

The Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, from the Select Committee appointed to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Senate for the present Session, presented their first Report recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Seymour*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickson*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, from the Committee on Banking, Commerce and Railways presented their first Report, recommending the reduction of the quorum of the said Committee to nine Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Vidal*, it was

*Ordered*, That the said Report be adopted.

The Honorable Mr. *Odell* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ryan*,

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 a Return showing the date of sailing of each of the *Allen* Steam Packet Ships under contract for carrying the English Mails on their voyages to and from *Liverpool*, *Great Britain*, and the dates of their arrival at that *Port*, *Halifax*, *Quebec*, and *Portland, Maine*, during the year 1873, and the first quarter of the year 1874. Specifying also the time occupied by such ships in each voyage.

The question of concurrence being thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are Members of the Privy Council.

The Honorable Mr. *Alexander* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act for the prevention of the adulteration of Food and Drink and of Drugs."

The said Bill was read for the first time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. *Vidal* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*,

That a Select Committee of eleven Members, viz: The Honorable Messieurs *Flint*, *Bureau*, *Ferrier*, *Lucas*, *Girard*, *Benson*, *McClellan* (*Hopewell*), *Aikins*, *McDonald*, (*Toronto*), *Alexander* and the mover, be appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Commons to consider and report on the Petitions presented to the Legislature praying for the enactment of a law to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and that the twenty-eighth Rule of this House be dispensed with in so far as it relates to this motion.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Vidal*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Ferrier*, it was

*Resolved*, That a Message be sent to the House of Commons to acquaint that House, that the Senate has appointed a Committee of eleven Members, viz., the Honorable Messieurs *Flint*, *Bureau*, *Ferrier*, *Lucas*, *Girard*, *Benson*, *McClellan* (*Hopewell*), *Aikins*, *McDonald* (*Toronto*), *Alexander* and *Vidal*, to consider and report upon the several Petitions which have been or may yet be presented, praying for the enactment of a law to prohibit the traffic in intoxicating liquors, and to request that the Commons will be pleased to appoint a Committee to act with the Committee of this House, as a Joint Committee of both Houses, to consider and report on the above mentioned subject.

*Ordered*, That the foregoing Resolution be communicated to the House of Commons by one of the Masters in Chancery.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Levellier de St. Just*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Scott*,

The House adjourned.