

The first resolution was then put and carried as follows :

First Resolu-
tion.

Resolved, that an humble address be presented to His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor, thanking His Excellency for the Gracious Speech with which he has been pleased to open the present Session.

The second resolution was put and carried as follows :

Second
Resolution.

Resolved, that this House entirely concurs with His Excellency in regarding the present season in every respect more convenient to the Province, for the meeting of the Legislature, than the period at which it has heretofore been usually assembled.

The third resolution was then read as follows :

Third Resolu-
tion read.

Resolved, that while this House feels every confidence in the earnest desire of His Majesty's Ministers to promote the general prosperity of the Canadas, by encouraging a free commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing our exports,—yet they are persuaded that His Majesty will not fail to perceive with how much greater advantage any new regulations respecting the Trade of the Colonies might be introduced, were a sufficient period allowed, previous to their taking effect, for enabling those concerned in mercantile pursuits to guard against any changes, which, though salutary in themselves, might by a sudden introduction prove ruinous to commercial enterprise.

Amendment
proposed.

In amendment, Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that after the words, “ yet they are persuaded,” the following be inserted, “ that the interests of the merchants and manufacturers of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the agriculturists of this Province, would be greatly promoted by the passage of a law constantly admitting wheat and flour, the produce and manufacture of the North American Colonies, into the United Kingdom, either free of taxation or at a fixed rate of duty, so much under the scale of duties that may be levied on wheat and flour of the growth and manufacture of the United States, passing downwards by the Saint Lawrence, or on the produce of any foreign country, hereafter to be admitted into the ports of Great Britain, as may afford an adequate, permanent protection to these staple articles of Canada produce, in the markets of the United Kingdom.”

House divides
on proposed
Amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 13. Beardsley, Howard, Shade, White,
Bidwell, McCall, Shaver, W. Wilson—
Buell, McKenzie, Werden, 13.
Cook, Roblin,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 18. Atty. General, Elliott, McMartin, Samson,
Berczy, A. Fraser, Macnab, Sol. General,
Boulton, R. Fraser, Macon, Thomson,
Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Warren—18.
Duncombe, Ketchum,

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of five.

Second
proposed
Amendment.

In amendment to the original motion, Mr. McKenzie seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that the following words, in the original resolution, be expunged : “ encouraging a free commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing our exports ;” and that in their place the following be inserted : “ The passage of Laws for the regulation of Commercial Intercourse on the Saint Lawrence.”

House divides
on second
Amendment.

On which the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 14. Beardsley, Cook, McKenzie, White,
Berczy, Howard, Roblin, W. Wilson—
Bidwell, Ketchum, Shaver, 14.
Buell, McCall, Werden,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 17. Atty. General, A. Fraser, Macnab, Shade,
Boulton, R. Fraser, Macon, Sol. General,
Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Thomson,
Duncombe, McMartin, Samson, Warren—17.
Elliott,

Amendment
lost.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of three.

House divides
on original
Motion.

On the original question the House divided, and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 19. Atty. General, Elliott, McMartin, Shade,
Berczy, A. Fraser, Macnab, Sol. General,
Boulton, R. Fraser, Macon, Thomson,
Burwell, Jarvis, Mount, Warren—19.
Duncombe, Ketchum, Samson,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Beardsley, Howard, Roblin, White,
Bidwell, McCall, Shaver, W. Wilson— Nays 12.
Buell, McKenzie, Werden, 12.
Cook,

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seven, and is as follows :

Resolved, that while this House feels every confidence in the earnest desire of His Majesty's Ministers to promote the general prosperity of the Canadas, by encouraging a free commercial intercourse on the Saint Lawrence, and increasing our exports ; yet they are persuaded, that His Majesty will not fail to perceive with how much greater advantage any new regulations respecting the trade of the Colonies might be introduced, were a sufficient period allowed, previous to their taking effect, for enabling those concerned in mercantile pursuits to guard against any changes, which though salutary in themselves, might, by a sudden introduction, prove ruinous to commercial enterprise.

The fourth resolution was then read as follows :

Resolved, that this House have viewed, with unmingled regret, the attempts which have been made to make alterations in the duties upon timber, which must materially affect that branch of the trade of the North American Colonies, and the more so as any alteration tending to diminish the amount of tonnage at the Port of Quebec, must necessarily, at the same time, lessen the means of transport for that increasing emigration which proves alike beneficial to the Colony and to the Parent State ; but that this House is nevertheless happy in receiving the assurance of His Excellency, that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive developement of our resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.

Fourth Resolu-
tion read.

In amendment, Mr. McKenzie, seconded by Mr. Shaver, moves that after the word “ Resolved,” the whole be expunged and the following inserted : “ that this House is satisfied that the alteration in the timber duties which was contemplated, had in view solely the repeal of certain fiscal regulations bearing unequally on the trade of England, and is assured, that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties, be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive developement of their resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.”

Amendment,
proposed to
fourth Resolu-
tion.

On which the House divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

House divides
on proposed
amendment.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Bidwell, McCall, Roblin, Shaver—6.
Howard, McKenzie, Yeas 6.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General, Duncombe, McMartin, Sol. General,
Beardsley, Elliott, Macnab, Thomson,
Berczy, A. Fraser, Macon, Warren,
Boulton, R. Fraser, Mount, Werden,
Buell, Jarvis, Samson, White,
Burwell, Ketchum, Shade, W. Wilson—
Cook, 25.

Nays 25.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of nineteen.

In amendment to the original question, Mr. Bidwell, seconded by Mr. McKenzie, moves that after the word “ Resolved,” all be expunged, and the following words inserted, “ that this House is happy to hear that although an alteration in the timber duties was contemplated, it had in view solely the repeal of certain fiscal regulations, bearing unequally on the trade of England, and to receive the assurance of His Excellency that should a change or modification in the existing scale of duties be at any time proposed, His Majesty's Ministers are so fully convinced of the importance of the North American Colonies to the strength and power of the British Empire, that they will not cease to feel that the progressive developement of their resources is an object of the greatest interest to which they can direct their attention.”

Second
amendment
proposed to
Fourth Resolu-
tion.

On which the House divided and the Yeas and Nays were taken as follows :—

YEAS.—Messieurs.

Bidwell, Howard, McKenzie, Shaver—7
Buell, McCall, Roblin, Yeas 7.