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inhabitants, and it was charged directly in newspapers of that country that the census had been falsified. Now, in a case of that kind where the taking of the census was to determine the proportion of representatives of the Province, everything should be done in the most open and frank manner possible. There should be no arming of the hon. gentleman with a law which could be abused.

**Hon. Mr. DUNKIN** assured his hon. friend that the clause did not increase the power of the Government except in the manner he had explained.

The clause was passed and the bill was reported with amendments.

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### ASSIMILATION OF CURRENCY

**Hon. Sir FRANCIS HINCKS** moved the House into committee to consider seven resolutions for the assimilation of the currency throughout the Dominion, as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to establish one uniform currency for all *Canada*, and for that purpose to provide that on and after the *First day of July*, 1871, the currency of the Province of *Nova Scotia* shall be the same as that of the Provinces of *Quebec*, *Ontario* and *New Brunswick*, in all of which one currency of uniform value is used.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, the currency of *Canada* shall be such that the British sovereign, of lawful weight, shall be equal to and pass current for four dollars and eighty-six cents and two-thirds of a cent of the currency of *Canada*, and that all public accounts throughout *Canada* shall be kept in such currency; and that in any statement as to money or money value, in any indictment or legal proceeding, the same shall be stated in such currency, and in all private accounts and agreements rendered or entered into on or after the said day, all sums mentioned shall be understood to be in such currency, unless some other is clearly expressed, or must, from the circumstances of the case, have been intended by the parties.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that all sums of money payable on and after the said day to Her Majesty or to any party, under any Act or law in force in *Nova Scotia*, passed before the said day, or under any bill, note, contract or agreement made before the said day in *Nova Scotia*, or with reference thereto, or made after the said day out of *Nova Scotia* and with reference thereto, and which were intended to be, and if such alteration of the currency had not been made, would have been payable in the present equivalent sums in the currency of *Nova Scotia*, shall, on and after the said day be payable, respectively, by equivalent sums in the currency of *Canada*, that is to say, for every seventy-five

cents of *Nova Scotia* currency, by seventy-three cents of *Canada* currency, and so in proportion for any greater or less sum; and if in any such sum there be a fraction of a cent in the equivalent in *Canada* currency, the nearest whole cent shall be taken.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, no Dominion note or bank note payable in any other currency than the currency of *Canada* shall be issued or re-issued by the Government of *Canada*, or by any bank, and that all such notes issued before the said day, shall, as soon as practicable, be called in and redeemed, or notes payable in the currency of *Canada* shall be substituted or exchanged for them.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that any gold coins which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in *Canada*, of a standard fineness prescribed by law for the gold coins of the United Kingdom, and bearing the same proportion in weight to that of the British sovereign, which five dollars bear to four dollars eighty-six cents and two-thirds of a cent, shall pass current and be a legal tender in *Canada* for five dollars, and any multiples or divisions of such coin, which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for like purposes, shall pass current and be a legal tender in *Canada* at rates proportionate to their intrinsic value respectively; and that any such coins shall pass by such names as Her Majesty may assign to them in her Proclamation, declaring them a legal tender, and shall be subject to the like allowance for remedy as British coins.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the coins which Her Majesty has caused to be struck for circulation in the Provinces of *Quebec*, *Ontario* and *New Brunswick*, under the Acts now in force in the said Provinces, respectively, shall continue to be current therein, and shall, on and after the said day, be current in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, at the rates and the said currency of *Canada*, now assigned to them respectively by the said Acts, and under such conditions and provisions as are mentioned therein; and that such other silver, copper or bronze coins as Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in *Canada*, being of the proper weight and fineness, shall pass current in *Canada* at the rates to be assigned to them respectively by Her Majesty's Royal Proclamation; and all such silver coins, as aforesaid, being a legal tender to the amount of ten dollars, and such copper or bronze coins to the amount of twenty-five cents, in any one payment; but no other silver or copper coins than those which Her Majesty shall have cause to be struck for circulation in *Canada* or in some Province thereof, shall be a legal tender or pass current in *Canada*; and that Her Majesty may, by proclamation, from time to time, fix the rates at which any foreign gold coins of the description, date, weight and fineness, mentioned in such Proclamation, shall pass current in *Canada*.

7. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that all Acts or laws inconsistent with the foregoing Resolutions be repealed, and that one Act for giving effect to the same, and applying to all *Canada*, be passed.