Bill read 3rd
time
accordingly.The question was put whether this Bill shall
pass?*It was resolved* in the affirmative. Passed.*Ordered*, that one of the Masters in Chan-
cery 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. *A. Dionne*, from the Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Marriage Op-
positions Bill
presented
Select Committee to whom was referred the
Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish oppositions
" to Marriages founded on Promises of Mar-
" riage," reported that they had gone through
the said Bill and had directed him to report
the same with certain Amendments, which he
was ready to submit whenever the House
would be pleased to receive them.*Ordered*, that the Report be now received,
and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be Amendments
to be consid-
ered on Monday.
taken into consideration by the House on
Monday next.The Honorable Mr. *Taché*, from the Se- Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Strychnine
Prohibition
Bill presented.
lect Committee to whom was referred the
Bill, intituled, "An Act to prohibit the use of
" *Strychnine* and other poisons for the destruc-
" tion of certain kinds of wild animals," re-
ported that they had gone through the said
Bill and had directed him to report the same
to the House without any amendment.*Ordered*, that the said Bill be now read for
the third time.The said Bill was then read the third time Bill read 3rd
time.
accordingly.

The

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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.

Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute Bill read 3rd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Hamilton and Gore Mechanics' Institute*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Montague and North Elmsley Boundary Bill read 3rd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the Act defining the Boundary Line between the fourth Concessions of the Townships of *Montague* and *North Elmsley*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Quebec Warehousing Bill read 3rd time. Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Quebec Warehousing Company*," was read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed. *It was resolved* in the affirmative.

Ordered, 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.

House in Committee on Counties Division Bill, U.C. The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee of the Whole upon the Bill, intituled, "An Act for abolishing the Territorial Division of *Upper Canada* into Districts, and for providing for the temporary unions of Counties for Judicial and other purposes, and for the future dissolutions of such Unions as the

"increase of wealth and population may require."

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. Reported.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

The said Bill was then read the third time accordingly. Bill read 3rd time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative. Passed.

Ordered, that one 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 a third reading of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to secure Titles to Real Estate to certain persons naturalized under the Statute of *Lower Canada*, first *William the Fourth*, chapter fifty-three," Motion to read Titles to Real Estate Bill the 3rd time.

It was moved that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

After a long debate, Debated.

It was moved, in amendment, to leave out all the words after "that" in the original motion, and insert in lieu thereof "the consent of the House to the measure under consideration would imply an exercise of extra-judicial authority, which would militate against the constitutional government of the country." Motion in amendment.

Which being also objected to, Objected to.

After a further debate, Debated.

The

	The question of concurrence was put thereon, and	"the funds arising from the sale thereof towards purchasing a new site and creating a new School House in the Town of <i>L'Orignal</i> ," was read a second time.
Negatived.	<i>The same was resolved</i> in the negative.	
Main motion carried in the affirmative.	The question being then put on the main motion,	<i>Ordered</i> , that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.
	<i>It was resolved</i> in the affirmative.	<i>Ordered</i> , that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs <i>Crane, Fergusson</i> and <i>Matheson</i> , to meet and adjourn as they please. <small>Referred to a Select Committee.</small>
Bill read 3rd time	Whereupon the said Bill was read the third time.	Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the rates of damages on Protested Bills of Exchange in <i>Upper Canada</i> ," was read a second time. <small>Protested Bills of Exchange Bill read 2nd time.</small>
	The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?	<i>Ordered</i> , that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.
Passed.	<i>It was resolved</i> in the affirmative.	<i>Ordered</i> , that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs <i>Crane, Ross, Matheson</i> and <i>J. Morris</i> , to meet and adjourn as they please. <small>Referred to a Select Committee.</small>
	<i>Ordered</i> , that one 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.	
City Bank Bill read 2nd time	Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the City Bank, and to provide for a reduction of its Capital Stock," was read a second time.	The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate <i>Les Sœurs de Miséricorde pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal</i> ." <small>Amendment to Montreal Sœurs de Miséricorde Bill considered.</small>
	<i>Ordered</i> , that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.	Which said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows:—
Referred to a Select Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs <i>McGill, Jones</i> and <i>Matheson</i> , to meet and adjourn as they please.	Press 1, line 44.—Leave out "this Province" and insert " <i>Lower Canada</i> ." <small>The Amendment.</small>
Wesleyan Methodist Parsonages Bill read 2nd time	Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of Churches and Parsonages, and other Trusts belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in <i>Canada</i> , more conveniently to manage and dispose of their Estates," was read the second time.	The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House. <small>Agreed to.</small>
	<i>Ordered</i> , that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of three Members.	<i>Ordered</i> , that the said Amendment be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended), read a third time on Monday next. <small>Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading on Monday.</small>
Referred to a Select Committee.	<i>Ordered</i> , that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs <i>Moore, Ferrier</i> and <i>Ross</i> , to meet and adjourn as they please.	The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendment proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate <i>La Communauté des Sœurs de Ste. Croix</i> , in the Parish of <i>St. Laurent</i> , in the District of <i>Montreal</i> for the purposes of Education." <small>Amendment to St. Laurent Sœurs de Ste. Croix Bill considered.</small>
Ottawa District Grammar School Bill read 2nd time.	Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the <i>Ottawa</i> District Grammar School to sell the present School House, and to apply	

Which

Which said Amendment was then read by the Clerk, as follows :—

The Amend-
ment

Press 2, line 5.—Leave out “ this Pro-
“ vince” and insert
“ *Lower Canada.*”

Agreed to.

The said Amendment being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put thereon, the same was agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amend-
ed) for 3rd
reading on
Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be en-
grossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read
the third time on Monday next.

Amendment
to St. Laurent
Académie
Industrielle
Bill considered

The House, according to Order, proceeded to
the consideration of the Amendment proposed
by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled,
“ An Act to incorporate ‘ *L’ Académie Indus-
“ trielle de St. Laurent,*’ in the District of
“ *Montreal.*”

Which said Amendment was then read by
the Clerk, as follows :—

The Amend-
ment.

Press 1, line 44.—Leave out “ this Pro-
“ vince,” and insert
“ *Lower Canada.*”

Agreed to.

The said Amendment being read a second
time, and the question of concurrence put
thereon, the same was agreed to by the
House.

Bill (as amend-
ed) for 3rd
reading on
Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendment be en-
grossed, and the said Bill (as amended), read
a third time on Monday next.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Quebec
Teachers’ As-
sociation Bill
presented.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne*, from the Se-
lect Committee to whom was referred the
Bill, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the
“ Teachers’ Association of the District of
“ *Quebec,*” reported that they had gone through
the said Bill, and had directed him to report
the same with certain Amendments, which he
was ready to submit whenever the House
would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received,
and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments
to be con-
sidered on
Monday.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be
taken into consideration by the House on
Monday next.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks*
and others, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An
“ Act to incorporate the *Sault Saint Mary*
“ Mining Company,” and to acquaint this
House that they have agreed to the Amend-
ments made by the Legislative Council to the
said Bill, without any amendment.

Amendments
to Sault St.
Mary Mining
Bill agreed to
by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly by Mr. *Scott* (of *Two Moun-
tains*) and others, to return the Bill, intituled
“ An Act to provide for the improvement of
“ the River *du Chêne* in the County of *Two*
“ *Mountains,*” and to acquaint this House
that they have agreed to the Amendments
made by the Legislative Council to the said
Bill, without any amendment.

Amendments
to River du
Chêne Bill
agreed to by
Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly by certain Members of that
House, to return the Bill, intituled, “ An Act
“ to make certain general provisions with re-
“ gard to the services which the Government
“ may require of Railroad Companies whose
“ Acts of Incorporation make them subject to
“ such general provisions,” and to acquaint
this House that they have passed the same
without any amendment.

Railway Com-
panies Govern-
ment Service
Bill passed by
Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly, by Mr. *Dumas* and others, with
a Bill, intituled, “ An Act to authorize the
“ Religious Community of the *Sœurs Hospi-
“ talières de St. Joseph de l’Hôtel-Dieu de*
“ *Montréal,* to acquire and hold Real and Per-
“ sonal Property to a certain amount over and
“ above that now held by them, as well for
“ themselves as for the poor of the *Hôtel-Dieu,*
“ on whose behalf they administer certain pro-
“ perty, and for other purposes therein men-
“ tioned,” to which they desire the concur-
rence of this House.

Montreal
Hotel Dieu
Bill brought
up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the se-
cond time on Monday next.

2nd reading on
Monday.

A Message was brought from the Legisla-
tive Assembly by Mr. *Scott* (of *Two Moun-
tains*) and others, with a Bill, intituled, “ An
“ Act to amend the law relative to the Inspec-
“ tion of Weights and Measures in *Lower*
“ *Canada,*” to which they desire the concur-
rence of this House.

Weights and
Measures Bill
L.C., brought
up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Tolls on Public Works Bill brought up

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* and others, with a Bill intituled, "An Act to make better provision with regard to the Tolls to be levied on the Public Provincial Works, and for other purposes relative to the said Works," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on Monday.

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

Adjourn.

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

MONDAY

Monday, 23rd April, 1849.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

McGill,
Joliette,
Crooks,
Ferrie,
Dionne, A.,
Pinhey,
Ferrier,
Matheson,
Viger,

Taché, E. P.
Leslie,
Quesnel,
Bourret,
de Beaujeu,
Ross,
Crane,
Jones,
Wylie.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz :—

Petitions presented.

From *C. Waugh* and others, of *Bytown*.

— The Honorable and Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Toronto*.

From *N. Valise* and others, of *Quebec*.

— *W. Walsh* and others, of the Village of *Rawdon*, and

— The Rev. *H. Moreau* and others, of *St. Eustache*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* reported that he had, according to order, waited on His Excellency the Governor General with the Address of this House of Wednesday last, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the same graciously and to say that he would comply with the request of this House.

