

Mr. Denison moved, seconded by Mr. Daly, and the Question being proposed: That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the desirability of the Government acquiring all the Electric Telegraph lines in *Canada*, and that the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to hear such telegraph companies, railway companies and proprietors as may wish to be heard, by themselves, their counsel or agents, and to report to this House.

And a Debate arising thereupon:—The said motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Choquette, seconded by Mr. Béchard,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, copies of all papers, documents, petitions, &c., respecting the resignation of the postmaster of *Land Villa*, in the County of *Montmagny*, the appointment of another postmaster, and the change in the location of the post office.

On motion of Mr. Boyle, seconded by Mr. McKay,

Resolved, That the powers of the Select Committee appointed by this House to examine into and report upon the nature, extent and effect of certain combinations be extended so as to include the alleged combinations of Fire Insurance Companies doing business in *Canada*.

On motion of Mr. Semple, seconded by Mr. Rowand,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return showing amount voted each Session since 1880 for subsidies to Railways; also, the amount to each Province, and the amount that has been paid.

On motion of Mr. Jones (*Halifax*), seconded by Mr. Casey,

Ordered, That there be laid before this House, a Return giving details of the expenditure on the Intercolonial Railway charged to capital account, for the years 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into the Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

1. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding One hundred and ninety-nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars be granted to Her Majesty, for Departmental Contingencies, for the year ending 30th June, 1889.

2. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Ten thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, to defray expenses connected with Stationery Office, for stationery, for the year ending 30th June, 1889.

3. Resolved, That a sum not exceeding Two thousand dollars be granted to Her Majesty, amount required to provide for the contingent expenses of the High Commissioner for *Canada* in *London*, for the year ending 30th June, 1889.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. Colby reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be received at the next sitting of the House.

Mr. Colby also acquainted the House, that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, at its next sitting, again resolve itself into the said Committee.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.