

Mr. Jones (South Leeds) reported the Bill accordingly, and the amendments were read, as follow:—

Page 1, line 15—Leave out from “the,” where it occurs the second time, to “or,” in line 17, and insert “Registry Laws of *Upper Canada*.”

Page 1, line 18—After “exceeding” insert “eight hundred dollars.”

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

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to incorporate the *St. Patrick's Hall Association of Montreal*, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *Allyn* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without any amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time, to-morrow.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill, from the Legislative Council, intituled, “An Act to facilitate the repression of the evils caused by intemperance in *Lower Canada*,” and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Geoffrion* reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Geoffrion* reported the Bill accordingly; and the amendments were read, as follow:

Page 1, line 4—After “follows” insert Clauses A, B, C and D.

*Clause A*.—“The twenty-ninth section of the *Lower Canada Consolidated Municipal Act* is hereby amended, in such way as to extend to Local Municipalities generally the powers and privileges which it confers on Town and Village Municipalities, and shall hereafter be interpreted as if the words ‘Local Municipalities’ had been therein originally inserted.”

*Clause B*.—“Sub-section sixteen of section twenty-seven is repealed, and the following substituted:—16. Before the second Wednesday in March of each year, any Local Council may pass a By-law for preventing and prohibiting the sale of any spirituous, vinous, alcoholic or intoxicating liquors.”

*Clause C*.—“Sub-section sixteen of section twenty-six of the said Act shall not apply to By-laws passed in virtue of the preceding sections. The Secretary-Treasurer shall transmit a copy of the said By-law to the Collector of Inland Revenue, who shall not grant any license for the sale of such liquors in any Local Municipality in which such sale has been so prohibited by By-law; even although the County Council should, during the same month of March, authorize the sale of such liquors in the County.”

*Clause D*.—“Before the second Wednesday of March, in each year, every Local and Municipal Council shall have power to make By-laws, which shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of chapter six of the Consolidated Statutes for *Lower Canada*, for the following purposes:—

1. “To authorize the sale of any spirituous, vinous, alcoholic and intoxicating liquor, subject to such restrictions as they may deem expedient.

2. “To determine under what restrictions and conditions, and in what manner, the Revenue Inspector for the District shall grant licenses to shop-keepers, tavern-keepers, or other persons for the sale of liquors.

3. “To fix the sum payable for each license, provided that it shall not in any case be less than the amount payable for such license, on the first day of July, 1856.

4. “For the regulation and control of all shop-keepers, tavern-keepers, and other persons selling such liquors, by retail, in any places at which they may be sold, as they may deem expedient for the prevention of intemperance.

“A copy of every such By-law shall be transmitted without delay by the Secretary-Treasurer to the County Council, which, at its first meeting in the month of March, may revise, amend or annul such By-law, without any application for its so doing, being necessary. The Secretary-Treasurer shall also transmit a copy of such By-law to the Revenue Inspector.”