

<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hurwood,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	76. <i>Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

And the third paragraph being again read ;

Mr. *Bureau* moved, in Amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *McGee*, That all the words after "That" to the end thereof, be left out, and the words, "this House feels grateful for the interest which Her Gracious Majesty has shown towards her Canadian people by acting upon the Address relative to the Seat of Government question ; but while bowing with due respect to the decision of Her Majesty, this House will consider it their duty at an early period again to approach Her Majesty, respectfully to represent that the circumstances under which the Address was voted no longer exist, and that, in the present state of the finances of the country, Her Majesty would best promote the interests of the inhabitants of this Province by summoning Her Canadian Parliament to meet at *Toronto*, until arrangements can be completed to convene it at *Montreal*," inserted instead thereof ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Foley*, seconded by Mr. *Clark*,
The House adjourned until Monday next.

Monday, 14th February, 1859.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of the affairs of the *Montreal* and *Champlain* Railroad Company for the year ending 31st December, 1858.—(Appendix No. 15.)

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

By Mr. *Gill*,—The Petition of the Library Association of *St. David*.

By Mr. *Labelle*,—The Petition of the Reverend *N. Lavallée, Curé*, and others, of the Parish of *St. Vincent de Paul*, County of *Laval*.

By Mr. *Somerville*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *Elgin*, County of *Huntingdon*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Mowat*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *East Whitby*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the Asylum of the Good Shepherd, of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Campbell*,—The Petition of *W. H. Chaffers* and others, of the Parish of *St. Césaire*.

By Mr. *Turcotte*,—the Petition of *C. Buisson* and others, School Commissioners for the Municipality of *Three Rivers*.

By Mr. *Morin*,—The Petition of *J. B. Hetu* and others, of the Parish of *Lavaltrie*, County of *Bertier*.

By Mr. *McCann*,—The Petition of *John Steep* and others, inhabitants of the *Opeongo Road*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *C. S. Cherrier* and others, of the City of *Montreal*; and the Petition of the Right Reverend the Roman Catholic Bishop of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Ouimet*,—The Petition of *Henri Lappare*, of the City of *Montreal*, Notary; and the Petition of *Ovide Dufresne* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de Longueuil*, District of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Pope*,—The Petition of *B. Damon* and others, Medical Practitioners.

By Mr. *Gould*,—The Petition of *Frank Somers* and others, of the Township of *Darlington*; and the Petition of *Edward Rinch* and others, of the Village of *Newcastle*.

By Mr. *Archambeault*,—The Petition of *T. Cushing*, of the Parish of *Repentigny*, County of *L'Assomption*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,—The Petition of the Literary Institute of *Varennes*, County of *Verchères*; and the Petition of *L'Hospice de la Maternité de Montréal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Lemieux*,—The Petition of *Malcolm Smith*, Pilot for the Lower *St. Lawrence*.

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

Of *A. Leighton* and others, of the Township of *Durham*, in the County of *Drummond*; praying for the passing of an Act to divide the Township of *Durham* into two different Municipalities, allowing each one its own School and Municipal Corporations.

Of *M. D. M. LaPierre*, of the Village of *Headville*, County of *Drummond* and *Arthabaska*; praying indemnity for services as Secretary-Treasurer of the School Municipality of *St. Germain de Grantham*, in taking a census for educational purposes of certain Concessions in the said Municipality.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Brant*; of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengarry*; and of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*; praying for certain amendments to the Act 22 *Vic. cap. 91*, to provide for the Registration of Debentures issued by Municipal and other Corporate Bodies.

Of the Municipal Council of the County of *Haldimand*; and of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Huron* and *Bruce*; praying for the repeal of the Act 22 *Vic. cap. 91*, to provide for the Registration of Debentures issued by Municipal and other Corporate Bodies.

Of the Sisters of Charity of the *Hotel-Dieu* of *St. Hyacinthe*; praying for aid.

Of *Hilaire Paradis* and others, of the Township of *Joliette*; praying aid for a road in the said Township.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengarry*; praying that measures may be adopted to protect the road in front of the Township of *Williamsburgh*, across parts of lots numbers three and four, from the action of the water of the River *St. Lawrence*.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Stormont*, *Dundas*, and *Glengarry*; praying that the distribution of the Government allowance to the Grammar Schools in the said Counties, may be based upon the number of Inhabitants in the respective Counties, and not in the number of Classical Scholars attending the said Schools.

Of *Angus McKay* and others, of the Township of *Oro*; of *James Dallas* and others, of the Township of *Orillia*; of *James Dunlop* and others, of the Township of *Medonte*, County of *Simcoe*; and of *Jesse Delong* and others, of the Township of *South Crosby*; praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law.

Of *John Ross* and others, of the United Townships of *Vespria* and *Sunnidale*; praying that the Township of *Sunnidale* may be separated from the Township

of *Vespra*, and that each of them shall be a distinct Municipality, and also that the late election of officers may be declared legal.

Of *La Communauté des Révérendes Sœurs de la Charité*, of *Bytown*; praying for an increase in their annual grant.

Of *Thomas W. Taylor*, late Master of the *American Brig "Black Hawk,"* of *Cleveland, Ohio*; praying compensation for injuries received in the *Welland Canal*, through the carelessness of a lock-keeper.

Of the Horticultural Society of *St. Catharines*; praying for aid to Horticultural Societies already formed.

Of *T. Brodeur* and others, of the Parish of *St. Hugues*, County of *Bagot*; praying that, should the sum of money applied to the redemption of the seigniorial dues in *Lower Canada* be insufficient, a further grant may be made out of the public funds to pay the additional amount required for that purpose.

Of the Reverend *F. A. Blouin* and others, of the County of *Kimouriski*, representing that the line of route surveyed by Major *Robinson*, for the construction of the Inter-Colonial Railroad to *Halifax*, is the most advantageous; and praying that the Government and Legislature will adopt the same, and apply for an aid from the Imperial Government for the construction of the said Railroad.

Of *Moise Houde* and others, of the Parish of *St. Antoine de la Rivière du Loup*, County of *Maskinongé*, representing that the bridge over the *River du Loup* leading to the Village of that name, is in a state of decay dangerous to the public, and is not under the control of any public body or private individual; and praying for the passing of an Act of Incorporation to authorize them to construct a new bridge to replace the same, with the power of levying tolls.

