

made to the heirs of Mrs. *Elizabeth McKay*, for the erroneous issue by the Crown of Letters Patent for Lands to which she was entitled, being read;

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And objection being taken that the Bill ought to have originated in a Committee of the whole House;

Mr. Speaker decided that this Bill was, by previous ruling, decided to be a Public Act, and its object is to enable the Commissioner of Crown Lands to deal with a case coming within the 23rd section of the Public Land Act of 1860, in a case where Patents have issued inconsistent with each other, through error. This is not to impose any new burthen, but is simply to enable the Government to deal with a case coming within the purview of the Act. The time and manner of dealing with the case being that part of it in which the doubt as to the Commissioner's authority exists, and not in the case itself.

And the Question being again proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The Honorable Mr. *Brown* moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "That," to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words "an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause an investigation to be made as to the grounds on which the claim of the heirs of Mrs. *Elizabeth McKay* rests, and the sum (if any) to which they are entitled as compensation," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS :

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion (Hochelaga),</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Dufresne (Iberville),</i>	<i>Macdonald (Cornu't),</i>	<i>Oliver,</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Mackenzie,</i>	<i>Scatcherd and</i>
<i>Currier,</i>	<i>Labreche-Viger,</i>	<i>Magill,</i>	<i>Scoble.—16.</i>

NAYS :

Messieurs

<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Haultain,</i>	<i>McIntyre,</i>
<i>Ault,</i>	<i>Cockburn,</i>	<i>Higginson,</i>	<i>Morris,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>DeBoucherville,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Denis,</i>	<i>Knight,</i>	<i>Robitaille,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Shanly,</i>
<i>Cameron (N. Ontario),</i>	<i>Dufresne (Montcalm),</i>	<i>Macdonald, Att. Gen.,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Cameron (Peel),</i>	<i>Ferguson (S. Simcoe),</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Sylvain and</i>
<i>Cartier, Att. Gen.,</i>	<i>Gibbs,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Willson.—35.</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>McGiverin,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

Then, the main Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cockburn*,

Resolved, That the Bill be not now read the third time, but that it be re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, forthwith.

The House accordingly resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Willson* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Willson* reported the Bill accordingly, and the amendments were read.

Ordered, That the amendments be read a second time, at the next sitting of this House.