

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Friday, November 15, 1867

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Sir John A. Macdonald moved the appointment of a committee to form rules and regulations for the government of the House, to consist of Messrs. Cartier, J. S. Macdonald, Campbell, Dunkin, Dorion, Gray and the mover. Carried.

KAMOURASKA ELECTION

Sir John A. Macdonald moved that the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend this House on Monday next, with the return of the last election of the County of Kamouraska, together with the poll books, if any there be, and all other papers, letters and documents which may have been transmitted to him by the Returning Officer for the said county. Carried.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Sir John A. Macdonald moved that a committee be appointed to strike the select Standing Committees, to consist of Messrs. Cartier, Tilley, McDougall, Langevin, Howe, J. S. Macdonald, Dorion, Holton, Fisher, Mackenzie, Walsh, Morris, Smith, Chauveau, Dufresne, and the mover. Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Government notices of motion were given for Tuesday next:—

Sir J. A. Macdonald—Bill respecting interpretation and construction of statutes.

Also, resolutions respecting the indemnity of members, and the salaries of the Speakers of both Houses.

Hon. Mr. Langevin—Bill respecting the department of the Secretary of State for Canada.

Hon. Mr. McDougall—Bill respecting the public works of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. Tilley—Bill relating to the Customs Department.

CREATION OF A PUBLIC STOCK

Mr. Morris enquired whether the Government have it in contemplation to introduce a measure for the creation of a public stock, in which it should be legal to invest trust funds.

Sir J. A. Macdonald replied that the Government recognized the importance of the subject, and had it under consideration.

GOVERNMENT SAVINGS BANKS

In reply to Hon. J. H. Cameron,

Sir J. A. Macdonald, stated that it was the intention of the Government to submit to Parliament during the present session plan for Government savings banks.

A MINT

In reply to Mr. Dufresne,

Sir J. A. Macdonald said the Provincial Government had no power to establish a mint in the Dominion.

CANAL ENLARGEMENT

Mr. Masson enquired whether the Government intended to introduce a measure for the enlargement of the Welland and St. Lawrence Canals.

Hon. Mr. McDougall said the Government fully recognized the great importance of this subject; but did not think the finances of the Dominion would justify such a measure at present.

POSTAGE

Mr. Young enquired whether the Government intended to take steps to reduce the rates of ocean and inland postage, and to abolish newspaper postage.

Sir J. A. Macdonald replied that the Government was considering a measure which would shortly be submitted to Parliament, and would speak for itself.