Of *Thomas Logan* and *Squire Ring*, Yeomen, both of the Township of *Sherbrooke*; and *Charles Stevens*, Saddler, of the Village of *Dunnville*, all in the County of *Haldimand*; setting forth:—That your Petitioners, at the several periods hereinafter stated, and for more than six months previous to the issuing of the Writ hereinafter mentioned, were, and are still, duly qualified Electors, having a right to vote at the Election herein referred to, for the choice of one person to represent the County of *Haldimand* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province: That under and by virtue of a Writ bearing date, and issued at *Toronto*, on the twenty-first day of August last past, addressed to *Richard Martin*, Esquire, of the Township of *Seneca*, in the County of *Haldimand*, the said *Richard Martin* did, by Proclamation by him duly made, name and appoint the twenty-fifth day of September last, for the purpose of nominating one fit and proper person to represent the said County of *Haldimand* in the said Legislative Assembly: That on the said day of nomination two candidates were proposed and nominated, to wit, *Michael Harcourt*, Esquire, of the Township of *Seneca*, in the said County of *Haldimand*, and *Samuel Amsden*, Esquire, of the Village of *Dunnville* aforesaid, and upon a show of hands being had, and the majority declared to be in favour of the said *Samuel Amsden*, a Poll was demanded and granted, on behalf and in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt*, and the fourth and fifth days of October last, whereby the said *Richard Martin*, Esquire, appointed for the taking and recording of votes in the several Municipalities of the said County: That subsequently, to wit, on the seventh day of October last past, in the Village or County Town of *Cayuga*, in the said County of *Haldimand*, the said *Richard Martin*, Esquire, did, by his Proclamation then and there made, proclaim and declare as elected, the said *Michael Harcourt*, to represent the said County of *Haldimand*, in the said Legislative Assembly: That your Petitioners complain that the Election and Return of the said *Michael Harcourt*, as Representative of the County of *Haldimand*, in the Legislative Assembly, was, and is undue, illegal and void, and that the same should be so declared, and be set aside, and that the said *Samuel Amsden* should be declared Member for the said County, in the stead of the said *Michael*

Harcourt, as having the greatest number of legal votes at the said Election, and that the facts and circumstances upon which we complain of the said Election and Return, and contest the same, are the following: For that *Christian Heaverley*, *Edmond Hammond*, *Mosses C. Nickerson*, *Lewis Miller*, *James Nickerson*, *John Prinsing*, *Jacob Howser*, *Elias Root*, *John Prinsing*, *Frederick Hooks*, *George Miller*, *John Fridaymaute*, *Lawrence Vodden*, *Benjamin Yeaffer*, *Henry Bamhart*, *George Shaller*, *William VanSoon*, *Norman Yerks*, *Joseph Patridge*, *Jacob Shoop*, and others, all of the Township of *Walpole*, in the County of *Haldimand*: *Cousins Grindley*, *Francis Jacobs*, *Joseph Dolong*, *Michael Warner*, *Henry Martin*, *Nicholas Snyder*, *Lewis Snyder*, *George Seffney*, *Conrad Swause*, *Theobald Kline*, *Nicholas Kline*, *William Elks*, *James Everly*, *Adam Osterman*, *George Everly*, *Michael Limer*, *Adam Nablo*, *Jacob Lemar*, *Jacob Pruin*, *Thomas Beasley*, *John Naurman*, *John Dittular*, *Matthias Boyer*, *Michael Leumar*, *Valentine Sitter*, *Jacob Snyder*, *George Esh*, *Frederick Snyder*, *Simon Kneegger*, *Joseph Niffin*, *Jacob Decker*, *Andrew Kline*, *Adam Kramp*, *Daniel Heist*, *James Smith*, *David Byer*, *Frederick Smelser*, *Peter Phillips*, senior, *Frederick Novelo*, *Michael Quentz*, *Paul Laponse*, *Charles Laponse*, *John Knouf*, *Frederick Halker*, *Martin Link*, *Frederick Link*, *Martin Bock*, *Nicholas Bocker*, *Emery Leande*, *Jacob Detwiler*, *Jacob Sitter*, *Ambrose Gloid*, *Frederick Whitaker*, *Peter Sitter*, *George Hostwick*, *Peter Brick*, *Nicholas Brick*, *Peter Orter*, *Joseph Degrasse*, *Charles Spice*, *Lewis Spice*, *Michael Brick*, and others, all of the Township of *Rainham*, County aforesaid: *Charles Moyer*, *Abraham Moyer*, *Nicholas Ner*, *John Rohler*, *Michael Schisler*, *Joseph Schneider*, *Peter Shuer*, *Joseph Zimmerman*, *Jacob Keefer*, *Isiah Lawes*, *John Lingor*, *George Moyer*, *Frederick Ahren*, *Henry Aitel*, *Joseph Bider*, *John Boose*, *Frederick Bloss*, *Andrew Bingleman*, *William Bulbee*, *G. W. Carder*, *J. M. Carder*, *Daniel Dukler*, *Conrad Rively*, *Samuel Shuer*, *Isaac Wesmer*, *Andrew Wesmer*, *David Fry*, *John Fry*, *Jacob Fry*, *Joseph High*, *Philip High*, *David High*, *Henry Eymann*, *John Kohlan*, *John Konsberger*, *Amos Moyer*, *Henry Michdrive*, *Christopher Moyer*, *Augustus Dafoe*, and others, all of the Township of *South Cayuga*, in the County aforesaid: *B. Wesener*, *C. Sisler*, *Edward Sisler*, *James Hayhao*, *Franklin Dowell*, *J. G. Bush*, *Silas Sutherland*, *M. Rogers*, *Martin Foss*, and others, all of the Township of *Canboro*, in the County aforesaid: *Christian James Mills*, *John Allbert*, *Jacob Sceder*, *Lawrence Huffman*, *Timothy Lafay*, *Frederick Quentz*, *Joseph Chadlier*, *William Millinby*, *Martin Collar*, *Jacob Saffer*, *Jacob Roebuck*, *H. G. Irvine*, and others, all of the Township of *North Cayuga*, in the County aforesaid: *Charles Snell*, *Simon Chunis*, and others, all of the Township of *Oneida*, in the County aforesaid: *Lawrence Hayti*, *Maurice Everette*, *Paul Park*, *Edward Carroll*, *Rimah Stubbs*, and others, all in the Township of *Seneca*, in the County aforesaid: *Charles Scheneck*, *Malcom Miller*, *Amentus Scheweller*, *Jesse Patterson*, *Valentine Dohn*, *Levi Carter*, *Peter Miller*, *Samuel Allen*, *Daniel Chiesic*, *Adam Adderly*, *John Miller*, *Daniel Hodgkin*, senior, *James Hodgkin*, junior, and others, all of the United Townships of *Moulton* and *Sherbrooke*, in the County aforesaid, whose names as voters in favor of the said *Michael Harcourt*, are recorded in the Poll Books of the aforesaid Townships, in the said County, and also all others whose names are recorded in the Poll Books of the said Townships as voters in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt*, to whom the same objection apply, ought to be struck off the said Poll Books, because they were at the time of such Election aliens, and utterly disqualified to vote thereat: Also, for that *John Smith*, *John Brennan*, *John Brennan*, senior, *William Drudge*, *William McCluskey*, *Benjamin Steel*, *Palmer Patton*, *George Miller*, *Henry Hodges*, *Ezra Park*, *John Park*, *Robert Long*, *Edward Highland*, *James Osborne*, *Solomon Grow*, *Maxim Peron*, *Jesse Parker*, *James McCarter*, *Henry McKann*, *John McKann*, *Israel Doane*, *Sylvester Underhill*, and others, all of the Township of *Walpole*, in County aforesaid: *Cousins Grindley*, *Nicholas*