Answer of His Excellency to the Address of Wednesday last reported.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the City Bank, and to provide for a reduction of its Capital Stock," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on City Bank Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the *Ottawa* District Grammar School to sell the present School House, and to apply the funds arising from the sale thereof, towards purchasing a new site, and erecting a new School House in the Town of *L'Orignal*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Report of the Select Committee on *Ottawa* District Grammar School Bill presented.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron* Copper Bay 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.

Report of the Select Committee on *Huron* Copper Bay Bill presented.

Ordered,

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Quebec St. Jean Baptiste Society Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the St. Jean Baptiste Society of the City of Quebec," 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Mount Hermon Cemetery Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Mount Hermon Cemetery," 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Upton Township Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to annex a certain part of the Township of Upton to the County of St. Hyacinthe," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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 Les Sœurs de Miséricorde pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal," was (as amended) read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate La Communauté des Sœurs de Ste. Croix, in the Parish of St. Laurent, in the District of Montreal, for the purposes of education," was (as amended) read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate L'Académie Industrielle de Saint Laurent in the District of Montreal," was (as amended) read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Association of the Merchant's Exchange and Reading Room 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 M^r Gill, Ross and Bourret, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Pursuant

Montreal Hotel
Dieu Bill read
2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Religious Community of the *Sœurs Hospitalières de St. Joseph de l'Hôtel Dieu de Montréal*, to acquire and hold real and personal property to a certain amount, over and above that now held by them, as well for themselves as for the poor of the *Hôtel-Dieu*, on whose behalf they administer certain Property, 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.

Referred to a
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *A. Dionne, Bourret* and *Joliette* to meet and adjourn as they please.

Weights and
Measures Bill
L. C. read 2nd
time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the law relative to the Inspection of Weights and Measures, in *Lower Canada*," was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of four Members.

Referred to
a Select Com-
mittee

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Joliette, Ferrie, A. Dionne,* and *Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please.

Public Works
Tolls Bill
read 2nd time

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision with regard to the Tolls to be levied on the Public Provincial Works, and for other purposes relative to the said Works," was read the second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Committed.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure, and put into a Committee on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Jones* reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

3rd reading
to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read for considering the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Teachers' Association of the District of *Quebec*," it was

Order for con-
sidering the
Amendments
to *Quebec*
Teachers' As-
sociation Bill
discharged and

Ordered, that the same be discharged.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred back to the same Select Committee to whom it was formerly referred.

The Bill again
referred to
the same
Select Com-
mittee.

Ordered, that the Honorable Mr. *Joliette* be added to the said Committee.

A Member
added thereto.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to abolish oppositions to Marriages founded on promises of Marriage."

Amendments
to Marriage
Oppositions
Bill considered

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

(Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House.)

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (as amend-
ed) for 3rd
reading to-
morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Taché* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Rimouski* into two Districts for the registration of Deeds," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Rimouski
Registration
Bill, brought
up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2d reading
to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Lemieux* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William the Fourth*, chapter

Lessors and
Lessees Bill
brought up.

" chapter one, intituled, ' An Act to regulate
" " the exercise of certain rights of Lessors
" " and Lessees," to which they desire the
concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Montreal St.
Andrews'
Society Bill
brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to incorporate " the Minister and Trustees of *Saint Andrew's Church, Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Peterborough
Incorporation
Bill brought
up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Hull* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to incorporate the " *Town of Peterborough*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-
morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Inland Bills
of Exchange
Bill brought
up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Holmes* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to amend " the Law regulating Inland Bills of Exchange " and Promissory Notes, and the protesting " thereof, and Foreign Bills in certain cases," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading on
Wednesday

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next.

Bathurst Divi-
sion Courts
Bill brought
up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Bell* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to provide for the " alteration of the times and places for hold- " ing the Division Courts in Division Number " Six, in the District of *Bathurst*," to 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 on Wednesday next. 2nd reading on
Wednesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to " incorporate the Horticultural Society of " *Montreal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Montreal Hor-
ticultural So-
ciety Bill
brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next. 2nd reading on
Wednesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to " incorporate the *Toronto, Simcoe and Lake Huron Union Railroad Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Toronto and
Lake Huron
Union Rail-
way Bill
brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next. 2nd reading on
Wednesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to " increase the Capital Stock of the *Grand River Navigation Company*, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Grand River
Navigation
Bill brought
up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Wednesday next. 2nd reading on
Wednesday.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Badgley* and others, with a Bill, intituled, " An Act to " consolidate and amend the Laws of Patents " for Inventions in this Province," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Patents Bill
brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time on Thursday next. 2nd reading on
Thursday.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred *de novo* the Bill, intituled, " An Act to incorporate " the *Montreal and Troy Telegraph Com- pany*," reported that they had again gone through Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Montreal and
Troy Tele-
graph Bill
presented.

through the said Bill, 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 same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Address to His Excellency for Statements, &c., made by J. W. Middleton in regard to Montreal Registry Office, ordered

Pursuant to notice, it was moved than an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to request that His Excellency will be pleased to transmit to this House Copies of any Statements or Representations which may have been made to His Excellency by *Thomas W. Middleton* of the City of *Montreal*, heretofore Deputy Registrar of the County of *Montreal*, in regard to the Report of the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the affairs and management of the said Registrar's Office.

The question of concurrence being put thereon,

The same was resolved in the affirmative, and

Ordered, accordingly.

Ordered, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General with the said Address.

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

Tuesday, 24th April, 1849. TUESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs	The Honorable Messieurs
<i>McGill,</i>	<i>Taché, E. P.,</i>
<i>Joliette,</i>	<i>Leslie,</i>
<i>Crooks,</i>	<i>Bourret,</i>
<i>Ferrie,</i>	<i>De Beaujeu,</i>
<i>Dionne, A.,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Pinhey,</i>	<i>Crane,</i>
<i>Matheson,</i>	<i>Jones,</i>
<i>Viger,</i>	<i>Wylie.</i>

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were presented to the House, viz:—

From the *Toronto* Board of Trade, and Petitions presented

— The Rev. *J. Gravel* and others, of the Parish of *St. Athanase*.

Ordered, that the said Petitions do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Chairman, from the Select Committee to whom was referred *de novo* the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Teacher's Association of the District of *Quebec*," reported that they had again gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any further amendment. Report de novo of the Select Committee on Quebec Teacher's Assoc. tion Bill presented.

Ordered, that the first and second Reports of the said Committee be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow. First and second Reports thereon to be considered to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act for reversing the attainder of *Oliver Grace*, and restoring to him such of his Estates in *Upper Canada*, as have not been disposed of, by or under the authority of "the Crown." Grace's Attainder Reversal Bill presented.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time on Thursday next. 2nd reading on Thursday.

The

Report of the Select Committee on Wesleyan Methodist Parsonages Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of Churches and Parsonages, and other Trusts belonging to the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada more conveniently to manage and dispose of their Estates, 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 now read for the third time.

Bill read 3rd time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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.

City Bank Stock Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act incorporating the City Bank, and to provide for a reduction of its Capital Stock," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ottawa District Grammar School Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Ottawa District Grammar School, to sell the present School House, and apply the funds arising from the sale thereof, toward purchasing a new Site, and erecting a new School House in the Town of L'Orignal," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Public Works Tolls Bill read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to make better provision with regard to the Tolls to be levied on the

"Public Provincial Works, and for other purposes relative to the said Works," was read a third time.

The question was put, whether this Bill shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed.

Ordered, 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 abolish oppositions to Marriages founded on Promises of Marriage," was (as amended) read a third time.

Marriage Oppositions Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Passed, and

Ordered, that one 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.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Huron Copper Bay Company."

Amendments to Huron Copper Bay Bill considered.

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

(Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House.

The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Agreed to.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read a third time to-morrow.

Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled,

Amendments to Quebec St. Jean Baptiste Society Bill considered.

intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Saint Jean Baptiste Society of the City of Quebec.*"

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk.

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill for 3rd reading to-morrow. *Ordered*, that the said Bill, with the Amendments, be engrossed, and the same read the third time to-morrow.

Amendments to Mount Hermon Cemetery Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Mount Hermon Cemetery."

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

(*Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House.*)

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading on Thursday. *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read a third time on Thursday next.

Amendment to Montreal and Troy Telegraph Bill considered. The House, according to Order, proceeded to the consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Select Committee to the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Montreal and Troy Telegraph Company.*"

Which said Amendments were then read by the Clerk, as follow:—

(*Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House.*)

Agreed to. The said Amendments being read a second time, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were severally agreed to by the House.

Bill (as amended) for 3rd reading on Thursday. *Ordered*, that the said Amendments be engrossed, and the said Bill (as amended) read a third time on Thursday next.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Rimouski* into two Districts for the Registration of Deeds," was read a second time. Rimouski Registration Bill read 2nd time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs, *A. Dionne, Joliette and Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Act passed in the third year of the Reign of His late Majesty King *William the Fourth*, chapter "one, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the exercise of certain rights of Lessors and 'Lessees,'" was read a second time. Lessors and Lessees rights Bill read 2nd time, and

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *A. Dionne, Ferrier and Bourret*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Minister and Trustees of *Saint Andrew's Church, Montreal*," was read a second time. Montreal St Andrew's Church Bill read 2nd time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *M. Gill, Crooks and Matheson*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Town of *Peterborough*," was read a second time. Peterborough Incorporation Bill, read 2nd time, and

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *Ross, Crane and Wylie*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *LaTerniere* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Saguenay* into two Divisions for the Registration of Deeds," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Saguenay Registration Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading
to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Quebec St.
Patrick's
Society Bill
brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Chauveau* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Saint Patrick's Society of Quebec*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading
to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Montreal
Hotel-Dieu
Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to authorize the Religious Community of the *Sœurs Hospitalières de Saint Joseph de l'Hotel-Dieu de Montréal* to acquire and hold Real and Personal Property to a certain amount, over and above that now held by them, as well for themselves as for the poor of the *Hotel-Dieu*, on whose behalf they administer certain property, and for other purposes therein mentioned," reported that they had gone through the said Bill and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments
to be consider-
ed to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Report of the
Select Com-
mittee on
Montreal and
Chambly
Turnpike Road
Bill presented.

