

Cauchon, Chapais, Corneille, Coupal, Garris, Daoust, Le Boucherville, Denis, A. A. Dorion, Eric Dorion, Duckett, Alex. Dufresne, Joseph Dufresne, Mackenzie, Evanturel, William Ferguson, Fortier, Gagnon, Galt, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Harwood, Higginson, Holton, Houde, Huot, Joly, Ford Jones, Laframboise, Lajoie, Langvin, J. A. Macdonald, J. S. Macdonald, McFarlane, McGees, O'Halloran, Paquette, Perrault, Pinaoneault, Pope, Poulin, Raymond, Robitaille, J. J. Ross, Simpson, Sylvain, Tasse, Thibaudeau, Turcotte, Webb and Alouzo Wright.—39.

Finally, the question was put on Hon. Mr. Brown's motion, which was carried on the following division:—

Yeas.—Ault, Bell (Lanark), Biggar, Bow, Brown, Buchanan, Burwell, Bowman, Carling, Cartwright, Chambers, Cockburn, Cowan, Currier, Dickson, Dunkin, Dunsford, Ferguson, Thos. Howland, Jackson, Jones, Ford, Macdonald, D. A., Macdonald, John, Macdonald, J. S., Mackenzie, Alex., Mackenzie, Hope, McConkey, McDougall, McFarlane, McGees, McGivern, McIntyre, McKellar, Morris, Mowat, Munro, Notman, O'Halloran, Parker, Pope, Poulin, Ross, Walter, Rymal, Scateser, Scoble, Smith, A. M., Smith, J. Shuter, Somerville, Stinton, Street, Thompson, Wallbridge, T. C., Walsh, Webb, Wells, White, Wilson, Wright, Amos, Wright, Alouzo.—59.

Nays.—Archambault, Beaubien, Bellerose, Blanchet, Brassas, Bousseas, Caron, Carlier, Cauchon, Charoie, Corneille, Coupal, Daoust, De Boucherville, Denis, Dorion, A. A., Dorion, Eric, Duckett, Dufresne, Alex., Dufresne, Joseph, Evanturel, Ferguson, Wm., Fortier, Gagnon, Galt, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Harwood, Higginson, Holton, Houde, Huot, Joly, Laframboise, Lajoie, Langevin, Macdonald, J. A., Paquette, Perrault, Pinaoneault, Raymond, Robitaille, Ross, J. J., Simpson, Sylvain, Tasse, Thibaudeau, Turcotte.—48.

**THE SUPPLIES.**

In reply to Hon. Mr. HOLTON.—  
Hon. Mr. GALT stated that he would proceed with the Supplies to-morrow (Friday).

**THE STAMP DUTY.**

Hon. Mr. HOLTON said that before the House went into Committee of Ways and Means, he intended to move a motion declaring the proposed stamp duty unnecessary. His object was to invite the House to negative the proposition—he did not intend to move it as a motion of confidence. (Ironical cheers and laughter from the Ministerial benches.) He begged to tell the hon. gentleman (Mr. Galt) if he would withdraw his stamp duties, he (Mr. Holton) would withdraw his motion. (Laughter and cheers.) If he carried his motion, then the hon. gentleman would determine whether he would proceed with his stamps or anything else. (Cheers.)

Hon. Mr. GALT.—Whether this is an attack on the stamp duty or a motion of want of confidence, which it manifestly is, the Government will meet it. (Cheers.) I thank the hon. gentleman, however, for the notice he has given, but I am sure the House will maintain the credit of the country and support the stamp duty. (Loud cheers.)

The House then, at a quarter past one a.m., adjourned, on motion of Hon. Mr. Carlier.

**PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.**  
**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

FRIDAY, May 20th, 1864.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

**TITLES TO LAND.**

The Special Committee to whom was referred the bill to grant titles to land sold by lot, reported the bill with certain amendments.

Hon. Mr. McCREA said the Committee had taken great care that the bill should be so framed as not to affect the rights of any parties. He moved the printing of the bill as amended, and that it be taken into consideration on Monday next.—Carried.