Bocker, Joseph DeGuercey, Albion Smith, Nicholas Ryder, Ephriam Gee, James Smith, Thomas Beasley, John Neilson, James Everly, George Everly, Asa Mathew, and others, all of the Township of Rainham, in the County aforesaid: Walter Mellick, Aaron Mellick, Jonas Mellick, Isaac Dochstader, M. Rogers, David Sutherland, Owen Lymbarner, Peter Lymbarner, Robert Cameron, John Surick, Edward Sisler, Daniel Wilson, George Oglesbie, C. Sisler, and others, all of the Township of Camboro, in the County aforesaid: Robert Little, Elijah Kindree, John S. Hall, James Mellen, William Gibson, Walter Caughill, Peter Hilliard, Peter Huffman, George Neilson, George Gillesby, Francis Sheridan, John Spencer, Crummond Stroham, George Irvine, John Dewarr, Thomas Vickar, Samuel McCluney, John Kindree, George Wharton, David McCluney, John Armstrong, John McFarland, Charles Glover, Thomas Goulang, Thomas F. Walters, William Hurley, Thomas Oxley, William Bird, Michael Walsh, Alexander McDonald, Patrick Craven, John Bounis, John Crofts, James McCanna, John Lafey, Michael Lafey, James Bunn, Simon Bamberick, John Stewart, Robert Bunn, William Hall, George Gardiner, Alexander Turner, Robert Atchinson, John Cunningham, John Wilson, Timothy Lafey, Duncan Campbell, George Lawrence, Richard Tusker, John F. Decew, Philip Smith, and others, all of the Township of North Cayuga, in the County aforesaid: Hugh Stewart, James Tierney, James Williamson, William Cranston, Robert Cranston, Martin Higgins, Thomas Caberbie, Walter Neckle, Daniel Duffy, Charles Snell, Thomas Harman, Thomas Rite, James R. Thompson, William Darling, Bernard McMonegal, Benjamin Coomar, John Stewart, James Agnew, Thomas Nicholas, Matthew Gill, Reuben Palmer, Donald McIsaac, and others, all of the Township of Oneida, and County aforesaid: William Coe, Edward Carroll, Gavin Whitelow, Patrick Gostlin, Jeremiah Collins, Henry Marshall, Peter McMullin, Michael White, John Wilson, Henry Henderson, James Callinan, William Lyon, Thomas Cahill, William Brown, senior, Edward Kerratt, Archibald McNevin, Robert Young, David Brotherick, and others, all of the Township of Seneca, and County aforesaid: Charles Frittenburgh, Jacob Keefer, Neilson Drake, and others, all of the Township of South Cayuga, and County aforesaid: John Builder, Thomas Manging, Erastus H. Campbell, Malcom McDonald, John McMicken, William Campbell, Cornick Collin, Alexander McDonald, and others, all of the Village of Caledonia, and County aforesaid: Thomas Wiggans, and others, all of the Township of Drunn, and County aforesaid, whose names as voters and freeholders, voted in favour of the said Michael Harcourt, are recorded in the Poll Books of the aforesaid Townships respectively, in the said County, also, all others whose names are so recorded as aforesaid, as voters in his favour, to whom the same objections will apply, ought to be struck off from said Poll Books, because the said parties were not at the time of such Election freeholders within, and according to the meaning of the Statute in such case made and provided, so as to be entitled to vote as such at said Election: And because the said parties had, prior to such Election, made assignments of their real property, so that they were not possessed thereof to their own use and benefit, so as to entitle them to vote as freeholders within the meaning of the Statute in such case made and provided, at the said Election: And also, because at the time of, and prior to the said Election, there were, and still are, instalments due and payable to the Crown, and which said instalments were at the said time overdue and unpaid upon the properties of the aforesaid voters, so as to disqualify them from voting at such Election, according to the meaning of Statute in such case made and provided: And also, because the said parties were at such time utterly disqualified from voting at such Election as proprietors, freeholders, or otherwise, upon other and various grounds not hereinbefore recited: And also, for that John Barr, Samuel Wedge, John Kinsley, Elias Roke, Jabez Mann, Solomon Grow, Phillip Gibbs, Moses Doan, Ulmore Busk, James Kinsley,