The Honorable the Chairman from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Ordinance relating to the *Longueuil and Chambly Turnpike Road*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow. Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Jobin* and others, to return the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *Les Sœurs de Miséricorde, pour la régie de l'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal*:" Also the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *La Communauté des Sœurs de Sainte Croix*, in the Parish of *Saint Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*, for the purposes of education." And also the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *L'Académie Industrielle de St. Laurent*, in the District of *Montreal*," and to acquaint this House that they have agreed to the Amendments made by the Legislative Council to the said Bills without any amendment. Amendments to Montreal Sœurs de Miséricorde Bill, St. Laurent Sœurs de Ste. Croix Bill, and St. Laurent Académie Industrielle Bill, agreed to by Assembly.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by Mr. *Cartier* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate *L'Association Saint Jean Baptiste de Montréal*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Montreal St. Jean Baptiste Association Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow. 2nd reading to-morrow.

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

Wednesday, 25th April, 1849. WEDNESDAY.

The Members convened were—

The Honorable *René E. Caron*, Speaker;

And certain other Honorable Members of this House.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Taché* presented a Petition from various Notaries in the District of *Montreal*, praying that the Bill before the Legislature be presented. Petition presented.

Legislature relating to the Notarial Profession may be suspended till next Session.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Report of the Select Committee on Weights and Measures Bill L.C., presented.

The Honorable Mr. *Bourret*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the law relative to the Inspection of Weights and Measures in *Lower Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Bill read 3rd time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, 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 without any amendment.

Answer to the Address for papers relating to the Registry Office, Montreal, presented.

The Honorable Mr. Secretary *Leslie*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, laid before this House, in conformity with their Address of Monday last, copies of certain papers relative to the Registry Office of *Montreal*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

Through the kindness of an Honorable Member of the Legislature, I have been furnished within the last few days with a copy

of the Report presented to Your Excellency in October last by Mr. *C. Drolet*, the Commissioner appointed to inquire into the state of the Registry Office of the County of *Montreal*.

In that Document, not only are grave charges made against the late Mr. *Dowling*, in his capacity of Registrar, and against myself as his Deputy, but the practice during three years of an infamous system of paltry extortion and base dishonesty is imputed to me personally. Under such accusations, I cannot tamely submit that either Mr. *Dowling's* memory or my own character shall rest, when I know them to be unjust, and believe them, even at this late date, to be capable of refutation.

Mr. *Drolet* states that his "mission was special," but I can never believe that his injunctions were so special as to preclude him from seeking information save from one source; nay, I am very sure that the object of Your Excellency in issuing that commission was the elucidation of truth. Unfortunately, however, the Commissioner appears to have relied exclusively on Mr. *Weston* for information, and to have forgotten that the solemnity of an Oath, (which he unhappily was not authorised to administer) is with some men the sole restraint which conscience still continues to impose upon the innate malice and uncharitableness of their souls.

I wish distinctly to disclaim any, even the remotest, intention of casting any imputation upon Mr. *Drolet*. I feel assured that he has endeavoured to discharge an unpleasant task fearlessly, I firmly believe that he has framed his Report in strict accordance with the evidence furnished. I am willing to admit that with such evidence he could not have presented a Report of any other character; nevertheless, I do most respectfully submit that I have just cause of complaint, inasmuch as a Report affecting the material interests of a large portion of this community, and containing assertions on the memory of the dead, and serious imputations on my character, has been presented to Your Excellency, has been published, and is now in circulation, without any opportunity having been afforded me of contradicting the gross inaccuracies palmed upon the Commissioner. I ask if it be not monstrous, and I put the question with all due respect,

respect, that statements such as are therein set forth should have been placed on record without my knowledge that even an inquiry of such a nature was on foot.

My Lord, I complain of no mere want of courtesy, for, had I indeed been guilty of the fraud alleged, I should merit none—but I complain of a denial of Justice, and of an infringement of my rights as a British subject. I do complain that while every prisoner is furnished with a copy of his Indictment and called upon to plead, in this case the charges have been made, the evidence has been heard *ex parte* and weighed, the Judge has summed up, and I have only obtained a copy of the accusations, after the case has been placed in the hands of a jury of my fellow-citizens.

Under these circumstances, I am compelled to appeal to Your Excellency. I intrude myself most reluctantly upon Your Excellency's notice. I have no morbid hankering after notoriety, no ambition to gratify, no enmity to vent, no ends to serve, save those of truth. I have been assailed, as I believe, unjustly, and I therefore humbly beg permission to lay before Your Excellency the following statement, in which I shall endeavour to follow Mr. *Drolet's* Report, paragraph by paragraph. It will however be obvious that in preparing my answer, I labour under very peculiar disadvantages, many of the charges are very general, two years and a half have elapsed since I ceased to be connected with the Registry Office, and time and other occupations have tended to dim my recollection of many perhaps, very important details, nevertheless from the few notes I have in my possession, I am prepared for the accuracy of the assertions and statements I may make.

State of the Registry Office for the District and subsequently for the County of *Montreal*, under the administration thereof by the late *Edward Dowling*, Esquire.

On Mr. *Dowling's* first appointment, Major *Campbell* and *J. W. Dunscombe*, Esquire, were his sureties; on the Return of Major *Campbell* to *England*, the Honorable *D. Daly* assumed the responsibility, and Mr. *Tobin* was subse-

quently substituted for Mr. *Dunscombe*. The bond does not contain any special hypothec, because the 29th Section of the Registry Ordinance expressly reserves the privilege of general hypothec on the property of all who may contract any debt or suretyship in favor of the Crown. The registration of that Bond is the duty of the Inspector General of the Queen's Domain.

In January, 1842, the late Mr. *Léon Gosselin* was named Deputy Registrar.

On the death of Mr. *Gosselin* in May, 1842, Mr. *R. H. Norval* was appointed and was succeeded in the September following by Mr. *Ovide Leblanc*.

In December, 1842, on the resignation of Mr. *Leblanc*, Mr. *F. X. Lefavre* was appointed and continued to hold Office until the 19th of February 1845, when ill-health compelled him to resign. Mr. *Dowling* then appointed the undersigned *Thomas W. Middleton*.

As the lots of land, farms, &c., in the County of *Montreal* are not numbered, it is absolutely impossible to make an index of estates in the form prescribed by the Ordinances and even had it been practicable the existence of general mortgages would have deprived it of any utility.

The irregularities, indifference and neglect, charged in the next paragraph, refer, as I presume from the context, to the non-observance of the requirements, or supposed requirements of the 19th Section of the Ordinance quoted at full length immediately after. I certainly will not attempt to deny that, in 37 volumes of Books, containing upwards of 24,000 pages of manuscript, the work of twenty-two different persons, errors and omissions may exist, in fact, they must exist. Erasures there are, proving that errors or omissions have been detected and rectified, and I have never yet seen or heard of any quotation from the Ordinance to forbid them. As to antidatings, I do not know of any, but I should imagine that a reference to the Minute Book would rectify any apparent discrepancy. I do not comprehend what is meant by "the leaves are dated and changed in such a way as to render the time of presentation of a great many documents uncertain," unless some

some mistake has occurred in binding the volumes.

When I left the Office in August, 1845, three volumes were, I believe, at the Prothonotary's Office; and I informed Mr. *Weston* that when the authentication of those volumes was completed, there was one more volume to be sent. If I mistake not, it is volume 11, B. I wish, moreover, to explain that in virtue of an Act of Parliament passed in March, 1845, 8th *Victoria*, cap. 27, introduced by Mr. *Lacoste*, the Registrars were authorised to copy the Deeds deposited in their Offices prior to the 1st November, 1844, on loose sheets, and to have them subsequently authenticated by the Prothonotary, so that this oversight can even now be remedied, and the requirements of the law complied with. Possibly the absence in Volume 8, Register A., of leaf 197, as mentioned in the *procès-verbal*, may have been supposed to have originated from the act of some person connected with the Office; fortunately, however, the fact of the leaves 196 and 198 happening to be at the middle of a quire or section, proves that the error has been occasioned by the Clerk at the Prothonotary's Office omitting the number 197 altogether when authenticating the Volume; for had the leaf been torn out by any person, there would necessarily have been two leaves and not a single leaf wanting, and some trace of such mutilation must have existed, whereas there is no appearance to warrant the supposition, and the pages, and the words of the memorial thereon transcribed follow without interruption.

The entries of the discharge of hypothecs have all been made in ink, in the margin of the Registers, the only place required by law; however, I am well aware that a pencil memorandum has been frequently made in the margin of the Minute Book as a mere facility in making a search.

In no instance does the Ordinance 4th *Vict.* cap. 30, or the Acts subsequently passed to modify it, require any signature or verification by any person except the Prothonotary, and although Mr. *Drolet* refers to the forms printed at the beginning of the Registers, furnished at the expense of the Province to the Registrars, I humbly submit that those forms, however admirable, bear impress neither of authority nor law.

During four months I employed *C. W. E. Robillard*, now at *Paris*, and Mr. *Larochelle*, now residing at *Saint Timothée de Beauharnois*, to compare all the Documents in the office with the transcripts, in addition to which the other writers assisted in comparing the deeds copied by them. The Memorials never were compared with the copies in the Registers A, as they remain of record in the office, and can be referred to when occasion may require. I am bound, however, to admit that during Mr. *Dowling's* life Notarial Deeds were rarely compared. There is, however, be it remarked, no injunction in the Ordinance to that effect.

The next two paragraphs are so general as to be evidently unanswerable.

