

Mr. *Wallace* (*Norfolk*) moved, seconded by Mr. *Staples*, and the Question being proposed, that it be resolved :—

1. That Canadians must look forward to attaining their full status as a people ; but while doing so, they are alike opposed to Independence or absorption into the neighbouring Republic, and desire only to enjoy their rights as fully as their fellow subjects in the British Isles.

2. That, in return for being endowed with the full rights of subjects, the Canadian people will be prepared to assume their share of the responsibilities arising out of them.

3. That as steam and telegraph have connected *London* and *Ottawa* as closely together as were *London* and *Edinburgh* at the time of the Union between *England* and *Scotland*, there ought to be no insuperable difficulties to obtaining an object so much to be desired.

4. That an humble address be presented to Her Most Gracious Majesty, praying that the Imperial Parliament may be recommended to take into consideration a Confederation of the Empire, or some other plan that will give Canadians the full rights and privileges of British subjects.

And a Debate arising thereupon :—The said Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Napierville*), seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House,—Copies of all correspondence which may have taken place between the Government of the Dominion or any Member thereof and the Governments of the Provinces of *Ontario* and *Quebec* or any Members of the said Governments, in relation to the Arbitration which has taken place for the apportionment between the Province of *Ontario* and the Province of *Quebec*, of the excess of the debt of the late Province of *Canada* over and above \$62,500,000 assumed by the Dominion of *Canada* under the *British North America Act* (1867), also in relation to any appeal to the Privy Council from the decision of the Arbitrators.

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

On motion of Mr. *Oliver*, seconded by Mr. *Mills*,

Resolved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution providing further for the management of the traffic on Railways.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and Mr. *Pelletier* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Pelletier* reported the Resolution accordingly ; and the same was read, as followeth :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide further for the management of the traffic on Railways, and make such provision as may secure to all portions of the Country traversed by Railways reasonable accommodations, rates proportioned to the distances that freight may be carried, and celerity in the delivery of goods ; and to provide such penalties as may be necessary to enforce a due obedience to the provisions of the Acts relating to Railways.

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

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, from the Committee of Supply, a Resolution which was read, as followeth :—

1. *Resolved*, That a sum not exceeding Five thousand nine hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty cents be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses of the Governor General Secretary's Office, for the year ending 30th June, 1874.