Michael Lemon, William Atharway, William Edwards, Martin Knichley, David Spears, John Price, James Price, Lawrence Vooden, Charles D. McCarthy, William Welsh, Samuel Smith, John Freidaywook, Christian Heaverly, John Prinsing, Jacob Hawser, William Davis, Elijah Smith, John Prinsing, George Miller, Syrus Hoover, Thomas Sowanson, William Bowman, Charles McLeod, William Terraley, and others, all of the Township of Walpole, and County aforesaid: Mathias Rider, Joseph Niffin, Jacob Decker, Jacob Fry, Henry Drahmer, William Heles, James Foryth, John Will, Henry Martin, Jacob Pink, James Steel, and others, all of the Township of Rainham, and County aforesaid: Silas Sutherland, Peter Briggs, M. Foss, James Minor, Joseph Effrick, John Effrick, Joel W. Smith, Edward Rogers, Calvin Rogers, S. D. Goss, L. Raymant, John Johnson, John Swick, Benjamin Miller, John Campbell, Jessy Goss, Daniel Campbell, Martin Toney, John George, George Ostrander, Jay Briggs, Wilson Frelick, Jerome Far, Doctor T. H. Goss, James Hayhoe, William Lands, George Leetz, Thomas Warren, Francis Delain, Mathew Moore, Robert Johes, William Young, and others, all of the Township of Camboro, and County aforesaid: Charles Moyer, Abraham Moyer, Peter Sheer, John Longuor, James Bradshaw, Andrew Bingleman, William Bublee, James Carder, and others, all of the Township of South Cayuga, and County aforesaid: James Mills, Joseph Givens, George Greenwell, Thomas Cottingham, John Cunningham, Gilbert Goodenough, Jacob Syms, Frederick Quants, Lemon Busbinder, William Pomeroy, David Murphy, James Mitchell, senior, Benjamin Bunn, senior, James Mitchell, junior, John L. Mogg, Peter Mitchell, James Chalider, Edward Wiggs, Jonathan Peacock, Peter Gormley, junior, James Mitchell, William Cranston, Donald McLean, Charles Lambier, Francis Lambier, Angus McQuaid, Alexander Sheark, Alexander Ralston, Jacob Hartstall, Mathew Douglass, John Garvey, Thomas Wilds, George Wilds, Stephen Wilds, William Wilds, John Armstrong, Featherston Martindale, William Walton, Joseph Armstrong, William Hennesy, William Cotter, John Moore, John Robinson, and others, all of the Township of North Cayuga, and County aforesaid: David Brotherick, John Crites, Neil Houson, Archibald McNevin, John J. Ramsey, James Pollock, Edward Kerrott, James Feeley, Peter C. Park, Michael Scanlen, David McMullen, Thomas McLorry, James McCue, Patrick Barlow, Michael McRant, James Doherty, William Brown, senior, Nicholas Mathews, Lawrence Hoyte, Michael Hannah, Thomas Cabill, John Mondagau, Heny Hoey, John Craigro, Thomas Fox, John Martin, William Lyon, William Brown, junior, William Farmer, Samuel Wilson, Morris Everett, D. C. Meyers, George McKay, William McPherson, Stephen Fenton, Hector Morrison, Patrick McCarty, Henry Henderson, Charles Brooks, Lawrence McDonald, M. A. Atkinson, Michael White, John S. Mills, Patrick Wallis, Joseph Barloes, Willis Murdoch, William Brown, Merret Johnston, John Gowland, John Wickett, senior, John Wickett, junior, Robert Davis, Duncan McKillop, John Davis, Michael McGlauglan, Thomas Taylor, Christian Gould, William Kelly, John Walters, Peter Levoy, James Overand, James Murphy, William Newiflin, Alexander Barry, Collin Baker, John Jackson, Jeremiah Lamplough, William Gowand, and others, all of the Township of Seneca, and County aforesaid: John Gunn, John Builder, Thomas Manging, James G. Pold, Erastus H. Campbell, Malcom McDonald, Donald Kennedy, William Culp, Sted Bocoock, John McMicken, William Hensey, Alexander Campbell, William Campbell, William Barnett, Cornick Collin, Michael Ward, Robert Moore, James Carr, Valentine Flann, Michael Flanery, Alexander McDonald, Richard Roward, Alfred Constable, Richard Sharp, and others, all of the Village of Caledonia, and County aforesaid: John Anderson, Donald Meisuac, Rubin Palmer, Mathew Gill, Abraham Yager, Palmer Knight, Thomas Nichola, James Agnew, John Stewart, Michael Dougherty, Renaid McMonegal, William Downey, Emmerson Peart, William Darling, John Dennis, James R. Thompson, James Bundy, Thomas Neil,

Thomas Arnan, William Cooper, Charles Snell, Edward Simmons, Robert Walker, Robert Erein, William Jones, James Pollard, Walter Murray, Daniel Cudde, Daniel Duffy, John McGregor, John Covell, John Doherty, John Headly, Walter Mickle, Thomas Calverbee, John Whitehead, Patrick Carpenter, M. Higgins, Martin Higgins, Thomas Reuchie, Robert Mercer, John Loughlan, Patrick Toohy, Nicholas Ward, Fletcher Lundy, John O'Bourke, Robert Cranston, William Cranston, Walter Booth, James Atkinson, James Williamson, Abraham Nellis, senior, Robert Edington, Martin Whalen, James Feeney, U. Stewart, William Ball, junior, Peter Murray, Wilson Darleng, and others, all of the Township of Oneida, and County aforesaid, tenants, and whose names as voters in favor of the said *Michael Harcourt*, are recorded in the Poll Books of the said Townships respectively, and all others in the said Poll Books to whom the same objections will apply, ought to be struck off the said Books, because the said parties were not at the time of said Election the *bonâ fide* tenants of real property, according to the meaning and intent of the Statute in such case made and provided, so as to enable them to vote at the said Election, and were not otherwise entitled to vote at the said Election: And also, for that *John Builder*, *John McMicken*, *Alexander McDonald*, and others, all of the Village of Caledonia, in the County aforesaid: *John Lawry*, *Andrew Kinnard*, *Thomas Wharton*, *Andrew Vanderburgh*, *Thomas Gownley*, *James Mullen*, *Walter Carughill*, *Joseph Carter*, *John Moore*, *Miles Coleman*, *Edward Vickers*, *Thomas Grogan*, *Robert Coverdale*, *Richard Coverdale*, *Thomas McDonald*, *William B. Clumb*, *Robert Crysler*, *J. F. Kennedy*, *Charles Lambier*, *Peter Campbell*, and others, all of the Township of North Cayuga, in the County aforesaid: *Paul Leponsey*, *Charles Leponsey*, *Peter Brick*, *Jacob Decker*, *Adam Kramp*, *Henry Miller*, *Daniel Heish*, *Nicholas Brick*, *David Ryder*, *Frederick Snelser*, *Elias Hoover*, *Jacob Fry*, junior, *William Hoover*, and others, all of the Township of Rainham, in the County aforesaid: *Emerson Pearl*, *William Darling*, *James Fenney*, *William Cranston*, *Walter Booth*, *Wilson Darling*, *Patrick Carpenter*, and others, all of the Township of Oneida, in the County aforesaid: *Sylvester Underhill*, *John Prinsing*, and others, all of the Township of Walpole, in the County aforesaid, Occupants, whose names as occupants and voters in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt*, are recorded in the Poll Books of the said Townships respectively, and all others in the said Townships voters recorded in the said Poll Books, to whom the same objection will apply, ought to be struck off the said Poll Books, because the said parties were not, at the time of said Election, the *bonâ fide* occupants of real property, according to the meaning and intent of the Statute in such case made and provided, so as to entitle them to vote at the said Election, and were not otherwise entitled to vote at the said Election: And for that *Samuel Baldwin*, *James Baldwin*, *John Macfarlane*, junior, and others, all of the Township of North Cayuga, in the County aforesaid: *Robert Jones*, *George Ostrander*, *Jerome Farr*, *John Burke*, *David Sutherland*, and others, of the Township of Canboro, in the County aforesaid: *Albion Smith*, *Nicholas Ryder*, *Matthias Ryder*, *Valentine Sitter*, *Ephraim Gee*, *Jacob Fry*, junior, and others, all of the Township of Rainham, in the County aforesaid: *Jabey Mann*, *Edward Hiland*, and others, all of the Township of Walpole, in the County aforesaid, whose names as voters in favor of the said *Michael Harcourt*, are recorded in the Poll Books of the said Townships respectively, and all others whose names are recorded in said Poll Books as voters in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt*, to whom the same objections will apply, ought to be struck off the said Poll Books, because the said parties were not at the time of the said Election of the full age of twenty-one years, and entitled to vote at the said Election, according to the meaning and intent of the Statute in such case made and provided: And for that *Sylvester Underhill*, *Allen Lemroy*, *James Underhill*, *Isaac Lauria*, *William Nellis*, and others, all in the Township of Walpole, in the County aforesaid: Wil-

