

zans, not only ill-adapted to promote the peace, welfare and good government of the Province, but absolutely of a character to agitate and unsettle it:

9. That in the opinion of this House, the introduction into the said Executive Council, of at least a number equal to that of the officials therein, of unpaid and non-stipendiary Members independent of the Executive, selected from among the most eminent in the agricultural, commercial and industrial interests in the Province, would prove a salutary reform in the constitution and character of the said Executive Council, and entitle it to a greater portion of the public confidence and support than, under its present organization, it can be expected ever to acquire:

10. That in the opinion of this House, the examples set by previous Administrations in making the Ministerial post, or office, of Executive Councillor a stepping stone to non-political offices of the highest grade and emolument, and of permanent tenure, and in particular those of the present Administration immediately upon their attainment to power, in conferring Judgeships upon two of their colleagues, are instances not only elusive of the responsibilities sought for and assumed, and a conversion to sordid and selfish purposes, of the important trust confided to them, by turning their position, as Constitutional Advisers of the Queen's Representative, to private account, in helping themselves to profitable retirements from their political pursuits; but they are also of a nature to bring into disrepute the Judgment Seat, by throwing it open rather to the competition of political agitation and intrigue, than to professional worth and eminence, and are, moreover, evidences of a policy derogatory to Her Majesty's Government, making it that of a party, and avowedly protective of party interests, with equal if not greater zeal than those of the public, holding out, with a view to perpetuate their own power, as a principle, and the policy by which they are to be guided in the administration of the Government, a preference for partisans over all others, in their appointments to office under the Crown; against all which this House deem it to be its bounden duty to record the expression of its disapprobation, and to protest, as unfitting to be drawn into precedent hereafter, or practically followed, and in fact of a nature to bring into contempt the existing system of so-called "Responsible Government," and truly to characterize it as "a mockery, "a delusion, and a snare," to entrap the unsuspecting, and of a tendency to enslave the country, reduce the Representative of the Sovereign to the level of an agent to the political party for the time being prevailing, convert the Royal patronage into "spoil," to stimulate and reward the agitation of political partisans and adventurers, and this House into an arena for agitators, speculators in politics, and place-hunters, contending for office and emolument at the public expense:

11. That in the opinion of this House, the Law expenses or costs of Justice generally in all Her Majesty's Law Courts throughout this Province are an exorbitant tax and grievance upon the people thereof, requiring the immediate attention of Her Majesty's Executive Government, and measures of redress; and that an humble Address, on the subject, be presented to His Excellency the Governor General accordingly:

12. That it is expedient to erect a Tribunal or Jurisdiction in this Province for the Trial of Impeachments:

13. That this House renews its votes with respect to the abolition of the Feudal Tenure, of the 28th July, 1841, as follow:—

"1. *Resolved*, That from the increasing improvement of the Country, and from the abuses which have grown out of the operation of the Tenure of Lands now existing in that part of the Province

"hitherto called *Lower Canada*, commonly known as the "Seigniorial Tenure," the said Tenure has become less adapted to the wants, prosperity and advancement of the Province, and in many instances burthensome and oppressive to the people.

"2. *Resolved*, That the different Legislative enactments passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom touching and concerning the said Tenure, have not attained the end sought for by their framers; and that it is expedient to adopt other efficient and equitable means for relieving the people from the above difficulties, and of gradually substituting for the Seigniorial system, a free Tenure more consonant to their condition, interests and wishes.

"3. *Resolved*, That in the changes to be made in the Laws of Tenure, due regard should be had to the vested rights of all parties concerned, and provision made for ascertaining the same with a view to an equitable adjustment."

On motion of Mr. *Galt*, seconded by Mr. *M'Connell*,

Ordered, That the further consideration of the said Question be postponed.

The House then resolved itself into a Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Lyon* took the Chair of the Committee; and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair;

And Mr. *Lyon* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

Ordered, That the Committee have leave to sit again, to-morrow.

Ordered, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow. Orders deferred.

Then, on motion of Mr. *DeWitt*, seconded by Mr. *Christie*,

The House adjourned.

Sabbati, 19° die Maii;

ANNO 12° VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

AN engrossed Bill to amend the School Law of *Lower Canada*, was read the the third time. School Law (L. C.) Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *LaFontaine* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate certain persons under the style and title of "The President, Directors, and Company of *Port Burwell Harbour*," was read the third time. Port Burwell Harbour Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Notman* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to incorporate the College of *Bytown*, was read the third time. Bytown College Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. *Egan* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed Bill to improve the Law of Evidence in *Upper Canada*, was read the third time. Law of Evidence (U. C.) Bill.

Resolved, That the Bill do pass.

Ordered, That Mr. Solicitor General *Blake* do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.