

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported the Resolution accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth :—

*Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide for the appointment of Harbor Masters by the Governor, at all Ports in *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* to which the Act to be passed in that behalf shall be declared by proclamation under Order in Council to extend, except the Port of *Halifax*, for which provision is made by 35 *Vict.*, cap. 42 and the Port of *St. John, N. B.*; and to provide for the payment of such Harbour Masters out of fees to be collected by them, and any surplus of which shall be applied to the improvement of the said Harbours respectively.

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

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Mitchell* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the appointment of Harbor Masters for *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*.

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, on Tuesday next.

The Honorable Mr. *O'Connor*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report, Returns and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of *Canada*, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1872. (*Sessional Papers, No. 4.*)

The Honorable Mr. *Langevin*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report of the Minister of Agriculture of the Dominion of *Canada*, for the year 1872. (*Sessional Papers No. 26.*)

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, yesterday, proposed, That *Richard James Bell*, Returning Officer at the last election for the Electoral District of *Muskoka*, acted illegally at the said election in making a special return instead of returning, as elected, *Alexander Peter Cockburn*, who had the majority of votes, but as the said *Richard James Bell* in so doing has acted under legal advice, he be discharged, although this House cannot approve of the mode of obtaining said advice through one of the Candidates :—The said Question and Motion were severally, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Dorion (Napierville)*, seconded by Mr. *Blake*,

*Resolved*, That *Richard James Bell*, Returning Officer at the last election for the Electoral District of *Muskoka*, acted illegally at the said election in making a special return instead of returning as elected *Alexander Peter Cockburn*, who had the majority of votes, but as the said *Richard James Bell* in so doing has acted under legal advice, he be discharged.

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, the practice of obtaining legal opinions by Returning Officers as to their duties, through the intervention of any Candidate, is improper, and cannot be countenanced in the future.

*Richard James Bell* was again called to the Bar, and the foregoing Resolutions being read to him, he was discharged from further attendance.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Acts relating to Port Wardens at *Montreal* and *Quebec*, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time, on Tuesday next.