William Nells and others, all in the Township of *Oneida*, in the County aforesaid: *Daniel Cannondy, Rufus Harrington, James S. Carr, William Young, Barton Farr, George Oglesby, William Sands, George S. Duncan, Peter Pollock, Joseph Swick*, and others, all of the Township of *Camboro*, in the County aforesaid: *Robert Cryster* and others, all of the Township of *North Cayuga*, in the County aforesaid, whose names as voters in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt* are recorded in the Poll Books of the above-mentioned Townships respectively, and all others whose names are so recorded as voters in his favour in the said Poll Books of the said Townships, to whom the same objection will apply, ought to be struck off the said Poll Books, because the said *Michael Harcourt*, or his agent authorized for the purpose, in order to secure the votes of the said parties, and of others, being electors of the said County of *Haldimand*, and with intent to corrupt the said electors, did, by means of money, and promises of money, and by opening and supporting at his own costs and charges, or that of his agents or friends, certain Public Houses of Entertainment, and by paying the said above-named parties for these services: And for that *John J. Dockstader* and *George B. Nichol*, electors for the Township of *Camboro*, in the said County of *Haldimand*, were, by means of threats and intimidation, made use of by the said *Michael Harcourt*, or his agents authorized for that purpose, induced or prevented from recording their votes in favour of the said *Samuel Amsden*, and that the said *Samuel Amsden* was thereby deprived of the benefit of the said votes: And for that *John Anderson*, of the Village of *Caledonia*, in the said County, was refused the privilege of voting at the said Election, by the Returning Officer, under the impression that he, the said *John Anderson*, was due and owing moneys to the Crown, when, in truth and in fact, he did not owe, nor was he due anything to the Crown, and stated such fact at the Poll, and the said Returning Officer refused his vote, on account of having at one time left the Poll and again returned, he, the said Returning Officer, was fully aware of the said *John Anderson* being duly qualified to vote, and by reason of the said premises the said *Samuel Amsden* was deprived of the benefit of the said vote: And for that *Alfred Constable* did offer to the said Returning Officer, at the said Village of *Caledonia*, his vote, and in naming the Candidate he intended to vote for, by mistake said *Harcourt Amsden*, and the said vote was then recorded in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt*, whereas, in truth, the said *Alfred Constable* intended recording his vote for the said *Samuel Amsden*, and so stated the name to the said Returning Officer, and offered to verify the same on oath, nevertheless the said Returning Officer refused to alter the record, and the vote now stands recorded in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt*, to the detriment of the said *Samuel Amsden*: And for that *Alexander Allen*, of the Village of *Dunnville*, had heretofore and prior to the said Election, intended to vote for the said *Samuel Amsden*, but that the said *Michael Harcourt*, or his agents authorized for that purpose, did, by means of bribery and corruption, prevent the said *Alexander Allen* from voting, and thereby deprived the said *Samuel Amsden* of his vote: And for that *George Mylner, William C. Scott, John Marshall, William Newland, John Hughes, Malcolm Miller, Amentus Schwiller, John Wallace, Samuel McCombs, James R. Cotter, James Heslop, Robert Elliott, Benjamin Fowler, Jeremiah Cohor, George Goodfellow, Levi Carter, Joshua Mitchner, Malcolm Venator, Joseph Fest, John Moore, John McDonald, Frederick DeCew, John Moore, Jacob Crow, junior, Francis Miller, Archibald Galbraith, Thomas Clark, Isaac Gibson, Henry Root, Peter Miller, W. C. Osman, Samuel Allan, Joseph M. Egbert, James Kinley, Daniel Chusic, Peter Sensebaugh, A. Brownson, James Sims, George Fowler, James Clene, James R. Johnson, Felia Murphy, James McNeveins, junior, John Hickey, George Dochstader, Jacob McCombs, Isaac Allen, James McIndoe, Jacob Buck, Isaac Rogers, Adam Adley, John Simonds, Alexander Moody, John Silster, William Coats, A. W. O'Reilly, James Gilland, Frederick Miller, Joseph*