**PRINTING REPORT.**

The fourth report of the Joint Committee on printing, recommending the printing of certain returns, was presented by Hon. Mr. Seymour. The report was ordered to be taken into committee on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. REESOR moved the second reading of the bill to amend chap. 12<sup>m</sup> Consolidated Statutes of Upper Canada. He explained that the object was to give to magistrates in the Algoma district the same control over roads and bridges, and generally the same powers as were possessed by magistrates in Upper Canada previous to the adoption of municipal institutions in Upper Canada.

Hon. Mr. ROSS was aware of the feelings of those who desired the adoption of the bill. They did not think it proper that in so sparsely settled a territory, a complete system of

municipal organization.—The effect of the bill, he feared, would be that, if adopted, a few persons might get together, and by a system of top-rolling secure particular advantage for these localities. But the idea of giving power to magistrates in Quarter Sessions assembled, as if the population was more dense, was likely to produce more harm than good. The bill under which the organization of the Algoma district had taken place, and a Judge been appointed, afforded all the protection which was necessary in the present condition of the territory.

Hon. Mr. FERGUSSON BLAIR thought that it would be better if all the powers intended to be conferred should be fully described in the bill.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL said that all the act proposed to do was to give the same powers to Courts of Quarter Sessions which the individual magistrates had, in organized districts, prior to 1841. There must have been a time when in the various districts of Upper Canada the population was as sparse as that of the District of Algoma in the present day, and then there were Courts of Quarter Sessions in those districts. The powers they exercised were exercised usefully and economically, and, therefore, when we find that the system worked well in those days we cannot doubt they would be equally beneficial in the District of Algoma.—For his part, he thought the bill was entitled to the favorable consideration of the House, but perhaps it would be as well to describe the powers to be conferred specifically. The bill, however, proposes to give the magistrates in question all the powers that may have been conferred upon magistrates in Upper Canada since 1841, and it might be that some powers ought not to be given in a county like Algoma.

Hon. Mr. McCREA.—Those additional powers are very slight indeed.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL.—Well, that could be considered in Committee. (The hon. member here read the names of the petitioners, which embraced the Judge, the Police Magistrate, the Sheriff and the principal inhabitants of the place, and said they entitled the petition to respectful attention.)

Hon. Mr. ROSS said all he had heard only confirmed him in his opinion that the bestowal of great powers upon persons so far removed could not but be attended with undue harshness. He thought, that in all such cases, the powers of officials should be carefully defined.

Hon. Mr. McCREA thought that some sort of organized power should be placed in the hands of somebody in that district, if only to protect the public works upon which large amounts of money had been already spent. He could conceive of nothing better, until the place was fit for the introduction of municipal institutions, than the conferring of the powers proposed by the bill.

Hon. Mr. VIDAL showed that the population in the Algoma district had largely increased of late, and argued therefrom that the proposed legislation was very much needed.

Hon. Mr. McGURRICH said he would like to see more sympathy for the pioneers in the far away places, for it was but too true that they were apt to be neglected.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL quoted from a work published in 1831, in support of the argument he had adduced.

The bill was then read, and referred to a Special Committee of Hon. Messrs. Campbell, McCreA, McMarich, Ferguson Blair, Ross, Vidal and the mover.

**ASSESSMENT ACT OF UPPER CANADA.**

The bill to amend the Assessment Act in Upper Canada, as amended in Committee, was then brought up for consideration, when Hon. Mr. Vidal proposed another amendment, increasing the length of notice to parties assessed from 1st May to 31st December, in the same year, before action was taken to recover.

The amendment was adopted, and the bill, as amended, was read a third time and passed.

**REDEMPTION LAW AMENDMENT BILL.**

Hon. Mr. McCREA said that the bill was to give the right to any of the relatives of the victim to bring the action, and also to give the judges the power to invest the damages recovered for the benefit of the party interested.

