

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported the Resolutions accordingly; and the same were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That by the provisions of the *British North America* Act, 1867, and by the terms and conditions under which the Provinces of *British Columbia* and *Manitoba* were admitted into the Dominion, *Canada* became liable for the debts and liabilities of each Province existing at the time of its becoming part of the Dominion, subject to the provision that each Province should, in account with *Canada*, be charged with interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the amount by which its said debts and liabilities exceeded, or should receive interest at the same rate by half yearly payments in advance on the amount by which its said debts and liabilities fell short of certain fixed amounts.

2. *Resolved*, That the amount fixed as aforesaid in the case of the Provinces of *Ontario* and *Quebec*, conjointly (as having theretofore formed the Province of *Canada*), was Sixty-two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$62,500,000), and that the debt of the said late Province, as now ascertained, exceeded the said sum by Ten million five hundred and six thousand and eighty-eight dollars and eighty-four cents! (\$10,506,088.84) for the interest as aforesaid on which the said two Provinces were chargeable in account with *Canada*.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to relieve the said Provinces of *Ontario* and *Quebec* from the said charge, and hereafter to consider the fixed amount in their case as increased by the said sum of \$10,506,088.84.

4. *Resolved*, That to compensate the other Provinces of the Dominion for this addition to the general debt of *Canada*, the amounts fixed as aforesaid, as respects the Provinces of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, by the *British North America* Act, 1867, and as respects the Provinces of *British Columbia* and *Manitoba* by the terms and conditions on which they were admitted into the Dominion, shall be increased in the same proportion.

5. *Resolved*, That the subsidies to the several Provinces in July, 1873, shall be paid in accordance with the foregoing Resolutions.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Tilley* have leave to bring in a Bill to re-adjust the amounts payable to, and chargeable against the several Provinces of *Canada*, in so far as depends on the debt with which they respectively entered the Union.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day.

And then The House, having continued to sit till a quarter of an hour before Three of the Clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 20th May, 1873.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Mailloux*,—The Petition of the Reverend *F. X. Guay*, Curé, and others, of the Parishes of *Notre Dame du Lac Témiscouata*, of *Ste. Rose du Déglé*, of *St. Louis du Ha! Ha!* and of *St. Honoré*, in the County of *Témiscouata*.

By Mr. *Findlay*,—The Petition of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Pembroke*, County of *Renfrew*.

Mr. *Pâquet*, from the Select Committee appointed on the subject of Hygiene and Public Health, and to enquire as to the best means of providing a remedy for the want