Kersler, Abram A. Homsberger, William Swarts, Solomon Weatley, James B. Bennet, John Kerr, John Miller, Peter Bowman, John Jones, Daniel Hodgskin, James Hodgskin, George Couse, Samuel Cremour, John Steward, John Murray, Peter Conroy, Henry Miller, Jerry Sullivan, Daniel Doughty, Philip Hill, Michael Cochrane, William Hendershott, Daniel Sullivan, Isaac Lambert, Patrick Warren, Aaron Bradt, Nicholas Cremaer, Philip Hedden, David Banks, Edwin Ford, Jacob Misener, John Wallace, Alexander Wallace, John Hawley, Michael Burns, Peter Steware, John S. Minor, and others, all of the United Townships of Moulton and Sherbrooke, in the County aforesaid, whose names as voters in favour of the said Michael Harcourt, are recorded in the Poll Books of the said United Townships of Moulton and Sherbrooke, and all others recorded in the said Poll Book, as voters in his favour, to whom the same objections will apply, ought to be struck off the said Poll Book, because the said parties were not at the time of such Election, freeholders, occupants, or tenants, according to the meaning and intent of the Statute in such case made and provided, so as to qualify them to vote either as freeholders, occupants, or tenants, at such Election, and because the said parties had, prior to such Election, made assignments of their real property, so that they were not possessed thereof, to their own use and benefit, so as to entitle them to vote either as freeholders or otherwise, at such Election, and also because at, and prior to the time of such Election, there were, and still are, instalments overdue and unpaid to the Crown upon the properties of the aforesaid persons respectively, so as to disqualify them from voting at such Election, according to the meaning of the Statute in such case made and provided: And because the said parties were not at the time of such Election of the full age of twenty-one years, according to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided: And because the said Michael Harcourt, or his agents authorized for the purpose, in order to receive the votes of the Electors of the aforesaid United Townships, and of others, being Electors of the said United Townships, and with intent to corrupt the said Electors, did, by means of money, and promises of money, and by opening and supporting, at his own costs and charges, certain Public Houses of Entertainment, and by paying certain of the said Electors for their services and expenses, in bringing others to, or coming themselves, to vote for him, the said Michael Harcourt, at such Election, and by other unlawful means, contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, bribe and corrupt the said Electors of the said United Townships: And because the said Michael Harcourt, and others in his behalf, did, by means of threats and intimidation, induce and compel certain Electors of the said United Townships to record their votes in his favour, and also by means of such threats and intimidation, to prevent other Electors of the said United Townships from recording their votes in favour of the said Samuel Amsden, hereinbefore mentioned, and thereby depriving the said Samuel Amsden of the benefit of such votes: And for that one John Martin, the Returning Officer of the said United Townships of Moulton and Sherbrooke, did not cause it to be stated upon the Poll Books of the said Townships that the persons voting there voted either as proprietors, freeholders, occupants, or tenants, as required by the Statute in that behalf, and otherwise acted illegally in the conduct of the said Poll: And also for that the said John Martin, the Deputy Returning Officer of the said United Townships of Moulton and Sherbrooke, upon the fourth and fifth days of October instant, being the days upon which the polling of votes for the said Election was held in the said Townships of Moulton and Sherbrooke, did close the Poll for the said Townships between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, in the middle of the day, upon both the said days of polling, and did for that space of time absent himself from the said Polling-place, and did not, and would not receive any votes for the said period, contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided, although several voters of the said Samuel Amsden did there present

themselves for the purpose of voting for the said *Samuel Amsden*, and that the Returning Officers of other, and different Townships in the said County of *Haldimand*, did close their respective Polls for a certain space of time between the hours when the said Polls are required to be kept open by Statute, and did otherwise act in an unusual and illegal manner: And also for that the said Election was not held within the time required by Statute, after the Writ for the same was placed in the hands of the said *Richard Martin*, Esquire, the Returning Officer in and for the said County of *Haldimand*, in the event of the said Election: That your Petitioners desirous of controverting the said Election and Return of the said *Michael Harcourt*, and with the view to the contestation of the Election and Return of the said *Michael Harcourt*, did, on the twentieth day of October last past, cause to be served on the said *Michael Harcourt* a copy of a notice, as required by the law, specifying the foregoing facts and circumstances as grounds upon which your Petitioners intended to contest his Election and Return, to which said notice the said *Michael Harcourt*, on the third day of November instant, caused a paper writing, purporting to be a copy of an answer to be served: That your Petitioners have in all respects complied with the requirements of the law, to entitle them to controvert the said Election: And your Petitioners humbly pray redress in the premises, and that for the causes aforesaid the Election and Return aforesaid of the said *Michael Harcourt* be declared undue, illegal, and void, and be set aside and annulled, and that the said *Samuel Amsden* be declared Member for the said County, in place of the said *Michael Harcourt*, that the several votes tendered and recorded in favour of the said *Michael Harcourt*, at the Election, be declared illegal and void, and of no legal effect: That the seat of the said *Michael Harcourt*, Esquire, in your Honorable House, be declared vacated, and further, that it be held and declared that the said *Samuel Amsden* was, and is entitled to the said seat, and be held and considered as being duly Elected and Returned at the said Election as the Representative of the said County of *Haldimand*, in the Legislative Assembly, instead of the said *Michael Harcourt*, and further pray, that costs be awarded in their favour, upon the said contestation of the said Election and Return of the said *Michael Harcourt*, and upon all other proceedings thereon had and of these presents.

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Amendment which was, on Friday last, proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question:—

“That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament; and further to assure His Excellency,—

“That we shall give our earnest attention to the question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*.

“That the Legislature of *Canada* having resolved that a fixed Seat of Government should be selected, and having solicited Our Gracious Queen, by an Address of either House, to exercise Her prerogative in making such selection; and an Act, moreover, having been passed adopting beforehand the decision of Her Majesty, and appropriating the necessary funds, we agree with His Excellency that the Act of the Canadian Parliament and the decision of the Queen, are binding on the Executive Government of the Province, and that it will be their duty to carry out the understanding which existed at the time when the reference was made, by which the Government will be transferred to *Quebec* for a fixed period, until the necessary arrangements shall have been completed.

“That any Correspondence with Her Majesty’s Government which His Excel-

“ lency may be pleased to lay before us, will receive our most respectful consideration; that we are prepared to recognize the selection made by Her Majesty at our own request; and that we shall not fail duly to acknowledge Her gracious compliance with the Address which we ourselves caused to be presented to Her.

“ That we have much satisfaction in learning from His Excellency that the Commission for the settlement of the Seigniorial Tenure will shortly close its labours, and that a moderate outlay beyond the appropriation of 1854 will satisfy all reasonable expectations on the part of the *Censitaires*.

“ That we agree with His Excellency that the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada* requires revisal and consolidation, and that we shall not fail duly to consider any measure for this purpose which His Excellency may cause to be submitted to us.

“ That any Correspondence which His Excellency may be pleased to place in our hands, respecting the possibility of uniting, by some tie of a federal character, the British Colonies in *North America*, will receive our attentive consideration; as will also any Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in relation to questions affecting the *Hudson's Bay* Company, and on the subject of the Inter-Colonial Railway.

“ That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts for the year just expired will be laid before us as soon as possible.