Between the 28th of October and the 1st of November, 1845, about 2500 Deeds and Memorials were deposited for registration; and as information of a most extraordinary character appears to have been furnished, I beg to state, as briefly as possible, the method pursued on that and all other occasions by Mr. *Dowling* and Mr. *Lefavre*, in the receipt of the Documents deposited for registration. The moment a deed was handed in, the minute, hour, day, month and year of presentation, together with the name of the bearer, was written on the deed itself in pencil; if the party brought several documents, one deed only of each bundle brought by such party was so marked; the deeds were then tied up in bundles in the precise order in which they had been received, and were not disturbed until they were entered in due course in the minute book, when they were numbered. Such was the course followed invariably; when I explained it to Mr. *Ryland*, previous to his assumption of the office, he deemed it an irregular mode of procedure. Mr. *Dowling*, however, twice refused to have the deeds numbered previous to entering them; and on reference to the 19th Section of the Ordinance, it will be seen that the entry of the document is mentioned before the numbering; and in fact the only endorsation on the Deed prescribed by the Ordinance is the Certificate; the Registrar is left to adopt such means as he may deem requisite to establish to his own mind the relative priority of each document; and since the certificate is to contain the page and volume of the Register in which it is transcribed, the law apparently

rently contemplates the endorsation of it as the last, not the first step of registration.

I assisted in receiving documents when occasion required, and also in tying them up in bundles or parcels.

From the above explanation Your Excellency will observe the incorrectness of the assertion, that "they were received and thrown into a heap, without being numbered or arranged, and without any note of the time of their receipt being endorsed on them," and of the still more sweeping assertions contained in Mr. *Weston's* answer to Question Number 1.

These documents have since been registered at full length or by memorial, and I am prepared to swear, in the precise order in which they came to hand, they were entered in the Minute books, either by the late Mr. *Lefavre* or myself, then numbered and subsequently transcribed into the Registers which, as I have already stated, do not require to be signed, certified or authenticated by any person except the Prothonotary.

The three preceding paragraphs would suffice, I believe, to expose the tissue of falsehoods contained in Mr. *Weston's* answer to Question Number one, as quoted in the report, but the facts which I am about to adduce, will, I conceive, prove it was utterly impossible for him to have seen what he has dared to assert. On the 17th of July, 1845, at the request of the Curator to Mr. *Dowling's* Estate and myself, Messrs. *Gibb* and *Easton* commenced an Inventory of the Books, Documents, &c., in the Office, or *procès-verbal* mentioned in the Report. One precaution taken on that occasion was as follows: each bundle of deeds which had not been entered in the Minute Book, was opened by Mr. *Easton*, the number in each bundle ascertained, and each Deed numbered and initiated by him in red ink, in the order in which the same came in the bundle, and according to the number contained in each parcel; he then wrapped each bundle or parcel in a closed envelope, numbered it and affixed his seal thereto. When subsequently it became necessary to enter these documents, a bundle was opened by Mr. *Easton* as each preceding bundle was completed. This inventory was finished on the 25th or 27th of July, I forget which. It ap-

pears by enquiry at the office of the Clerk of the Peace for this District, that Mr. *Weston* deposited his oath of office in the hands of that Officer, (and consequently assumed office) on the 29th of July, 1845, two, perhaps four days after the inventory was finished, and when the documents he pretends to have seen in such confusion were in closed envelopes, sealed up, and had been numbered by the Notary.

As for the manner in which Mr. *Weston* may think proper to qualify the wording of certificates, that is a point upon which it is not for me to enter.

The charge of prevarication made against Mr. *Dowling* and his deputy, I confess passes my powers of comprehension, since to my knowledge, neither questions were ever asked, nor answers, explanations, nor information ever given. Whence come the prevarications?

The *procès-verbal* alluded to above, and mentioned in Mr. *Drolet's* Report, was not made at the request of Mr. *Ryland*, but of the Curator to Mr. *Dowling's* Estate and myself. Mr. *Ryland*, however, was present during the whole time it was in progress, and though not a party to it, no opposition was offered to the suggestions made by him, and which he deemed necessary to secure his interests; so entirely did I abstain from interfering with the Notary in the discharge of his duty, that on the 23rd of July, with Mr. *Ryland's* approbation, I left Town until the 30th of that month.

I never had any communication with the Honorable Mr. *Smith* on the business of the Office, and but one interview with the Honorable Mr. *Daly*, and then not in his official capacity, it was at his private residence. I was anxious to ascertain whether he, as surety for Mr. *Dowling*, wished me to follow or deviate from the routine which had been followed during Mr. *Dowling's* lifetime; he advised me to assume no responsibility but to follow the routine.

I saw Mr. *Clark* at the Office twice in March or April, 1846, and though present at his interviews with Mr. *Weston*, I did not understand that he made or that he intended to make a special Report.

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Your Excellency will, I trust, not fail to remark that in the letters produced from Mr. *Ryland* to the Honorables *D. Daly* and *J. Smith*, no complaint is made of any refusal on my part to facilitate the assumption of the duties of his appointment. A different interpretation was put upon the 47th Section of the Ordinance, 4th Vict. c. 30, by Mr. *Ryland* and Mr. *McNaught*, the Curator to Mr. *Dowling's* Estate, the latter gentleman acting under high legal advice, maintained that although he had been appointed Curator to the Estate, the Documents and Records of the Office had always remained in my custody; and, moreover, that as by the 6th Section of that Ordinance it is enacted: "upon the death of any such Registrar, his Deputy to be appointed as aforesaid, shall execute the office of Registrar, until another person shall be appointed and shall take upon him the said office," it was not his, the Curator's, duty to hand over the said Records, but that the duty legally devolved upon me. Mr. *Ryland* persisted in a contrary opinion, until it was finally arranged that the delivery of the Books, Documents, Records, &c., should be made jointly by the Curator and myself; and in consequence the *procès-verbal* or inventory already referred to was made.

On the 9th of July, 1845, Mr. *Ryland* assumed office, and the following day I discharged every Clerk in the Office, and all work was suspended until the 22nd of that month, when, with Mr. *Ryland's* consent, and by his direction, it was resumed. That consent, and the terms on which it was given, will appear on reference to a copy of that gentleman's letter addressed to me, which I annex herewith, marked A. In compliance with the request therein contained, £90 was paid to Mr. *Ryland* in a few days after, for the Certificate Fees which had been already received.

Mr. *Ryland* occupied until the 1st May, 1846, the offices of his predecessor, jointly with the Curator to the Estate, and the business of the two Departments was carried on in the same building. Immediately the Deeds had been transcribed and compared they were handed over to Mr. *Weston* to have them endorsed with the Certificate required by law, and immediately the books were filled up or returned from the binders, they were in like manner handed over.

The whole of the work attendant upon the perfecting the registration of these Documents was completed, and the last of the books returned by Messrs. *Desbarats & Derbshire*, the binders employed, in the latter end of February, 1846. I remained in the Office until August following, partly engaged by Mr. *Ryland* and partly to attend to the delivery of the Deeds, deposited during Mr. *Dowling's* administration, and to collect the fees due thereon. Much time was consumed in attending to the latter portion of my duties, and Mr. *Ryland* repeatedly complained to the Curator of the annoyance and interruption he was subjected to in consequence, and urged him to dispose of them, or at least to remove them from his office. In June, 1846, the Curator obtained an authorisation from one of the District Judges to sell the fees due to the late Registrar's Estate, and on the 21st of August following, (the sale was originally fixed to take place on the 11th August, but postponed) they were sold at Auction by Mr. *John Leeming*.

The annexed letter, marked B, from Mr. *Ryland* to Mr. *Leeming*, will prove that only no opposition was offered to the sale by Mr. *Ryland*, provided the payment of the fees due to him were made payable in cash, but it will establish that the work performed by me was so performed under that gentleman's superintendence, and that the documents were under his control.

Mr. *Ryland*, accompanied by Mr. *Weston* and *J. Bell*, Esquire, Notary of this City, attended the sale, and after very considerable competition the fees were purchased on my behalf by Mr. *Henry Masm*, of this City. The terms of sale were made in accordance with Mr. *Ryland's* note, and no opposition was offered. On the 24th of August, I paid the fees due, and handed to Mr. *Weston* a receipt for the Documents I received from him. I would beg to ask, if those documents had remained in my possession, should I have given such a receipt? or Mr. *Ryland* have exacted it?

I then hired an Office in the House adjoining that in which the Registry Office was then situated, where the public could and did receive the Deeds without any delay. It is, however, my duty to add, that although the Clerks in the office knew where my Office was, and had been furnished with cards to direct persons thither, Mr. *Weston* insisted on

on very many parties being sent to Mr. *McNaught*, the Curator, although he knew well that the Deeds were in my possession, having personally delivered them to me.

It is in this paragraph that the charge of extortion and robbery is brought forward in so insidious a manner, and I confess that I have some difficulty in explaining the manner in which a coloring of plausibility and an air of truth has been given to this malicious calumny, for persons unacquainted with the routine of the Office will perhaps with difficulty comprehend the explanation.

I have stated that when the documents had been transcribed they were handed over to Mr. *Ryland* to be certified; the certificates were written by a Clerk in his employ, and subsequently laid on Mr. *Weston's* table for signature. Mr. *Weston* gave me frequently one or two bundles as containing 50 to 100 signed certificates; on one occasion as many as 400. I counted the deeds, and if the number tallied, in entry of so many deeds at two shillings and sixpence each was made and charged. I acknowledge that my reliance on the correctness of Mr. *Weston's* assertion appears to have been very injudicious, for I did not so far doubt the honesty of his intentions as to examine every deed to ascertain if he had really signed it; and even now I am willing to believe that he gave them back unsigned through inadvertence. I took them from him in the most perfect good faith—in like good faith I delivered them to the public. I would, however, remark, that only on two occasions have I ever detected the error myself—in one case I went to the Office myself and the error was cheerfully rectified and no fee demanded—on the other occasion I pointed out the omission to the party, and told her that if any fee were demanded I would reimburse her, although that was a case in which the fees due were paid during Mr. *Dowling's* lifetime. She never returned to my Office. I know not whether I have succeeded in explaining this charge in a manner sufficiently clear to remove all imputations, but I do solemnly declare that I am entirely innocent of any wish, much less any intention, of defrauding the public. It is a monstrous charge most artfully framed; for it is worthy of remark that Mr. *Weston* does not assert how often it has occurred, nor that he has ever dared to exact a second fee.

