

Municipal Officers, in other places where Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes may be required, the authority to appoint such Inspectors.

The House accordingly, resolved itself into the said Committee,

Mr. *Taschereau* took the Chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair,

And Mr. *Taschereau* reported that the Committee had come to a Resolution, which Resolution was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Law relative to the Inspection of Pot and Pearl Ashes, in conformity with the Resolutions in reference to this matter, adopted by this House in the last Session of the Provincial Parliament; and to confer on the Mayors of cities and towns, and the Wardens or Chief Municipal Officers, in other places, where Inspectors of Pot and Pearl Ashes may be required, respectively, the authority to appoint such Inspectors.

The Honourable Mr. *Moffatt* moved, seconded by Mr. *Child*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Messieurs *Neilson*, *Burnet*, *Leslie* and *Dunscomb*, to report thereon, by Bill, in conformity therewith.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it was carried in the affirmative.

Resolved, accordingly.

Leave of absence to Mr. Thorburn.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thorburn* have leave to absent himself from this House for one fortnight, on urgent business.

Niagara Election.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thorburn*, Member for the South Riding of the county of *Lincoln*, be excused from serving on the Committee appointed to try the contested Election for the town of *Niagara*, during the remainder of the sittings of the said Committee.

Address, for Estimate for connection of Lakes St. Francois and St. Louis.

On motion of Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by Mr. *Thompson*,

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, the Estimate made by Mr. *Kefer* of £255,900, alluded to in the late Lord *Sydenham's* Message of last Session. (in a memorandum of the Chairman of the Board of Works.) with any Plans, Surveys, Reports or Estimates, relating to the connection of Lakes *St. Francois* and *St. Louis*, by means of a Canal, with a copy of such parts of any despatch or despatches, from the Colonial Secretary, referring to the same subject.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.

Debtors' Detention.

Ordered, That Mr. *Thompson* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the detention, and conveyance to Gaol, of Debtors, in certain cases, within *Canada West*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received, and read for the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday next.

Departments of the House.

Resolved, That a Special Committee be appointed to inquire into the present state of the Offices and Departments of this House, with a view of ascertaining, if any, and what, vacancies have occurred by resignation, or otherwise, since last Session, and the necessity of filling such vacancy,

if any there be; and that the said Committee have power to report from time to time, and to send for persons, papers and records.

Ordered, That Mr. *Taschereau*, Mr. *Aylwin*, Mr. *Leslie*, Mr. *Parent* and Mr. *Simpson*, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Jones*,

Ordered, That one Member be added to the Special Committee to whom was referred the Petition of *Nicholas Sparks*, of *Bytown*, in consequence of the absence (on leave) of Mr. *Walker*, a member of the said Committee.

Ordered, That Mr. *Aylwin* be added to the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Yule*, seconded by Mr. *Burnet*,

Ordered, That the Report of the Special Committee to which was referred the Petition of divers Proprietors and Inhabitants of the County of *Chambly*, be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on Wednesday next.

Mr. *Chesley* moved, seconded by Mr. *Watts*.

That the House do now adjourn.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and the names, being called for, they were taken down, as followeth:

YEAS.

Aylwin, *Black*, *Burnet*, *Cartwright*, *Chesley*, *Child*, *Cranr*, *DeWitt*, *Dunlop*, *Forbes*, *Foster*, *Hamilton*, *Jones*, *Kimber*, *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, *D. McDonald*, *Merritt*, *Moffatt*, *Morris*, *Neilson*, *Noel*, *Powell*, *Hermannus Smith*, *Steele*, *Thompson*, *Watts*, and *Williams*. (27.)

NAYS.

Armstrong, *Barthe*, *Berthelot*, *Boswell*, *Boutillier*, *Delisle*, *Derbishire*, *Dunscomb*, *Durand*, *Hincks*, *Holmes*, *Johnston*, *Leslie*, *Moore*, *Papineau*, *Parent*, *Parke*, *Price*, *Quessel*, *Roblin*, *Simpson*, *Small*, *Henry Smith*, *Tuche*, *Taschereau*, *Turcotte*, *Turgeon*, *D. B. Viger*, *L.M. Viger*, and *Yule*. (30.)
So it passed in the negative.

Mr. *Dunscomb* moved, seconded by Mr. *Simpson*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, stating that this House takes the earliest occasion of expressing to His Excellency, as the Representative of our most Gracious Sovereign, the entire and cordial satisfaction with which this House has heard the announcement, of the changes which His Excellency has been pleased to effect in the construction of His Executive Council; and this House is persuaded that, in order to place the Government of this Province upon a firm and permanent basis, it was absolutely necessary to invite that large portion of our fellow subjects who are of French origin, to share in the Government of this country, and, thereby to carry into effect the wise and just designs of the Imperial authority; and this House hails this event, as being calculated to heal the unhappy dissensions by which *Canada* has been prevented from advancing in a career of prosperity commensurate with the advantages which Providence has placed at our disposal, and offers to His Excellency its heartfelt thanks, for having, by His wisdom and firmness, opened so bright a prospect to the now contented and loyal people over whom His Excellency is called upon to rule.

Sir Allan N. MacNab moved, seconded by Mr. *Cartwright*, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the whole House, on Monday next.

Mr. *Henry Smith* moved, seconded by Mr. *Chesley*, That the House do now adjourn.

The question having been put upon the said motion, a division ensued, and it passed in the negative.

The question then being put upon the motion made by *Sir Allan N. MacNab*, a division ensued thereon,

Address to His Excellency, on changes in Executive Council.