

That I was personally present in the said Parish of *St. Paul d'Abbottsford*, on the thirty-first March instant, when the said *Chrysostome Blanchard* and *Antoine Courtemanche* above named affixed their marks to the document above written ; that the same was then and there signed by them in my presence, freely and willingly, and that the signature, "*Onias Cropfield*," affixed to the said document, as that of the witness therein named, is my true signature, and that I have signed these presents.

ONIAS CROPFIELD.

Sworn before me, a Commissioner for taking Affidavits to be read before the Superior Court, appointed in and for the District of *St. Hyacinthe*, at *St. Paul d'Abbottsford*, in the said District of *St. Hyacinthe*, this thirty-first March, 1873.

THOMAS NEWINGTON, J.P.

On motion of Mr. *Carter*, seconded by Mr. *Savary*,

*Resolved*, That when this House adjourns on Thursday next, it do stand adjourned till Tuesday the 15th April instant.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Tupper*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Thursday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relating to the inspection of gas meters.

On motion of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Howe*,

*Resolved*, That until otherwise ordered, Government business and orders shall have precedence on Thursdays, and that on Government days, after the business and orders are gone through, the other business and orders of the previous day shall be taken up, and that on Thursdays the division of time intended by Rule 19, shall not be observed.

On motion of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Howe*,

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee of five Members (of which Committee the mover shall not be one) be appointed by this House, to inquire into and report upon the several matters contained and stated in a Resolution moved on Wednesday, the second day of April, instant, by the Honorable Mr. *Huntington*, Member for the County of *Shefford*, relating to the *Canadian Pacific* Railway, with power to send for persons, papers and records, to report from time to time, and to report the evidence from time to time, and if need be to sit after the prorogation of Parliament.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Blanchet*, Mr. *Blake*, the Honorable Messieurs *Dorion* (*Napierville*), *Cameron* (*Cardwell*), and *McDonald* (*Picton*), do compose the said Committee.

The Honorable Mr. *Tupper* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions relative to Customs Duties in the Province of *Manitoba*, and the North West Territory, including *Rupert's Land*.

The Honorable Mr. *Tupper*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, then acquainted the House, That His Excellency having been informed of the subject matter of the said Resolutions, recommends it to the consideration of the House.

*Resolved*, That the House do immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair ; and the Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received.