

each Company belonged, and the amount purchased, and the prices paid by each Company or Battalion respectively; also the amount served out to the several Battalions or Companies for practice, and specifying the Companies or Battalions receiving the same, for which no charge was made. (*Sessional Papers, No. 103.*)

Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, That a Message had been brought from the Senate by their Clerk, as followeth:—

The Senate have passed the Bill intituled: “An Act to provide that persons charged with common assault shall be competent as witnesses,” without any amendment.

And also, another Message, That the Senate have passed the Bill intituled: “An Act to grant certain powers to the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of *Canada*, and to change its name,” with several amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill intituled: “An Act to grant certain powers to the Agricultural Mutual Assurance Association of *Canada*, and to change its name,” and the same were twice read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill to the Senate, and acquaint their Honors, That this House hath agreed to their amendments.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to amend the Act respecting the election of Members of the House of Commons, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Irving* reported, That the Committee had made some progress and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again this day.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendment made by the Senate to the Bill intituled: “An Act to amend ‘An Act respecting conflicting claims to lands of occupants in *Manitoba*,’” and the same was read, as followeth:

Page 1, line 30.—After “case” insert Clause A.

#### *Clause A.*

“3. The first section of the said Act is hereby amended by adding to it a third sub-section, immediately after the word ‘aforesaid,’ at the end of its second sub-section, as follows:—

“3. Any cases of claims to such lands in respect of which applications have been made for Letters Patent under the said Acts or either of them, but it has not been established to the satisfaction of the Minister charged with the administration of Dominion Lands that there has been peaceable possession and undisturbed occupancy of the same; and all such cases shall come within the purview of this Act as if they were cases of adverse or conflicting claims.”

On motion of Mr. *Mills*, seconded by Sir *Albert J. Smith*,

*Resolved*, That this House doth disagree with the Senate in the said amendment for the following Reasons:—

1st. Because the proposed amendment is at variance with the general scope and title of the Act respecting conflicting claims to lands in *Manitoba*, under which the question whether any person has a claim against the Crown is not referred to the Commissioners, but only the cases of persons who had acquired some estate or interest in land from the *Hudson’s Bay Company*, or the cases of adverse or conflicting claims between persons under sub-sections *three* and *four* of section thirty-two of the