

1878. By the Honorable Mr. Miller :—

4 February 14—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Post-office Inspector for *Nova Scotia* and any other person or persons, during the months of November, December and January last past, in relation to Mail irregularities between the Post Offices of *Arichat*, *Hawkesbury* and *Antigonish* in the said Province, and all evidence obtained and reports made by the said Inspector in connection with the same.

By the Honorable Mr. Haythorne :—

5 “ 14—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a Return specifying :—

- 1st. The sums expended in repairing the Steamship *Northern Light* during the year 1877.
- 2nd. The number of passages made by the said Steamship between the Ports of *Georgetown* in *Prince Edward Island*, and *Pictou* in *Nova Scotia*.
- 3rd. The number of Mails received on board the said Steamship and delivered up to the 14th instant.
- 4th. The number of Mails which have been despatched for transmission by the said Steamship, but have ultimately been transmitted by some other means.

For Thursday, 21st February, 1878.

By the Honorable Mr. Macpherson :—

6 “ 14—That he will move that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire :—

- 1st. Whether the *Fort Francis* Lock when completed can be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not, what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Francis* Lock) to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port Savanne* (*Lac des Mille Lacs*) and *Keewatin* (*Rat Portage*) and the probable cost of such improvements?
- 2nd. What will be the use to the Dominion of the said *Fort Francis* Lock if it cannot be used for the purposes of Commerce, in connection with the *Canada Pacific* Railway so as to form part of the said through communication?
- 3rd. What is the distance between the said Lock and the point nearest to it on the *Canada Pacific* Railway?
- 4th. What are the dimensions of the said Lock, its estimated and probable cost, the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been in all cases according to law, and whether the said Lock is being built by contract or otherwise?
- 5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Francis* Lock, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report from time to time to this Honorable House.