“ That while we regret, with His Excellency, that the financial and commercial depression which has weighed upon us, in common with our neighbours, has not wholly passed away, it is gratifying to us to learn that, in His Excellency's opinion, symptoms of amendment have begun to show themselves; and we trust that should Providence bless *Canada* this year with her usually abundant harvest, she will recover her former prosperous condition. The exercise of a sound and rigid economy in every department of the public service will, we hope, again enable us to bring our whole expenditure within the limits required by our Revenue.

“ That we have much satisfaction in learning that an arrangement respecting the debt due to the Imperial Government, and the sinking fund connected with it, of a character highly advantageous to the Province, has been effected in *England*; and that any papers relating to this matter which are laid before us will receive our serious attention.

“ That any supplies required for Her Majesty's Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

“ That we beg to assure His Excellency, that every thing will be done with a view to placing the tariff on a satisfactory footing, and that the principle of *ad valorem* duties will be adopted in all cases in which it can be properly and advantageously applied.

“ That we rejoice to learn that the important work of the revision of the Statutes is nearly completed, and that we shall not fail to pass any measure of consolidation which may be found necessary.

“ That we thank His Excellency for having summoned us to meet on the present occasion at the time most convenient to ourselves. And that we are happy to know that His Excellency is of opinion that so much beneficial legislation on important subjects has been dealt with in the last few Sessions that he hopes to congratulate us on our release at a time somewhat earlier than usual.

And which Amendment was, That all the words after “That” to the end thereof be left out, and the words “this House feels grateful for the interest which Her Gracious Majesty has shown towards Her Canadian people by acting upon the Address relative to the Seat of Government question; but while bowing with due respect to the decision of Her Majesty, this House will consider it their duty at an early period again to approach Her Majesty, respectfully to

“ represent that the circumstances under which the Address was voted no longer exist, and that, in the present state of the finances of the country, Her Majesty would best promote the interests of the inhabitants of this Province by summoning Her Canadian Parliament to meet at *Toronto*, until arrangements can be completed to convene it at *Montreal*,” inserted instead thereof.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Pursuant to the Election Petitions Act of 1851, the Clerk read over an alphabetical list of the names of all the Members of the House.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed ;

The Honorable Mr. *Dorion* moved, in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Laberge*, That the words “ *Toronto* until arrangements can be completed to convene it at ” be left out, and the words “ as soon as arrangements can be completed for that purpose ” added at the end thereof.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Foster,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Coullée,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Mr.Gee,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	29. <i>Webb.</i>
<i>Dorion,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Alleyne,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McDonald, A. P.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Harcourt,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>	<i>Whitney,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	73. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Dionne,</i>			

So it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the original Question, the House divided : and it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Arclambeault,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>McDonald, A. P.</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Sinceanes,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Foster,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Coyley,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Tett,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gouvin,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Contlée,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Price,</i>	<i>59. Whitney.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>	

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Harcourt,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>47. Wright.</i>
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The fourth paragraph being again read, and the Question being put thereon, the House divided: and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau* moved, seconded by Mr. *Desaulniers*,
And the Question being put, That this House do now adjourn;
The House divided: and it passed in the Negative.

The fifth paragraph being again read, as followeth:—"That we have much satisfaction in learning from His Excellency that the Commission for the settlement of the Seigniorial Tenure will shortly close its labors, and that a moderate outlay beyond the appropriation of 1854 will satisfy all reasonable expectations on the part of the *Censitaires*."

Mr. *Ferguson* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Harcourt*, That the words "and that whatever sum or sums required for the settlement and payment in full of the said Seigniorial dues, be paid either by the *Censitaires*, or out of any of the funds that can or may be realized in *Lower Canada*;" be added at the end thereof.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, A. P.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Hurcourt,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Mouat,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	26. <i>Wright.</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>		

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Foster,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	76. <i>Whitney.</i>

So it passed in the Negative.

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

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Ross,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Bureau,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Simard,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Foster,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>Mcagher,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Ouimet,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Heath,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Pope,</i>	76. <i>Whitney.</i>

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McDonald, A. P.</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Harcourt,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>

Clark,
Connor,
Cook,

Hogan,
Holmes,
Macdonald, John S.

Mowat,
Munro,

Talbot,
26. Wright.

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the sixth to the thirteenth paragraphs, inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

The fourteenth and last paragraphs being again read, and the Question being put thereon; the House divided; and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament;—and further to assure His Excellency,—

That we shall give our earnest attention to the question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*.

That the Legislature of *Canada* having resolved that a fixed Seat of Government should be selected, and having solicited Our Gracious Queen, by an Address of either House, to exercise her prerogative in making such selection,—and an Act, moreover, having been passed adopting beforehand the decision of Her Majesty, and appropriating the necessary funds,—We agree with His Excellency that the Act of the Canadian Parliament and the decision of the Queen are binding on the Executive Government of the Province, and that it will be their duty to carry out the understanding which existed at the time when the reference was made, by which the Government will be transferred to *Quebec* for a fixed period, until the necessary arrangements shall have been completed.

That any Correspondence with Her Majesty's Government which His Excellency may be pleased to lay before us, will receive our most respectful consideration;—that we are prepared to recognize the selection made by Her Majesty at our own request; and that we shall not fail duly to acknowledge Her gracious compliance with the Address which we ourselves caused to be presented to Her.

That we have much satisfaction in learning from His Excellency that the Commission for the settlement of the Seigniorial Tenure will shortly close its labours, and that a moderate outlay beyond the appropriation of 1854 will satisfy all reasonable expectations on the part of the *Censitaires*.

That we agree with His Excellency that the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada* requires revisal and consolidation, and that we shall not fail duly to consider any measure for this purpose which His Excellency may cause to be submitted to us.

That any Correspondence which His Excellency may be pleased to place in our hands, respecting the possibility of uniting, by some tie of a federal character, the British Colonies in *North America*, will receive our attentive consideration; as will also any Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in relation to questions affecting the *Hudson's Bay Company*, and on the subject of the Inter-Colonial Railway.

That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts for the year just expired will be laid before us as soon as possible.

That while we regret, with His Excellency, that the financial and commercial depression which has weighed upon us, in common with our neighbors, has not wholly passed away, it is gratifying to us to learn that, in His Excellency's opinion, symptoms of amendment have begun to show themselves; and we trust that should Providence bless *Canada* this year with her usually abundant harvest, she will recover her former prosperous condition. The exercise of a sound and rigid economy in every department of the public service will, we hope, again enable us to bring our whole expenditure within the limits required by our Revenue.