In conclusion I would beg to state, that although I am not anxious to evade or shrink from any responsibility which may justly rest upon me—although I do not for one moment pretend that I am free from error, yet I am unwilling to have errors and irregularities indiscriminately heaped upon me, and proceedings which took place months before my appointment laid to my charge. On the death of Mr. *Dowling*, it is true, the entire charge of the office devolved upon me. I then considered it a duty incumbent upon me to continue the business of the office without the slightest deviation from the system followed by him; if that system had been ever so wrong it was too late for me to rectify it, and it was assuredly not my place to sit in judgment on the acts of my superior officer; it was not for me, after earning my bread for three years from Mr. *Dowling*, to seize a moment when, clothed with a brief authority, I could bespatter his memory and sully his reputation—moreover it has yet to be proved that the system was wrong; on that point I cannot express an opinion, my object is not to defend but to explain. Whether right or wrong in the course I then adopted, I can merely state that I adhered to what I deemed to be my duty, and that I have never on any occasion attempted to cloak, extenuate or conceal any act of myself or my predecessors.

I have the honor to remain

Your Excellency's

Most humble and obedient servant,

(Signed,) THOS. W. MIDDLETON.

Montreal, 17th February, 1849.

(Copy.)

A.

REGISTRY OFFICE,

Montreal, 22nd July, 1845.

T. W. Middleton, Esq.

SIR,

As I consider it incumbent on Mr. *Dowling's* heirs to complete the entries of all Documents received in the Office previous to my

my taking upon me the duties of the Registrarship of *Montreal*, it is desirable that this work should be performed by you with the utmost expedition consistent with the delay which may possibly be occasioned by Messrs. *Gibb & Easton*, the Notaries employed in perfecting the Inventory of the Books, Registers, Records and Papers appertaining to the Registry Office of *Montreal*.

As the duty of certifying all Deeds previous to their delivery from this Office will henceforth devolve on me, you will have the goodness to inform the Curator to the late Registrar's Estate that that portion of the fees relating to this particular service, *which have already been received* on Deeds on which no action has yet been taken, will have to be refunded to me.

The fees accruing upon such service other than the certificate, will go towards defraying the expenses of registration (including of course your own salary,) and the surplus be handed over for the benefit of Mr. *Dowling's* Estate.

In regard to Deeds which were received by you during the intermediate periods between Mr. *Dowling's* death and my assumption of office, I conceive you are legally competent to finish every part of this work, and entitled to the whole of the fees arising therefrom.

I should wish the books, in proportion as they are filled up, to be handed over to me and included in the Inventory now preparing by Messrs. *Gibb & Easton*.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND.

(Copy.)

B.

REGISTRY OFFICE,

Montreal, 10th August, 1846.

Mr. *J. Leeming*.

SIR,

Having seen in the *Montreal Herald*

an advertisement on the part of the Curator to the Estate of the late Mr. *Dowling*, notifying the sale by you, at 11 o'clock to-morrow, of the fees due on the registration of Deeds lodged in his Office during the time he was Registrar, and completed under my superintendence, this is to inform you that unless the aforesaid sale is made subject to the *immediate payment on the day of sale to me of the whole amount* of fees consequent on the work which I have been called upon to perform, I shall protest against the Sale, and not allow the Documents to be taken from under my control. The amount due me is one hundred and fifty-four pounds seven shillings and sixpence.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed,) G. H. RYLAND.

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 Suspension Bridge Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Queenston Suspension Bridge Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

2nd reading to-morrow.

The Honorable Mr. *Ross*, from the Select Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to regulate the rates of Damages on Protested Bills of Exchange in *Upper Canada*," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Report of the Select Committee on Protested Bill of Exchange Bill, U.C., presented.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

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Election Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Lafontaine* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act the several statutory provisions now in force for the regulation of Elections of Members to represent the people of this Province in the Legislative Assembly thereof," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Report of the Select Committee on Rimouski Registration Bill presented.

The Honorable Mr. *A. Dionne*, from the Select Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, "An Act to divide the County of *Rimouski*, into two Districts for the Registration of Deeds," reported that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same with certain Amendments, which he was ready to submit whenever the House would be pleased to receive them.

Ordered, that the Report be now received, and

The same was then read by the Clerk.

Amendments to be considered to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Amendments be taken into consideration by the House to-morrow.

Huron Copper Bay Bill (as amended) read 3rd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Huron Copper Bay Company*," was (as amended) read a third time.

The question was put whether this Bill (as amended) shall pass?

Passed, and

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Sent to the Assembly for concurrence.

Ordered, that one 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 certain Amendments, to which they desire their concurrence.

Toronto and Lake Huron Union Railroad Bill read 2nd time.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Toronto, Simcoe, and Lake Huron Union Railroad Company*," was read a second time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of certain Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs (names not preserved) to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Laws regulating Inland Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes, and the Protosting thereof, and Foreign Bills in certain cases," was read a second time. Inland Bills of Exchange Bill read 2nd time.

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

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs *McGill, Crooks, Quesnel, Bourret* and *Ross*, to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the Horticultural Society of *Montreal*," was read a second time. Montreal Horticultural Society Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of certain Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs (names not preserved) to meet and adjourn as they please. Referred to a Select Committee.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Hincks* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend the Law relative to Duties of Customs," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. Customs Bill brought up.

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 regards the said Bill, and that the same be now read a second time. 46th Rule dispensed with.

The said Bill was then read the second time accordingly. Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Ordered, that the House be now put into a Committee on the same.

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Committed.

The House, according to Order, was adjourned during pleasure and put into a Committee on the said Bill.

After some time the House was resumed, and

Reported.

The Honorable the Chairman reported from the said Committee that they had gone through the said Bill, and had directed him to report the same to the House without any amendment.

Ordered, that the said Bill be now read for the third time.

Read 3rd time.

The said Bill was then read a third time accordingly.

The question was put whether this Bill shall pass?

Passed.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, that one 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.

Aprons to Mill Dams Bill, (U. C.) brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly by the Honorable Mr. *Boulton* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to repeal the several Laws now in force in *Upper Canada*, regulating the construction of Aprons to Mill Dams, and to make provision for better defining the mode of constructing the same," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

Markham and Elgin Plank Road Bill brought up.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Morrison* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to incorporate the *Markham and Elgin Mills Plank Road Company*," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read the second time to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Smith*, of *Durham*, and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act to amend and extend the provisions of the Act of this Province, intituled, 'An Act to amend, consolidate and reduce into one Act the several Laws now in force establishing or regulating the practice of the District Courts in the several Districts of that part of this Province formerly *Upper Canada*,'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

District Courts Bill (U.C.) brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

2nd reading to-morrow.

A Message was brought from the Legislative Assembly, by Mr. *Laurin* and others, with a Bill, intituled, "An Act for the enregistration of Titles to Immoveable Property and Incumbrances thereon," to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Titles enregistration Bill brought up.

The said Bill was read for the first time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

2nd reading to-morrow.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the alteration of the times and places for holding the Division Courts in Division Number Six in the District of *Bathurst*," was read a second time.

Bathurst District division Courts No. 6. Bill read 2nd time.

Ordered, that the said Bill be referred to a Select Committee of certain Members.

Ordered, that the Committee be the Honorable Messieurs (names not preserved) to meet and adjourn as they please.

Referred to a Select Committee.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

House adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed.

House resumed.

His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Governor General of *British North America*, 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."

His Excellency comes to the House and commands the attendance of the Assembly.

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The Assembly attend.

Who being come, with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the titles of the Bills to be passed severally as follows:—

Customs Bill.

“ An Act to amend the Law relative to the Duties of Customs.”

Customs Duties Amendment Bill.

“ An Act to amend, and to render permanent, as amended, the Act for the management of the Customs.”

Reciprocity Bill.

“ An Act to provide for the free admission into *Canada* of certain Articles of the growth or production of the *United States of America*, on certain conditions therein mentioned.”

Public Works Tolls Bill.

“ An Act to make better provision with regard to the tolls to be levied on the Public Provincial Works, and for other purposes relative to the said Works.”

Public Debt Management Bill.

“ An Act for the better management of the Public Debt, Accounts, Revenue and Property.”

Emigrants Bill.

“ An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and to make further provision respecting Emigrants.”

Quarantine Bill.

“ An Act to amend the Quarantine Act.”

Public Health Bill.

“ An Act to make provision for the preservation of the Public Health, in certain emergencies.”

Crown Lands Protection Bill.

“ An Act to explain and amend an Act of the Parliament of the late Province of *Upper Canada*, passed in the second year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled, ‘ An Act for the protection of Lands of the Crown in this Province from trespass and injury,’ and to make further provision for that purpose.”

Interpretation Bill.

“ An Act for putting a Legislative Interpretation upon certain Terms used in Acts of Parliament, and for rendering it unnecessary to repeat certain provisions and expressions therein, and for ascertaining the date and commencement thereof, and for other purposes.”

Townships Erection Bill.

“ An Act to confirm the Erection of cer-

tain Townships, and for other purposes relative to the Erection of Townships.”

“ An Act for the punishment of Warehousemen and others giving false receipts for Merchandize, and of persons receiving advances upon Goods and afterwards fraudulently disposing of the same.”

Warehousemen's Punishment Bill.

“ An Act to provide for the Indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada*, whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.”

Indemnification Bill (L.C.)

“ An Act to encourage the establishment of Building Societies in *Lower Canada*.”

Building Societies Bill (L.C.)

“ An Act to alter the day on which the Militia shall annually assemble for muster and discipline in *Upper Canada*.”

