

fund for the establishment and support of a free grammar school in those districts in which they are called for, and in due process of time to establish other seminaries of a more comprehensive nature.

Resolved, That although more than 30 years have elapsed, since his Majesty made this gratifying communication, it does not come within the knowledge of this committee, that even one free grammar school has been endowed from these lands, or any other seminary established, in consequence of that reservation, except a school at the seat of government called the royal grammar school.

Resolved, That the establishment by the Legislature of a public school in each district with a salary of £100 currency paid out of the provincial treasury to the master, does not afford sufficient means to instruct the youth of the province, in the several branches of classical and scientific learning, and ought not, therefore, to be considered as a reason for withholding the support which his Majesty intended for the district grammar schools.

Resolved, That it is most important to the contentment and welfare of the people of this province, that the school lands be applied to the purposes for which they were originally intended, and immediate steps taken to represent to his Majesty's government, that the several districts, from their extensive and rapidly increasing population, are now in a state to require the establishment of free grammar schools with a suitable endowment, which schools if incorporated with the present district schools would afford the means of respectable support to a master and two assistants in each, and thereby enable the inhabitants generally to confer the blessings of a liberal education on their children and find employment as masters for such of them as may be found to have made the necessary proficiency in the acquirement of classical and scientific knowledge.

Resolved, That it would be much more satisfactory to the people of this province, if the monies arising from the sale of school lands were paid into the hands of the Receiver General, and the fund placed at the disposal of the Legislature instead of the present arrangement, as not only the control of the funds, but the general superintendence and organization of the whole system would thus be open to public inspection and approval.

Resolved, That an humble address be presented to his Majesty, setting forth the substance of the foregoing resolutions, and imploring his Majesty's early attention to the anxious hope of his Majesty's faithful subjects of Upper Canada, that the school lands may not be applied to any other object than that for which they were intended by his Majesty's late royal father.

#### Improvement of the Saint Lawrence.

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Lawrence.

At a respectable meeting convened at the court house in Brockville, on Wednesday evening, the 10th of November, 1830, for the purpose of adopting measures connected with the improvement of the navigation of the Saint Lawrence.

Jonas Jones, Esq. was appointed Chairman, and Andrew N. Buell, Esq. Secretary.

Mr. Jones having explained the object of the meeting, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1st. Resolved, that the improvement of the navigation of the Saint Lawrence is of the first importance to the commercial and agricultural interests of Upper Canada.

2nd. Resolved, that an application be made to the Legislature, at its approaching session, to take into consideration the improvement of the navigation of the Saint Lawrence, and adopt such measures as shall be deemed advisable to effect so desirable an object.

3d. Resolved, that a committee be appointed to obtain information and estimates of the expense of the contemplated improvements, consisting of the chairman and Secretary of the meeting, A. McMillan, W. L. Whiting, George Longley, John John McDonnell, Alexander Morris & George Crawford, Esqs. and that the said committee shall ascertain the plan proposed to be adopted by the commissioners for the improvement of the Saint Lawrence in Lower Canada, and shall report on all the information they can procure, and cause the same to be laid before the Legislature with a petition praying its interference to accomplish the proposed object.

4th. Resolved, that a subscription be entered into for defraying the expense of procuring such information and estimates, and bringing the subject before the Legislature, and that Justus S. Mervin, and Ephraim Dunham Esqrs. be a committee to solicit such subscriptions, Henry Jones, Esq. was then appointed treasurer to receive the subscriptions, and the meeting adjourned.

ANDREW N. BUELL, Secretary.

JONAS JONES, Chairman.

Note. A subscription being opened at the meeting, upwards of sixty pounds were immediately subscribed, pursuant to one of the foregoing resolutions.

Brockville, Thursday 11th }  
November, 1830. }

The committee appointed at the meeting held at the court house, in Brockville, on the evening of the 10th instant, relative to improving the navigation of the Saint Lawrence, assembled at the same place this day.

