

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution affirming the expediency of indemnifying the Government for having authorized the issue of a special Warrant for \$200,000, to provide for the defence of the Dominion in repelling the Fenian Invasion in the month of May last.

(In the Committee)

Resolved, That it is expedient to indemnify the Members of the Executive Council, the Auditor General and all other officers and persons connected with the issue of a Special Warrant by his Excellency the Governor General, on the 27th day of May, 1870, upon an Order in Council made the same day, under the provision of the thirty-fifth section of the Act 31, *Vic.*, cap. 5. for the advance of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, towards defraying the expenses occasioned by the attack on the frontier and threatened invasion by the Fenians, or in the expenditure, of \$198,289 35 for the said purpose, out of the said sum of \$200,000; detailed accounts of such expenditure, up to the 30th day of June, 1870, having been laid before Parliament in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending on that day, and detailed accounts of such expenditure since that day, with copies of the said Order in Council and Warrant, having been included in the statement of the Auditor General, laid before Parliament on the third day of the present Session by the Minister of Finance, and all the requirements of the Act aforesaid in the premises having been duly complied with.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. Gray reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions on the subject of Savings Banks, and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

(In the Committee.)

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide additional facilities, in the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, for the deposit of savings at interest with the security of the Dominion Government for the payment of interest and the repayment of the principal, and for that purpose to authorize the appointment of an Assistant to the Receiver General in each of the said Provinces, who shall have the management of the head office of the Government Savings' Bank in the Province for which he is appointed, and to empower the Governor in Council to establish Branch Savings' Banks in the said Provinces, to be under the management of agents to be appointed by the Governor, the Collectors of Customs in *New Brunswick* now authorized to receive deposits of savings, continuing as such agents until others are appointed in their stead.

Resolution to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. Gray reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be received on Friday next.

The Honorable Mr. Gray also acquainted the House that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, again resolve itself into the said Committee.