Militia Muster Bill (U.C.)

“ An Act to substitute Yearly Returns for the Quarterly Returns required of Clergymen and others by the sixteenth section of the Census Act.”

Clergymen's Census Returns Bill.

“ An Act to amend the several Laws therein mentioned relative to the appointment and duties of Inspectors of Weights and Measures in *Upper Canada*.”

Weights and Measures Bill (U.C.)

“ An Act to divide the Municipality of *Drummond* into two Municipalities.”

Drummond Municipality Bill.

“ An Act to divide the County of *Berthier* into two Municipalities, and for other purposes relative to the said County.”

Berthier Municipalities Bill.

“ An Act to remove the seat of the Municipality Number One, of the County of *Rimouski*, from *St. Patrice de la Rivière du Loup* to *St. Jean Baptiste de L'Isle Verte*.”

Isle Verte Municipality Bill.

“ An Act to divide the County of *Lotbinière* into two Municipalities.”

Lotbinière Municipalities Bill.

“ An Act to provide for the removal of the Registry Office of the County of *L'Islet* from the place where it is now kept to the Parish of *L'Islet*.”

L'Islet Registry Office Bill.

“ An Act to detach the Parish of *St. Antoine de l'Isle aux Grues* from the Municipality of *L'Islet*, and to erect the same into a separate Municipality.”

Isle aux Grues Municipality Bill.

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Hatley New Township Bill.	" An Act to erect a new Township to be formed out of part of the Township of <i>Hatley</i> and part of the Township of <i>Bolton</i> , in the County of <i>Stanstead</i> ."	" An Act to authorize the <i>Ursulines of Quebec</i> to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount."	Quebec Ursulines Bill.
Hastings Registration Bill.	" An Act to amend the Acts passed to remedy certain defects in the Registration of Titles in the County of <i>Hastings</i> ."	" An Act to incorporate ' <i>Les Clercs Paroissiaux au Catéchistes de Saint Viateur</i> ,' in the Village of <i>Industry</i> , in the County of <i>Berthier</i> ."	Catéchistes de St. Viateur Bill.
Bathurst and Johnstown Boundary Bill.	" An Act to define the boundary between the Districts of <i>Bathurst</i> and <i>Johnstown</i> ."	" An Act to enable <i>Charles James Stuart</i> , Esquire, to practise the Law in <i>Lower Canada</i> ."	Stuart's Law Practice Bill.
Cayuga Township Bill.	" An Act to divide the Township of <i>Cayuga</i> , in the District of <i>Niagara</i> , into two Townships."	" An Act to enable <i>William Bradley</i> to hold a certain Road allowance in <i>Caledonia</i> , in the <i>Ottawa</i> District."	Bradley's Road Allowance Bill.
Hallowell and Sophiasburgh Boundary Bill.	" An Act to alter the boundary line between the Townships of <i>Hallowell</i> and <i>Sophiasburgh</i> in the District of <i>Prince Edward</i> ."	" An Act to vest a certain Road allowance in the Township of <i>Nelson</i> in <i>John S. McCollom</i> ."	McCollom's Road Allowance Bill.
Montreal Bank Stock Bill.	" An Act to extend the time limited for an increase of the Capital Stock of the Bank of <i>Montreal</i> ."	" An Act for the relief of <i>Joseph Richard Thompson</i> and <i>Henry Jessup</i> ."	Thompson and Jessup's Relief Bill.
Gore Bank Stock Bill.	" An Act to amend the Act to incorporate the <i>Gore</i> Bank, and to increase the Capital Stock of the said Bank."	Then His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.	His Excellency retires, and the Assembly withdrew.
Commercial Bank Stock Bill.	" An Act further to extend the time for paying up the new Stock of the Commercial Bank of the <i>Midland</i> District."	Ordered, that all the remaining items upon the Orders of this Day be postponed until to-morrow.	Remaining Items on the orders of the Day postponed till to-morrow.
Montreal and Province Line Junction Railway Bill.	" An Act to amend and extend the Act to incorporate the <i>Montreal</i> and Province Line Junction Railway Company."	The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow at three o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.	Adjourn.
Canada Life Assurance Bill.	" An Act to incorporate the <i>Canada</i> Life Assurance Company."		
Quebec Friendly Society Bill.	" An Act to continue for a limited time the Act of the Legislature of <i>Lower Canada</i> incorporating the <i>Quebec</i> Friendly Society."		
Quebec Literary and Historical Society Bill.	" An Act to amend the Charter of the Literary and Historical Society of <i>Quebec</i> ."		
Quebec Nuns General Hospital Bill.	" An Act to authorize the Community of the Nuns of the General Hospital of <i>Quebec</i> to acquire and hold additional real and personal property to a certain amount."		

ADDENDA.

FRIDAY.

Friday, 16th February, 1849.

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

Hon. Mr. Méthot introduced as a Member, and

When the Honorable Mr. *Louis Méthot* was introduced between two Honorable Members of this House.

Presents his Writ of Summons.

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



The Writ.

PROVINCE }
OF } *ELGIN and KINCARDINE.*
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 *Louis Méthot*, Esquire, of *Saint Croix*—

GREETING :

KNOW ye, that as well for the especial trust and confidence We have manifested in you, as for the purpose of obtaining your advice and assistance in 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 *Louis Méthot*, that all difficulties and excuses whatsoever laying aside, you be and appear for the purposes aforesaid in the Legislative Council of Our said Province, at all

times, whensoever and wheresoever Our Provincial Parliament may be in Our said Province convoked and holden : and this you are in no wise to omit.

In testimony whereof, we have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province of *Canada* to be hereunto affixed : Witness, Our Right Trusty and Well-Beloved Cousin *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over Our Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At Our Government House, in Our City of *Montreal*, in Our said Province of *Canada*, the twelfth day of December, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and in the twelfth year of Our Reign.

E. & K.

By Command,

FELIX FORTIER,
C. C. C.

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R. A. TUCKER,
Registrar.

Then the Honorable Mr. *Méthot* came to the Sworn and takes his seat.

the Table and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law, which was administered by *John F. Taylor, Senior, 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.

heavy discount, and the issuing of new debentures would only aggravate the evil, and materially injure the credit of the Province.

5. Because, even supposing the existence of resources by no means precarious, for the fulfilment of this new engagement, the effect of so remote a period being fixed for the payment of this debt with interest, would be to more than double the sum which might be granted by the Legislature.

6. Because, by reason of this long delay, the debentures could not fail to become the objects of a most wretched stock-jobbing, and would only enrich a small number of speculators, instead of affording even the slightest relief to the victims of the losses in question.

7. Because, in circumstances such as those in which the Province is placed, the Legislature would incur, by means of the provisions of this Bill, if it should become law, the danger of abusing, or even betraying, the confidence of the public.

8. Because, the provisions of this Bill involve the avowal of acts of power and of sentences which, far from having a legal sanction, have been disavowed by the very terms of an Act of the Imperial Parliament.

9. Because there would be involved also the avowal of similar Acts of a tribunal of an exceptional kind, the legality of which has again lately been publicly questioned by one of the Crown Law Officers of this Province.

10. Because the provisions of this Bill are not even in accordance with Her Majesty's Pardon, any more than with the Act passed in this Session of the Legislature in pursuance thereof.

D. B. VIGER.

THURSDAY.

Thursday, 15th March, 1849.

Protest of the
Hon Mr. Viger
against the
passing of In-
demnity Bill
(L.C.)

To the passing of the Bill, intituled, "An Act to provide for the indemnification of parties in *Lower Canada* whose property was destroyed during the Rebellion in the years one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight."

DISSENTIENT :

1. Because the provisions of the Bill are not founded upon principles similar to those upon which the Provincial Parliament has enacted that losses of the same kind in *Upper Canada*; that part of the Province being alone charged with the payment thereof in fulfilment of the engagement contracted by its own Legislature.

2. Because in the present state of our finances, the consolidated Revenue is not even sufficient to meet the expenses for which the Province is bound to provide.

3. Because the Province is already liable for Debentures which there is at present no possibility of redeeming.

4. Because the holders of debentures already issued can negotiate them only at a

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34. ——— ABSCONDING DEBTORS' BILL (U.C.) :—

Brought up, 107. Read 1st time, 107. Read 2nd time, 117. Discharged from the Order of the Day, and the Bill referred to a Select Committee, 119. Amendments reported, 142. Considered, 147. Read 1st time, 147. The Amendments, 147. Read 2nd time and adopted, 148. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 152. Agreed to by that House, 158. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

35. ——— AMELIASBURGH SURVEY BILL (U. C.) :—

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. Ross, 108. Read 1st time, 108. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 116. Amendments reported, 144. Considered, 147. Read 1st time, 147. Read 2nd time and adopted, 147. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 151. (Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 32, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

36. ——— MILLOWNERS PROTECTION BILL (U.C.) :—

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. Ross, 108. Read 1st time, 108. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 116. Amendments reported, 118. Considered, 129. Read 1st time, 129. Read 2nd time and adopted, 129. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 134. (Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. No new Bill originated in either House in lieu thereof.)

37. ——— BERTHIER MUNICIPALITY DIVISION BILL :—

Brought up, 110. Read 1st time, 110. Read 2nd time, 117. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 119. Royal Assent, 209.

38. ——— RIMOUSKI MUNICIPALITY (No. 1.) REMOVAL BILL :—

Brought up, 110. Read 1st time, 110. Read 2nd

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2nd time, 117. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 119. Royal Assent, 209.

39. ——— QUEBEC FRIENDLY SOCIETY'S BILL :—

Brought up, 111. Read 1st time, 111. Read 2nd time, 117. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 119. Royal Assent, 210.