PRESENT,—Jonas Jones, Alexander Morris, George Crawford, W. L. Whiting, Alexander McMillan, and Andrew N. Buell, Esquires, Jonas Jones, Esq. being appointed chairman, and Andrew N. Buell, Esq. Secretary, it was resolved.

1st. That William L. Whiting, and George Crawford, Esquires, do proceed to Lower Canada, to communicate with the commissioners appointed under the act of that province, authorising a survey of the Saint Lawrence, and obtain such information on the subject as shall be in their power to procure, also to secure the services of Mr. Barrett, to make a survey and estimate of the proposed improvements.

2d. That a communication be made to George Longley, and John McDonnell, Esqrs. the absent members of the committee, of what has been done.

3d. That a meeting be called by the Secretary at the request of any three of the members of this committee.

4th. That the treasurer be authorised to pay any monies required for the above purposes, upon the order of the chairman.

(Adjourned.)

ANDREW N. BUELL, Secretary. JONAS JONES, Chairman.

Brockville, Thursday Evening, }  
23d December, 1830. }

The committee relative to improving the navigation of the Saint Lawrence, met at Wheeler's coffee house, pursuant to notice, present, Jonas Jones, Alexander Morris, W. L. Whiting and Andrew N. Buell, Esqrs.

The report of Messrs. Whiting and Crawford members of this committee named at the last meeting to obtain information and a survey and estimate of the contemplated improvements in the Saint Lawrence being submitted and read, was unanimously approved. The report of Mr. Barrett, Engineer and Mr. Keefer assistant Engineer, made to the same gentlemen, with a survey of the proposed improvements, embracing estimates of the expense and accompanied with plans, &c. was also submitted, and was highly satisfactory.

1st. It was resolved that the thanks of the committee be given to Messrs. Whiting and Crawford for their able report and indefatigable exertions in procuring the information contained therein.

2d. That petitions from this committee to the Legislative council and house of Assembly, praying their adoption of measures to accomplish the proposed improvements, be prepared and signed, and that such petitions accompanied by the report of Messrs. Whiting and Crawford, the report of the Engineers, their plans and other documents, be forwarded to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, together with a petition requesting his Excellency to transmit them to the respective houses, and recommend the proposed improvements to their favorable consideration.

(Meeting Adjourned.)

ANDREW N. BUELL, Secretary.

#### REPORT.

SIR,

With reference to the proceedings of a meeting held at Brockville on the tenth of November last, for the purpose of adopting measures for improving the navigation of the river Saint Lawrence we beg leave to state.

That, in accordance with the request of the committee, of which you are chairman, we lost no time in procuring the services of Mr. Barrett and his assistant Mr. Keefer, and on the 15th Ult. commenced the examination and survey of the river, at Cornwall.

In our instructions to Mr. Barrett, he was desired to make the examination with reference to the cost of removing obstructions to the safe and expeditious passage of Durham boats and other craft requiring four feet depth of water, and of facilitating the passage upwards by means of towing paths, locks, &c. as well as the expense of constructing a canal adapted to Steam-boat and Schooner navigation.

We have now the pleasure of submitting for the consideration of the committee the report of the gentlemen employed on this survey, together with a plan of the river, minutes of survey and estimates in detail, and we take much pleasure in expressing our entire approbation of the manner in which they have executed the duty assigned them, and that we have every reason to place the fullest confidence in the general correctness of their estimates.

From this report it will be seen that the whole cost of removing all the obstructions which exist in the up-navigation, and of rendering it safe, expeditious and cheap, for boats drawing four feet water, amounts to only £45167, and the probable cost of the Steam-boat improvement to £173152.

Such is the importance of this great highway, between Upper and Lower Canada, and the necessity which exists for its improvement is so very apparent, that it is perhaps unnecessary to advance a single reason in favor of its being undertaken without further delay; for we are convinced that nothing in the power of the provincial Legislature can more largely contribute to the pro-