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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor the Earl *Cathcart*, K. C. B., to the
Right Honourable *W. E. Gladstone*.

Sir,

Government House, Montreal, 28 April, 1846.

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Governor Earl
Cathcart to Mr.
Secretary Glad-
stone,
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IN order that you may be made acquainted at an early period with the views entertained by the Legislative Assembly of Canada in regard to the measures which it appears expedient for them to adopt, consequent on the contemplated abolition of the duty on corn, and other important changes in the commercial policy of the empire, which have been submitted to the deliberation of the Imperial Parliament, I have the honour to enclose for your information a copy of seven Resolutions that have passed in a committee of the whole House.

These Resolutions were introduced by the Inspector-general, and carried, under the supposition that Her Majesty's Ministers would succeed in carrying through the measures submitted by them to Parliament, and it is understood that the enacting of the provisions which they contain is to be contingent on that event.

I have, &c.

Cathcart.

Enclosure in No. 12.

SEVEN RESOLUTIONS reported from a Committee of the whole House.

1. *Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient that so much of the Act 6 Vict., c. 31, as relates to the imposition of a duty of 3s. sterling per quarter on foreign wheat imported into this province, be repealed.—Yeas 42; Nays 28. Enclosure in No. 12.

2. *Resolved*,—That a duty of 3s. sterling per quarter be imposed upon all foreign wheat imported into this province, except for the purpose of exportation, or to be ground in bond, for exportation.

3. *Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient that so much of the Schedule of duties imposed by the Act 8 Vict., c. 3, as relates to the imposition of a duty of 3s. sterling per quarter on maize, or Indian corn, imported into this province from a foreign country, be repealed.—Yeas 43; Nays 23.

4. *Resolved*,—That a duty of 3s. sterling per quarter be imposed upon all foreign maize, or Indian corn, introduced into this province except for the purpose of exportation.

5. *Resolved*,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient that so much of the Schedule of duties imposed by the Act 8 Vict., c. 3, as relates to the imposition of a duty upon Muscovado, clayed, bastard and other sugars not refined, imported into this province, be repealed.

6. *Resolved*,—That a duty of 7s. 6d. sterling per cwt. be imposed upon Muscovado, clayed, bastard and all other sugars not refined, imported into this province. (*Present duty 9s. 4d. sterling*).—Yeas 41; Nays 29.

7. *Resolved*,—That, in addition to the articles enumerated in the Schedule to the said Act 8 Vict., c. 3, on which duties are imposed, all descriptions of dye-woods be subject to and charged with an *ad valorem* duty of one per cent.

Resolved,—That, in the opinion of this Committee, it is expedient that so much of the Schedule of duties imposed by the Act 8 Vict., c. 3, as relates to the imposition of duties upon leather or leather manufactures imported into this province, be repealed.

Resolved,—That an *ad valorem* duty of five per cent. be imposed upon all kinds of manufactured or unmanufactured leather, the production of Great Britain, or of the British Colonies, imported by sea, or direct from any British Colony; and that on leather or leather manufactures otherwise imported, the following duties be imposed; that is to say,

Present Duties.

s.	d.		s.	d.
5	—	On Goat Skins, tanned, tawed, or in any other way dressed, per dozen - - - - -	5	—
2	6	On Lamb or Sheep Skins, tanned, tawed, or in any way dressed, per dozen - - - - -	2	6
—	6	Calf Skins, tanned, tawed, or in any way dressed, per lb. - -	—	4
—	3	Kid Skins, tanned, tawed, or any way dressed, per lb. - -	—	2
—	2	} Harness Leather, Upper Leather, and Sole Leather, per lb. -	s.	d.
—	1½		—	1½
—	6	Leather, cut into shapes, per lb. - - - - -	—	4