

2. *Resolved*, That by Section 124 of the British North America Act, 1867, it is provided that nothing in that Act shall affect the right of *New Brunswick* to levy the Lumber dues imposed by the said Provincial Act or any Act amending it, before or after the Union.

3. *Resolved*, That by Article XXX of the Treaty of *Washington*, it is agreed that for the term of years mentioned in Article XXXIII, Her Majesty's subjects may carry in British Vessels, without payment of duty, goods, wares and merchandise from one port or place within the territory of the *United States*, upon the *St. Lawrence*, the Great Lakes, and the Rivers connecting the same, to another port or place within the territory of the *United States* as aforesaid; Provided that a portion of such transportation is made through the Dominion of *Canada* by land carriage, and in bond, under such rules and regulations as may be agreed upon between the Government of Her Britannic Majesty and the Government of the *United States*;—and that by Article XXXI of the said Treaty, it is declared that Her Britannic Majesty further engages to urge upon the Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, and the Legislature of *New Brunswick* that no Export duty, or other duty, shall be levied on lumber or timber of any kind cut on that portion of the American Territory in the State of *Maine*, watered by the River *St. John* and its tributaries, and floated down that river to the sea, when the same is shipped to the *United States* from the Province of *New Brunswick*, and that in case any such export or other duty continues to be levied after the expiration of one year from the date of the exchange of the ratifications of the said Treaty, it is agreed that the Government of the *United States* may suspend the right of carrying therein before granted under Article XXX of the said Treaty for such period as such export or other duty may be levied.

4. *Resolved*, That the privilege granted by Article XXX of the said Treaty will be of advantage to Her Majesty's subjects in *Canada*, and tend to facilitate the commerce of the Dominion with the *United States*, and that it is therefore desirable that such arrangements should be made with the Province of *New Brunswick*, respecting the said export of duty on lumber as will prevent the suspension of the said privilege, and with that view to offer to the said Province such fair indemnity, not exceeding the sum of \$150,000 per annum, as would compensate the present and prospective loss it would sustain by the total repeal of the said export duty and the abandonment of the right to impose any such duty in future, inasmuch as it would be difficult to abolish the said duty on lumber cut on American Territory only, without incurring great loss and expense, and the risk of possible misunderstanding with citizens and authorities of the *United States*.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting the Export Duties imposed on Lumber by the Legislature of the Province of *New Brunswick*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time.

Ordered, That the Bill be now read a second time.

- The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Monday next.

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 amend the general Acts respecting Railways, without any amendment;

Also, the Senate have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the Bill, intituled: "An Act to incorporate a Company by the name of "*Le Credit Foncier du Bas Canada*" without any amendment.

Also, the Senate have passed a Bill, intituled: "An Act further to amend the Law respecting certain matters of procedure in Criminal Cases", to which they desire the concurrence of this House.