

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, to-morrow.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. *Brown*, the Honorable Mr. *McGee*, the Honorable Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *McKellar*, Mr. *Dunkin*, Mr. *Dorion* (*Drummond and Arthabaska*), Mr. *Perrault*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Stirton*, Mr. *Willson*, Mr. *Dickson*, and Mr. *Wallbridge* (*North Hastings*), be appointed to enquire and report what measures can be adopted for the advancement of Agriculture in this Province; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the Honorable the Legislative Council, requesting that their Honors will unite with this House in the formation of a Joint Committee of both Houses, to enquire and report what measures can be adopted for the advancement of Agriculture in this Province; and informing their Honors, that the Honorable Mr. *Brown*, the Honorable Mr. *McGee*, the Honorable Mr. *Chapais*, Mr. *McKellar*, Mr. *Dunkin*, Mr. *Dorion* (*Drummond and Arthabaska*), Mr. *Perrault*, Mr. *Pope*, Mr. *Stirton*, Mr. *Wallbridge* (*North Hastings*), Mr. *Willson*, and Mr. *Dickson*, will act as Members of the said Joint Committee on the part of this House.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Brown* do carry the said Message to the Legislative Council.

The Honorable Mr. *McDougall*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, presented, pursuant to an Address to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the Legislative Assembly, dated 1st February, 1865; for Copies of all Correspondence between the Imperial and Provincial Governments, or between the Provincial Government or any Department or officer thereof, and Her Majesty's Minister at *Washington* or any other parties, relative to the recent establishment of a Passport system in the *United States of America* for persons going thither from this Province, or to the issue here of passports for such persons, or to any want of qualification on the part of British subjects here naturalized to obtain such passports, or otherwise to the *status* and rights of such subjects. (*Sessional Papers, No. 20.*)

*Ordered*, That the subject of making arrangements for the printing of the Debates on the Resolutions upon the Confederation of the Provinces of *British North America*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the subject of the Printing of the Legislature.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, on Friday last, proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that She may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of uniting the Colonies of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, *Newfoundland*, and *Prince Edward Island* in one Government, with provisions based on certain Resolutions which were adopted at a Conference of Delegates from the said Colonies, held at the City of *Quebec*, on the 10th October, 1864.

[Which Resolutions appear in full on the Journals of Friday last, the 3rd instant.]

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being again proposed.

Mr. Speaker, under the provisions of chapter four of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, called upon Mr. *Smith*, Member for the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, to take the Chair during his temporary absence.

Mr. *Smith* accordingly took the Chair of the House.

And after some time, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

And a further Debate arising thereupon;

*Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned, and be the First Order of the Day for to-morrow; to be taken up at half-past seven o'clock, P.M.