40. ——— KINGSTON HOSPITAL INCORPORATION BILL :—

Brought up, 113. Read 1st time, 113. Read 2nd time, 117. Discharged from the Order of the Day, and the Bill referred to a Select Committee, 119. Amendments reported, 129. Considered, 131. Read 1st time, 131. The Amendments, 131. Read 2nd time and adopted, 132. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 134. Agreed to by that House, 136. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

41. ——— CAYUGA TOWNSHIP DIVISION BILL :—

Brought up, 114. Read 1st time, 114. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 117. Their Report, 130. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 130. Royal Assent, 210.

42. ——— HATLEY AND BOLTON NEW TOWNSHIP BILL :—

Brought up, 114. Read 1st time, 114. Read 2nd time, 117. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 119. Royal Assent, 210.

43. ——— STUART'S ATTORNEY ADMISSION BILL (L.C.) :

Brought up, 120. Read 1st time, 120. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 129. Their Report, 133. Order of the Day for 3rd reading of the Bill read, 135. Motion for reading the same a third time instanter, 135. Objected to and debated, 135, 136. Question put and carried, 136. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 136. Royal Assent, 210.

44. ——— MONTREAL AND LACHINE RAILROAD BILL :—

Brought up, 120. Read 1st time, 120. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 129. Amendments reported, 135. Considered, 137. Read 1st time, 137.

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The Amendments, 137. Read 2nd time and adopted, 139. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 140. Agreed to by that House, 145. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

45. ——— WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL (U. C.) :—

Brought up, 129. Read 1st time, 130. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 132. Their Report, 141. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 142, 143. Royal Assent, 209.

46. ——— GORE BANK STOCK BILL :—

Brought up, 130. Read 1st time, 130. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 134. Amendments reported, 141. Consideration of same postponed, 144. Amendments considered, 146. Read 1st time, 146. The Amendments, 146. Read 2nd time and adopted, 146. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 146. Agreed to by that House, 151. Royal Assent, 210.

47. ——— QUEBEC ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY BILL :—

Brought up, 130. Read 1st time, 130. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 132. Amendments reported, 135. Considered, 137. Read 1st time, 137. The Amendments, 137. Read 2nd time and adopted, 137. Order of the day read for reading the Bill (as amended) a 3rd time, 140. Motion for reading the same a 3rd time instanter, 140. Objected to, 140. Motion in amendment, 140. Objected to and debated, 140. Question put and carried, 140. Main motion (as amended) put and carried, 140. Bill discharged from the Order of the Day and referred *de novo* to the Select Committee, 144. They report the Bill without further amendment, 151. The Report considered, 160. Read and adopted, 160. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time and passed, 161. Protest of the Honorable Mr. Viger thereon, 161. Bill (as amended) sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 161. Agreed to by that House, 165. (*Vide* Bill, No. 83, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

48. ——— ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS BILL (L.C.) :—

Brought in by an Honorable Member, 131. Read 1st time, 131. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 143. Members added thereto, 161. Amendments reported,

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reported, 169. Considered, 175. Read 1st time, 175. Read 2nd time and adopted, 175. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 180. (Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 35, in the Index to the 2nd part of the Journal.)

49. — QUEBEC GAS BILL :—

Brought up, 133. Read 1st time, 133. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 134. Amendments reported, 142. Considered, 146. Read 1st time, 146. The Amendments, 146. Read 2nd time and adopted, 147. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 151. Agreed to by that House, 152. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

50. — KINGSTON WATER WORKS COMPANY BILL :—

Brought up, 133. Read 1st time, 133. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 134. Their Report, 135. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 136. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

51. — L'ISLET REGISTRY OFFICE REMOVAL BILL :—

Brought up, 133. Read 1st time, 133. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 134. Their Report, 135. Order of the Day read for a 3rd reading of the Bill, 137. Motion for a 3rd reading of same instant, 137. Motion in amendment thereto, 137. Debated, 137. Question put and negatived, 137. Main motion put and carried, 137. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 137. Royal Assent, 209.

52. — INTEREST OF MONEY BILL :—

Brought in by a certain Honorable Member, 135. Read 1st time, 135. Discharged from the Order of the Day, 140. Order of the Day read for a 2nd reading of the Bill, 144. Motion for a 2nd reading of same instant, 144. Motion in amendment thereto, 144. Question put and negatived, 144. Main motion put and carried, 144. Bill read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 144. Their Report, 145. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 151. (Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. No new Bill afterwards originated by either House.)

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53. — COMMERCIAL BANK STOCK BILL :—

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. J. Morris, 136. Read 1st time, 136. Read 2nd time, 143. Discharged from the Order of the Day, 144. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 145. Amended by that House, 179. Amendment read 1st time, 179. The Amendment, 179. Read 2nd time, adopted, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 180. Royal Assent, 210.

54. — CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY'S BILL :—

Brought up, 140. Read 1st time, 140. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 140, 141. An Amendment reported, 141. Read 1st time, 142. The Amendment, 142. Read 2nd time and adopted, 142. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 142. Agreed to by that House, 144. Royal Assent, 210.

55. — LEEDS AND LANSDOWN DIVISION BILL :—

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. J. Morris, 141. Read 1st time, 141. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 146. Committee discharged, 157. (*Vide* Bill, No. 111, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

56. — CAUSES IN FORM^A PAUPERIS BILL (L.C.) :—

Brought up, 141. Read 1st time, 141. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 143. (Bill destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 65, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

57. — SAINT ANTOINE DE L'ISLE AUX GRUES MUNICIPALITY BILL :—

Brought up, 141. Read 1st time, 141. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 143. An Amendment reported, 149. Considered, 150. Read 1st time, 150. The Amendment, 150. Read 2nd time and adopted, 150. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 153. Agreed to by that House, 156. Royal Assent, 209.

58. — PUBLIC DEBT MANAGEMENT BILL :—

Brought up, 143. Read 1st time, 143. Order of the Day read for a 2nd reading of the Bill, 152. Motion for a 2nd reading of same instant, 152. Objected to, 152. Motion in

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in amendment, 152. Question negatived, 152. An adjournment moved, 152. Question negatived, 152. Main motion put and carried, 152. Bill read 2nd time, 152. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 153. Royal Assent, 209.

59. ——— TITLES TO REAL ESTATE SECURITY BILL (L.C.)
DONEGANI'S RELIEF :—

Brought up, 145. Read 1st time, 145. Order of the Day read for reading the Bill a 2nd time, 157. Motion for reading the Petition of Joseph Donegani, 157. Question put and carried, 157. Petition read, 157. Motion for reading the Bill a 2nd time instanter, 157. Question put and carried, 157. Bill read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 157. Assembly requested to communicate the proofs, evidence and documents upon which the Bill was founded, 159. Petition of Joseph Donegani referred to the Committee and power granted to send for persons and papers, 159. Master in Chancery's Report, 160. Assembly transmit the documents as requested, 165. Same referred to the Select Committee on the Bill, 165. Their Report, 187. Order of the Day read for a 3rd reading of the Bill, 189. Motion for a 3rd reading of same instanter, 189. Objected to and debated, 189. Motion in amendment, 189. Objected to and debated, 189. Question put and negatived, 190. Main motion put and carried, 190. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 190. Reserved (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 117.)

60. ——— CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEFECTS REMOVAL BILL :—

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. Leslie, 148. Read 1st time, 149. Read 2nd time, 153. Read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 155. (Bill destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 100, in the Index to the 2nd part of the Journal.)

61. ——— RAILROAD COMPANIES GENERAL PROVISION
BILL :—

Brought in by the Honorable Mr. Leslie, 149. Read 1st time, 149. Read 2nd time, 153. Read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 155. Agreed to by that House without amendment, 191. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

62. ——— MILITIA MUSTER BILL (U.C.)

Brought up, 149. Read 1st time, 149. Read

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2nd time, 153. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 155, 156. Royal Assent, 209.

63. ——— MORTGAGES ON PERSONAL PROPERTY BILL
(U.C.) :—

Brought up, 149. Read 1st time, 149. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 153. Their Report, 158. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 159, 160. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

64. ——— WAREHOUSEMEN'S PUNISHMENT BILL :—

Brought up, 149. Read 1st time, 149. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 153. Their Report, 158. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 159, 160. Royal Assent, 209.

65. ——— LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS BILL (U.C.) :—

Brought up, 149. Read 1st time, 149. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 153. Their Report, 157. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 159, 160. Royal Assent, (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

66. ——— CLERGYMEN'S CENSUS RETURNS BILL :—

Brought up, 149. Read 1st time, 149. Read 2nd time, 153. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 155, 156. Royal Assent, 209.

67. ——— MONTAGUE AND NORTH ELMSLEY BOUNDARY
BILL :—

Brought up, 149. Read 1st time, 149. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 156. Assembly requested to communicate the proofs, evidence, and documents upon which the Bill was founded, 157. Master in Chancery's Report, 158. Assembly transmit the documents as requested, 159. Report of the Select Committee, 185. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 189. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal page 111.)

68. CUSTOMS MANAGEMENT BILL :—

Brought up, 151. Read 1st time, 151. Read 2nd time, 157. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 159, 160. Royal Assent, 209.

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69. ——— ONTARIO MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE BILL :

Brought up, 151. Read 1st time, 151. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 154. Their Report, 159. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 161. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

70. ——— HALLOWELL AND SOPHIASBURGH BOUNDARY BILL :—

Brought up, 151. Read 1st time, 151. Read 2nd time, 153. Read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 156. Royal Assent, 210.

71. ——— MONTREAL TURNPIKE ROADS BILL :—

Brought up, 154. Read 1st time, 154. Order of the Day read for a 2nd reading of the Bill 162. Motion for a 2nd reading of the Bill, instanter, 162. Objected to, 162. Debated, 162. Motion in amendment, 162. Objected to, 162. Debated, 162. Question put and carried, 162. Main motion (as amended) for reading the Bill a 2nd time in 3 months put and carried, 162.

72. ——— PILOTS' APPRENTICE'S BILL :—

Brought up, 154. Read 1st time, 154. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 160. Amendments reported, 168. Considered, 173. Read 1st time, 173. Read 2nd time and adopted, 173. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 177. Agreed to by that House, 184. (Bill and Amendments destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. No new Bill afterwards originated in either House.)

