

Mr. *Burpee*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, presented,—Return to an Address to His Excellency, dated 3rd April, 1876, for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Government of the *United States*, respecting the alleged violation of the Treaty of *Washington*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 14.)

Mr. *Oliver* reported from the Committee of Supply; a Resolution, which was read as followeth:—

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Seven thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray salaries of the Governor General's Secretary's Office, for the year ending 30th June, 1878.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Mr. *Cartwright*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Statement of Receipts and Payments on account of the Consolidated Fund, from 1st July, 1876, to 10th February, 1877, as followeth:—

RECEIPTS :

Customs.....	\$7,082,227 78
Excise.....	3,072,705 87
Post Office.....	567,272 67
Public Works.....	1,120,360 97
Miscellaneous.....	651,712 00
	\$12,494,279 29

PAYMENTS:

Consolidated Fund.....	\$13,445,688 57
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N.B.—The sum of \$1,007,297.19 has been paid more this year than as the corresponding period of last year, on account of Interest on Public Debt, and \$243,038.89 on account of Sinking Fund.

The Order of the Day being read, for the House in Committee of Ways and Means;

And the Question being proposed, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the clock on Wednesday morning;

Wednesday, 21st February, 1877.

And the Question being put,

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

1. *Resolved*,—That in lieu and stead of the duties of Excise imposed on the articles herein mentioned by the Act respecting the Inland Revenue (31 *Victoria*, Cap. 8) it is expedient that the following duties of Excise be imposed and collected:—

1. On every pound of Malt, two cents.

2. On every gallon of any fermented beverage made in imitation of beer or malt liquor and brewed in whole or in part from any other substance than malt, eight cents.

3. Provided that Brewers using sugar in the manufacture of beer, and paying the above mentioned duty on the beer made therewith, may receive a drawback equal to the duty paid by them on the malt used with such sugar in making such beer.

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to amend the Act 31 *Victoria*, Cap. 44, and other Acts amending the same and the Tariff of Duties of Customs contained in the Schedules annexed to the said Acts:—