The bill was then read a second time, and referred to a Select Committee of Hon. Messrs. Ross, Ferguson Blair, LeTallier de St. Just, Sir N. F. Belknap, Moore, Armand, E. Duchesnay, and the mover.

The House then adjourned.

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.**

FRIDAY, 20th May, 1864.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

After the presentation and reading of petitions and other routine business—

**BILLS INTRODUCED.**

The following bills were introduced and read

a first time.

By Mr. COWAY—A Act respecting the Waterloo and Naugan Railway.

By Mr. SOMERVILLE—To enable the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Egin to convey certain real estate.

By Mr. IRVINE—To incorporate the Riviere Famine Gold Mining Company.

By Mr. IRVINE—To incorporate the Du-Loop Gold Mining Company.

By Mr. MORRIS—To incorporate the Lancaster Oil Company.

By Mr. MORRIS—To facilitate the administration of the estate of the late Robert Shore Miller and his wife Eliza Mitchell.

By Mr. ROBITAILLE—To naturalize Sterling Dupre Payne.

By Mr. MORRIS—To incorporate the Port Lock Harbor Mining Company.

By Mr. MORRIS—To amend the Act incorporating the St. Lawrence Mining Company.

**THE ESSEX ELECTION CASE.**

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD gave notice that on Monday next he would move that, in consequence of the Report of the Select Committee in the Essex Election Case, respecting the improper conduct of J. McEwan, James E. Maguire and William Kelly, Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, and Poll Clerk, respecting the consideration of the House, that they be ordered to appear at the bar of this House, on Monday, 30th May, to answer for their conduct at said election, and that a copy of the resolution be served on each.

**GOVERNMENT DAYS.**

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD directed the attention of the House to the fact that Tuesday next, the usual Government Day, was a holiday. He would therefore move that Wednesday next be a Government Day, and that each successive Wednesday during the session be also devoted to Government business. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. BROWN said he thought this was hardly fair, when we considered the large number of public bills in the hands of private members. Assuredly, if this motion were carried some of these bills would never be reached. He (Mr. Brown) had charge of a bill, for instance, which most certainly would not be reached.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD said the object of the Government was to expedite public business. Hon. members of both sides felt that at this advanced season it was desirable to get through the work of the session as soon as possible. (Hear, hear.) The Government should at least get Wednesday next, since they could not get Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. DORION said it would suit much better if Wednesday were left, as usual, for general business.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD.—We have only one day next week.

Hon. Mr. DORION.—Take Wednesday of the week following.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD remarked that the amendment of the hon. member for Chateaugay (Mr. Holton) relative to stamp duties was coming up, and it was desirable to dispose of it as soon as possible.

Hon. Mr. DORION said that, as there were two holidays next week, many members had "paired off" until Friday.

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD said that he would only press the first portion of his motion now, namely, that Wednesday next be a Government day. With regard to the second part, asking for the successive Wednesdays of the session, he would allow it to stand as a notice for Friday next, when he would bring it up, and the House could then pronounce its opinion upon it.

After some further conversation, the motion, as amended, was carried.

Hon. Mr. SIMPSON laid on the table a Return to an Address of the 9th May, praying for a return of monies paid to the Township Municipalities in Lower Canada out of the Seigniorial Tenure Fund.

**STAMP DUTY OR PROMISSORY NOTES.**

Hon. Mr. GALT moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of Ways and Means, on Wednesday next, to consider certain resolutions relative to the imposition of stamp duty on promissory notes.—Carried.

**SHIPBUILDERS DRAWBACKS.**

Hon. Mr. GALT moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on Wednesday next, to consider a resolution substituting a fixed rate per ton, in lieu of the drawback now granted to shipbuilders building ships in Canada.—Carried.

**STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES, (L. C.)**

Hon. Mr. CARTIER moved that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, on Wednesday next, to consider the resolution respecting the appointment of stipendiary magistrates in the districts of Lower Canada.—Carried.

**PRIVATE BILLS.**

Hon. J. A. MACDONALD suggested that