

*Girard*, Senator from *Manitoba*, expressed his willingness to assist, to the utmost of his power, and his conviction that, at a very small cost, interesting and important documents concerning the old *Hudson's Bay Territories* could be readily obtained.

After deliberating upon the expediency of gathering all Public Archives, which may be found in any Province of the Dominion, for deposit in a central Record office, to be established in *Ottawa*, the Committee concurred in the opinion that, inasmuch as "property and civil rights" have been assigned by the *British North America Act*, to the special control of the Provincial Governments, there would be an insuperable objection to the removal, from their guardianship, of any Records which might be necessary for the proof or maintenance of private rights. But any documents not required to be retained by the local authorities, and which they might be willing to assign to the care of the Dominion, should be transferred to *Ottawa* whenever suitable provision shall have been made for their safe custody, and any papers retained by the Local Governments which might hereafter prove to be of general historical interest, should, in the opinion of the Committee, be copied, and the transcripts preserved in the Dominion Record Office.

Believing it to be premature, at the present time, to discuss the propriety of printing a collection of Historical Documents, the Committee would, nevertheless, express their earnest hope that, at the earliest possible period, a Calendar or *Catalogue raisonné* of all important historical manuscripts now in the possession of the Dominion or Provincial Governments, or known to exist in any place accessible to the public, may be prepared and printed for distribution to Public Libraries, and amongst persons engaged in literary researches. By this means the public would be enabled to derive immediate benefit, to a considerable extent, from the treasures already accumulated within the Dominion, and the materials for the history of this country would be indicated, if not actually placed within the reach of all.

These recommendations and conclusions are respectfully submitted for the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library.

*Mr. Bodwell*, from the Select Committee to whom were referred the several Petitions presented to this House, praying for the passing of a Prohibitory Liquor Law, presented to the House, the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read. (*Appendix No. 3.*)

On motion of *Mr. Bodwell*, seconded by *Mr. Scatcherd*,

*Ordered*, That the said Report be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament, with a view to its being printed for the use of Members.

The Honorable *Sir Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented to the House the Tenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have considered the Bill from the Senate, intituled : "An Act to amend an Act to incorporate The *Montreal Investment Association*,"—and the Bill respecting Interest and Usury in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, and have agreed to report the same severally amended.

Your Committee have also considered the Bill to incorporate "The *Oshawa Board of Trade*", and have agreed to report the same, without any amendment.

*Mr. Mills*, from the Select Committee appointed to try and determine the matter of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the Electoral District of *Jacques Cartier*, informed the House, That the Sitting Member and Petitioner, by a consent in writing, signed by them, made application to adjourn the proceedings of the said Committee until the second day of September next, and the Committee having assented to the said application, ask leave to adjourn until the said second day of September next.

On motion of *Mr. Mills*, seconded by *Mr. Young (Waterloo)*,

*Ordered*, That the said Committee have leave to adjourn until the second day of September next, at 11 o'clock, A.M.