

That in the opinion of this Convention, the unequal pressure of local taxation in Upper Canada is a source of general and just discontent, and that an entire revision of the present Assessment Law is essential for carrying out those local improvements upon which the prosperity of the country mainly depends.

Moved in amendment by Mr Scobie, seconded by Mr Hatt—

That all the words after "That" in the original motion be struck out and the following inserted:—"While this Convention readily admits that the Assessment Laws in force in Upper Canada are susceptible of improvement, and should be so amended as to adapt them to the condition and circumstances of the inhabitants of that part of the Province, they are constrained to give expression to their decided opposition to the measure introduced into Parliament of an inquisitorial nature, by which it is proposed to render liable to assessment all household furniture, moneys, goods, chattels, debts due from solvent debtors, whether on account, contract, note, bond, or mortgage, public stocks or debentures, and stocks in moneyed corporations, whether such stock or debentures be or be not Canadian, also such portion of the capital of incorporated companies as shall not be invested in real estate, with the accompanying machinery, by means of which it is proposed to ascertain the amount of such personal property, prying into the condition of every man's affairs." Which amendment was carried.

Moved by Mr Macdonald of St. Catherines, seconded by Mr McDonell of Williamsburg—

That it be Resolved, that a vote of thanks be given by this Convention to the Mayor and City Council of the city of Kingston for the use of the Hall so kindly afforded by them for the sittings of the Convention, and that the Secretary do transmit the same to the Mayor. Carried.

Moved by Mr Gamble of Vaughan, seconded by Mr Duggan,

That the Convention do now adjourn till 3 o'clock P.M.

And the Convention adjourned accordingly.

At 3 P.M., pursuant to adjournment, the Chairman took the chair, and the business of the Convention was resumed.

Mr Macdonald of St. Catherines, proposed that the Constitution, as drafted by the committee for that purpose appointed, should be read and considered, article by article, which was done.

The Report, as amended, was as follows:—