

On motion of Mr. *Snider*, seconded by Mr. *McConkey*,

Ordered, That the Order of the House of yesterday referring the Bill to authorize the Town of *Owen Sound* to impose and collect Harbor dues, and for other purposes, to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, be discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be withdrawn.

Ordered, That Mr. *Snider* have leave to bring in a Bill to extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of Harbor dues by the Corporation of the Town of *Owen Sound*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker, a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency,

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

LISGAR.

The Governor General recommends to the House of Commons the expediency of indemnifying the Government for having authorized the issue of a special Warrant for \$200,000 to provide for the defence of the Dominion in repelling the Fenian Invasion in the month of May last.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 1st March, 1871.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *George E. Cartier*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution:—

That it is expedient to indemnify the Members of the Executive Council, the Auditor General, and all other officers and persons concerned in the issue of a Special Warrant by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 27th day of May, 1870, upon an Order in Council made the same day, under the provisions of the 35 section of the Act 31, *Vic.*, cap. 5, for the advance of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, towards defraying the expenses occasioned by the attack on the frontier and threatened invasion by the Fenians, or in the expenditure of \$198,289 35 for the said purpose, out of the said sum of \$200,000; detailed accounts of such expenditure, up to the 30th day of June, 1870, having been laid before Parliament in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending on that day, and detailed accounts of such expenditure since that day, with copies of the said Order in Council and Warrant, having been included in the statement of the Auditor General, laid before Parliament on the third day of the present session by the Minister of Finance, and all the requirements of the Act aforesaid in the premises having been duly complied with.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, seconded by the Honorable Sir *George E. Cartier*, That this House will, on Tuesday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of Savings' Banks, and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

The Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, by command of His Excellency the Governor General, acquainted the House, That His Excellency having been informed of the subject matter of this motion, recommends it to the consideration of the House.