That we have much satisfaction in learning that an arrangement respecting the debt due to the Imperial Government, and the sinking fund connected with

it, of a character highly advantageous to the Province, has been effected in England; and that any papers relating to this matter which are laid before us will receive our serious attention.

That any supplies required for Her Majesty's Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

That we beg to assure His Excellency, that every thing will be done with a view to placing the tariff on a satisfactory footing, and that the principle of *ad valorem* duties will be adopted in all cases in which it can be properly and advantageously applied.

That we rejoice to learn that the important work of the revision of the Statutes is nearly completed, and that we shall not fail to pass any measure of consolidation which may be found necessary.

That we thank His Excellency for having summoned us to meet on the present occasion at the time most convenient to ourselves. And that we are happy to know that His Excellency is of opinion that so much beneficial legislation on important subjects has been dealt with in the last few Sessions that he hopes to congratulate us on our release at a time somewhat earlier than usual.

Resolved, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, Mr. *Dufresne*, Mr. *Burton*, and Mr. *Morin*, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to both Houses of the Legislature, in conformity to the said Resolution.

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

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir EDMUND WALKER HEAD, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

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

Your Excellency may rest assured that we shall give our earnest attention to the question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*.

The Legislature of *Canada* having resolved that a fixed Seat of Government should be selected, and having solicited our Gracious Queen, by an Address of either House, to exercise Her prerogative in making such selection,—and an Act, moreover, having been passed adopting beforehand the decision of Her Majesty, and appropriating the necessary funds,—We agree with Your Excellency that the Act of the Canadian Parliament and the decision of the Queen are binding on the Executive Government of the Province, and that it will be their duty to carry out the understanding which existed at the time when the reference was made, by which the Government will be transferred to *Quebec* for a fixed period, until the necessary arrangements shall have been completed.

Any Correspondence with Her Majesty's Government which Your Excellency may be pleased to lay before us will receive our most respectful consideration; We are prepared to recognize the selection made by Her Majesty at our own request; and we shall not fail duly to acknowledge Her gracious compliance with the Address which we ourselves caused to be presented to Her.

We have much satisfaction in learning from Your Excellency that the Commission for the settlement of the Seigniorial Tenure will shortly close its labors, and that a moderate outlay beyond the appropriation of 1854 will satisfy all reasonable expectations on the part of the *Censitaires*.

We agree with your Excellency that the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada* requires revisal and consolidation, and we shall not fail duly to consider any measure for this purpose which Your Excellency may cause to be submitted to us.

Any Correspondence which Your Excellency may be pleased to place in our hands, respecting the possibility of uniting, by some tie of a federal character, the British Colonies in *North America*, will receive our attentive consideration; as will also any Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in relation to questions affecting the *Hudson's Bay Company*, and on the subject of the Inter-Colonial Railway.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts for the year just expired will be laid before us as soon as possible.

While we regret, with Your Excellency, that the financial and commercial depression which has weighed upon us, in common with our neighbours, has not wholly passed away, it is gratifying to us to learn that, in Your Excellency's opinion, symptoms of amendment have begun to show themselves; and we trust that should Providence bless *Canada* this year with her usually abundant harvest, she will recover her former prosperous condition. The exercise of a sound and rigid economy in every department of the public service will, we hope, again enable us to bring our whole expenditure within the limits required by our Revenue.

We have much satisfaction in learning that an arrangement respecting the debt due to the Imperial Government, and the Sinking Fund connected with it, of a character highly advantageous to the Province, has been effected in *England*; and any papers relating to this matter which are laid before us will receive our serious attention.

Any supplies required for Her Majesty's Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that everything will be done with a view to placing the tariff on a satisfactory footing, and that the principle of *ad valorem* duties will be adopted in all cases in which it can be properly and advantageously applied.

We rejoice to learn that the important work of the Revision of the Statutes is nearly completed, and we shall not fail to pass any measure of consolidation which may be found necessary.

We thank Your Excellency for having summoned us to meet on the present occasion at the time most convenient to ourselves. And we are happy to know that Your Excellency is of opinion that so much beneficial legislation on important subjects has been dealt with in the last few Sessions that Your Excellency hopes to congratulate us on our release at a time somewhat earlier than usual.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

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

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

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His

Excellency the Governor General will receive the House, with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, to-morrow, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Playfair*, seconded by Mr. *Turcotte*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 15th February, 1859.

MR. SPEAKER reported to the House, that in the matter of the Petition of *Arthur Rankin*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *John MacLeod*, Esquire, as Member to represent the County of *Essex* in the present Parliament, he had taxed the costs and expenses incurred by the Sitting Member, in opposing the said Petition, at fourteen hundred and seven dollars and eighty-five cents, to be paid by the said Petitioner to the said Sitting Member. And also,

That in the matter of the Petition of *Robert Bell*, Esquire, complaining of the undue Election and Return of *Richard William Scott*, Esquire, as Member to represent the City of *Ottawa* in the present Parliament, he had taxed the costs and expenses incurred by the Sitting Member, in opposing the said Petition, at five hundred and twenty-four dollars and thirty-four cents, to be paid by the said Petitioner to the said Sitting Member.

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

By Mr. *Laberge*,—The Petition of the Library Association of the Parish of *St. George de Henryville*, County of *Iberville*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—The Petition of the Town Council of the Town of *Chatham*; the Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*; and the Petition of the Magistrates of the County of *Kent*, in Court of General Quarter Sessions assembled.

By Mr. *Walker Powell*,—The Petition of *John M. Treble* and others, of the Township of *Houghton*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of *E. Chinic* and others, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alley*,—The Petition of the Committee of the Ladies Protestant Relief Society of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Biggar*,—The Petition of the British Farmers' Union Insurance Company of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *Lawrence William Mercer*, of *Simcoe*, County of *Norfolk*.

By Mr. *McGee*,—The Petition of the Community of the Sisters of *St. Joseph*, of the City of *Hamilton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Samuel Wood* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Laframboise*,—The Petition of *P. H. Bernier* and others, of *St. Pie*.

By Mr. *Hogan*,—The Petition of *James Van Dusen* and others, of the Townships of *Keppel* and *Sarawak*.

By Mr. *Robinson*,—The Petition of the Community of the Sisters of *St. Joseph*, of the City of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *R. W. Scott*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College of *Bytown*.