73. ——— OPTIONAL COMMUTATION OF TENURE BILL (L.C.) :—

Brought up, 154. Read 1st time, 154. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 161, 162. Their Report, 169. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 169. (Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 45, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

74. ——— STE. ANNE DES MONTS DETACHMENT FROM GASPÉ MUNICIPALITY BILL :—

Brought up, 154. Read 1st time, 154. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 162. Their Report, 164. Bill read 3rd

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time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 167, 168. (Destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 92, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

75. ——— SAGUENAY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BILL :—

Brought up, 154. Read 1st time, 154. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 162. An Amendment reported, 168. Considered, 173. Read 1st time, 173. Read 2nd time and adopted, 173. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 177. Agreed to by that House, 184. (The Bill and Amendment destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. No new Bill afterwards originated in either House.)

76. ——— HAMILTON AND GORE MECHANICS' INSTITUTE BILL :—

Brought up, 156. Read 1st time, 156. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 160. Their Report, 185. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 189. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

77. ——— MOUNT HERMON CEMETERY BILL :—

Brought up, 156. Read 1st time, 156. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee, 160. Amendments reported, 198. Considered, 198. Read 1st time, 198. Read 2nd time and adopted, 198. (French version of the Bill and the Amendments destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House.) (For all subsequent proceedings *Vide* Bill, No. 8 in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

78. ——— PROVINCIAL MUTUAL INSURANCE BILL :—

Brought up, 156. Read 1st time, 156. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 160. Amendments reported, 165. Considered, 170. Read 1st time, 170. The amendments, 170. Read 2nd time and adopted, 170. Bill (as amended) read third time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 172. Agreed to by that House, 179. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

79. ——— ACTIONS AGAINST COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATIONS BILL :—

Brought up, 156. Read 1st time, 156. Read 2nd

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2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 162. Amendments reported, 166. Considered, 171. Read 1st time, 171. Read 2nd time and adopted, 171. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 172. Agreed to by that House, 183. (The Bill and amendments were destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 84, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

80. — DELISLE AND OTHERS' BRIDGE BILL :—

Brought up, 158. Read 1st time, 158. Read 2nd time, and referred to a Select Committee 162. Assembly requested to communicate the grounds, evidence and proofs upon which the Bill was founded, 163. Master in Chancery's Report, 164. The grounds, evidence, and proofs communicated as desired, 187. (Bill destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill No. 56 in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

81. — MONTREAL NEW CITY GAS BILL :—

Brought up, 158. Read 1st time, 158. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 160. Amendments reported, 169. Considered, 173. Read 1st time, 173. The Amendments, 173. Read 2nd time and adopted, 174. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 177. Agreed to by that House, 183. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2d part of the Journal, page 111.)

82. — JOINT STOCK ROAD COMPANY'S BILL (U.C.):—

Brought up, 158. Read 1st time, 158. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 160. Amendments reported, 165. Considered, 170. Read 1st time, 170. The Amendments, 170. Read 2nd time and adopted, 170. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 172. Agreed to by that House, 179. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

83. — STRYCHNINE POISON PROHIBITION BILL :—

Brought up, 162. Read 1st time, 162. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 164. Their Report, 188. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 188, 189. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

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84. — QUEBEC WAREHOUSING BILL :—

Brought up, 162. Read 1st time, 163. Discharged from the Order of the Day, 172. Order of the Day read for reading the Bill a 2nd time, 177. Motion for reading same a 2nd time instant, 177. Objected to and debated, 178. Question put and carried, 178. Bill read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 178. Their Report, 185. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 189. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

85. — SAULT STE. MARIE MINING BILL :

Brought up, 163. Read 1st time, 163. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 164. Amendments reported, 172. Considered, 176. Read 1st time, 176. The Amendments, 176. Read 2nd time and adopted, 177. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 180. Agreed to by that House, 191. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

86. — MEMBERS OF ASSEMBLY INDEMNIFICATION BILL :

Brought up, 168. Read 1st time, 168. Order of the Day read for a 2nd reading of the Bill, 172. Motion for reading the same a second time instant, 173. Objected to and debated, 173. Question put and carried, 173. The Bill read 2nd time, 173. Order of the Day read for a 3rd reading of the Bill, 176. Motion for reading the same a 3rd time, instant, 176. Objected to and debated, 176. Question put and carried, 176. Bill read 3rd time and passed, 176. Protest of the Honorable Messieurs McKay and Viger thereon, 176. Assembly acquainted of the passing of the Bill, 176. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

87. — TERRITORIAL DIVISION BILL (U.C.) :—

Brought up, 171. Read 1st time, 171. Read 2nd time, 177. Bill discharged from the Order of the Day, 182. Committed, 189. Reported without amendment, 189. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 189. Royal Assent, (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 111.)

88. — PETIT JURY BILL (U.C.) :—

Brought up, 171. Read 1st time, 171. Order of the Day read for a 2nd reading of the Bill, 178. Motion for a 2nd reading of the same

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same instanter, 178. Objected to and debated, 178. Question put and negatived, 178.

89. ——— LES SŒURS DE MISÉRICORDE BILL:—

Brought up, 171. Read 1st time, 171. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 178. An Amendment reported, 186. Considered, 190. Read 1st time, 190. The Amendment, 190. Read 2nd time and adopted, 190. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 193. Agreed to by that House, 199. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 112.)

90. ——— SŒURS DE STE. CROIX BILL:—

Brought up, 171. Read 1st time, 171. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 178. An Amendment reported, 186. Considered, 190. Read 1st time, 191. The Amendment, 191. Read 2nd time and adopted, 191. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 193. Agreed to by that House, 199. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page, 112.)

91. ——— L'ACADEMIE INDUSTRIELLE BILL:—

Brought up, 171. Read 1st time, 171. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 178. An Amendment reported, 187. Considered, 191. Read 1st time, 191. The Amendment, 191. Read 2nd time and adopted, 191. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 193. Agreed to by that House, 199. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 112.)

92. ——— QUEBEC ST. JEAN BAPTISTE SOCIETY'S BILL:—

Brought in by an Honorable Member, 172. Read 1st time, 172. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 173. Amendments reported, 193. Considered, 197. Read 1st time, 198. Read 2nd time and adopted, 198. (Amendments destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. For all subsequent proceedings *Vide* Bill, No. 21, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

93. ——— REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER BILL (U.C.):—

Brought up, 175. Read 1st time, 175. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Commit-

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tee, 178. (Bill destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 85, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal)

94. ——— QUEBEC FORWARDING COMPANY'S BILL:—

Brought up, 175. Read 1st time, 175. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 178. Their Report, 185. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 185. (Royal Assent *Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page, 111.)

95. ——— MONTREAL MERCHANT'S EXCHANGE BILL:—

Brought up, 175. Read 1st time, 175. Discharged from the Order of the Day, 180. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 193. (Bill destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 81, in the Index to the 2nd part of the Journal.)

96. ——— QUEBEC TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION BILL:—

Brought up, 179. Read 1st time, 179. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 182. Amendments reported, 191. Order of the Day for considering the same discharged, 194. Bill referred back to the Committee, 194. A Member added thereto, 194. They report the Bill without further amendment, 196. (For all subsequent proceedings *Vide* Bill, No. 4, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

97. ——— MONTREAL AND TROY TELEGRAPH BILL:—

Brought up, 179. Read 1st time, 179. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 182, 183. An Amendment reported by them, 185. Discharged from the Order of the Day, and the Bill referred back to the Select Committee, 187. Further Amendments reported, 195. Considered, 198. Read 1st time, 198. Read 2nd time and adopted, 198. (The Amendments, and the French version of the Bill, destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. For all subsequent proceedings *Vide* Bill, No. 7, in the Index to the 2nd part of the Journal.)

98. ——— MARRIAGE OPPOSITION BILL:—

Brought up, 179. Read 1st time, 179. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 183. Amendments reported, 188. Considered, 194. Read 1st time, 194. Amendments read 2nd time and adopted, 194. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and

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and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 197. (Bill and Amendments destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 66, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

99. — HURON COPPER BAY BILL :—

Brought up, 179. Read 1st time, 179. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 186. Amendments reported, 192. Considered, 197. Read 1st time, 197. Read 2nd time and adopted, 197. Bill (as amended) read 3rd time, passed, and sent to the Assembly for concurrence, 207. (Bill and Amendments destroyed at the burning of the Parliament House. *Vide* Bill, No. 72, in the Index to 2nd part of the Journal.)

100. — CITY BANK STOCK BILL :—

Brought up, 183. Read 1st time, 183. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 190. Their Report, 192. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 197. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 112.)

101. — WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH TRUST BILL :

Brought up, 183. Read 1st time, 183. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 190. Their Report, 197. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 197. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 112.)

102. — OTTAWA DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOL BILL :—

Brought up, 183. Read 1st time, 183. Read 2nd time and referred to a Select Committee, 190. Their Report, 192. Bill read 3rd time, passed, and the Assembly acquainted thereof, 197. Royal Assent (*Vide* 2nd part of the Journal, page 112.)

103. — UPTON TOWNSHIP ANNEXATION BILL :—

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106. — PROTESTED BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL (U.C.)

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107. — SŒURS HOSPITALIÈRES DE ST. JOSEPH DE L'HOTEL DIEU BILL :—

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108. — WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL (L.C.) :—

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112. — ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH (MONTREAL) BILL :—

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113. — PETERBOROUGH INCORPORATION BILL :—

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114. — INLAND BILLS OF EXCHANGE BILL :—

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115. — BATHURST DIVISION COURTS BILL :—

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116. — MONTREAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S BILL :—

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119. — PATENTS FOR INVENTIONS LAW AMENDMENT BILL :—

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122. — QUEBEC ST. PATRICK'S SOCIETY BILL :—

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