

*Pembroke*,—and also for amendments to the Act 19 and 20 *Vic.*, cap. 112, and the Act 27 *Vic.*, cap. 57.

Mr. *Wallbridge* (North *Hastings*), from the Select Committee appointed to consider the question of authorizing the local authorities of the County of *Hastings* to take the necessary steps to afford relief to persons residing therein, by passing a By-Law for raising money to purchase Seed-grain, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

1st. *Resolved*, That notwithstanding any law in force in *Upper Canada*, the Council of the County of *Hastings* be authorized to pass a By-Law or by-Laws for raising money, not exceeding in the whole                   dollars, to be expended in the purchase of seed and for the relief of persons suffering from the failure of the crops, and for no other purpose, and that the Debentures issued under such By-Law or By-Laws be a charge on the said County.

2nd. *Resolved*, That such By-Law be in the same form as Schedule A to the Act 22 *Vic.*, cap. 7; and the Sections numbered 222, 223, 224 and 225 of the Act respecting the Municipal Institutions of *Upper Canada*, of 1858, being cap. 99, 22nd *Vic.*, shall not apply thereto.

3rd. *Resolved*, That the said County Council, under such By-Law, be authorized to lend the money so raised, in such sums as they may deem expedient, to the Township Councils within the said County requesting the same, and to impose and levy a special rate in each year against the Municipality so borrowing, over and above all other County rates, until the loan and interest are repaid.

4th. *Resolved*, That the said Township Councils be authorized to lend the money so borrowed, and also to lend any surplus Township funds in their possession not otherwise appropriated, to the persons aforesaid, for the purposes aforesaid.

5th. *Resolved*, That the said Township Councils be authorized, if they deem it expedient, to purchase seed and deliver the same to persons aforesaid in place of the money.

6th. *Resolved*, That the Township Councils do, by By-Law, declare the time within which such loan shall be repaid, and be authorized to impose, levy and collect a special annual rate, over and above all other rates, against the estate, real and personal, of the party borrowing, and all the rights and remedies shall apply thereto which now, or at any time hereafter, shall apply to the collection of any other rate or tax upon such land; or the Council, if it see fit, may take other security, real or personal, for the payment of such loan.

7th. *Resolved*, That no money raised under any such Act shall be applied to any other purpose, and any surplus thereof unapplied shall be added to the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the County debentures issued as aforesaid.

8th. *Resolved*, That no money lent or seed delivered under such Act, shall be seized in execution, garnisheed or attached.

9th. *Resolved*, That no By-law be passed and no debentures be issued under any By-law passed in pursuance of such Act, after the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Macfarlane* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Canadian Land and Emigration Company (limited).

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills be extended to the 23rd instant; for receiving Private Bills, to the 2nd March; and for receiving Reports on Private Bills, to the 16th March next.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* have leave to bring in a Bill to amend the Act to incorporate the Pilots for and above the Harbour of *Quebec*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, to-morrow.