

the expediency of altering and amending the same, and the best and most equitable mode of effecting the alterations that may be deemed necessary, being read,

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Woods took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

Several resolutions reported.

And Mr. Woods reported, that the Committee had come to several resolutions, which resolutions were again read at the clerk's table as followeth :

Resolutions on "Seigniorial Tenure."

1st. *Resolved*,—That from the increasing improvements of the country, and from the abuses which have grown out of the operation of the tenure of lands now existing in that part of the Province heretofore called Lower Canada, commonly known as the "Seigniorial Tenure," the said tenure has become less adapted to the wants, prosperity, and advancement of the Province, and, in many instances, burthensome and oppressive to the people.

2d. *Resolved*,—That the different legislative enactments passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom touching and concerning the said tenure, have not attained the end sought for by their framers ; and that it is expedient to adopt other efficient and equitable means for relieving the people from the above difficulties, and of gradually substituting for the seigniorial system, a free tenure more consonant to their condition, interests, and wishes.

3d. *Resolved*,—That in the changes to be made in the laws of tenure, due regard should be had to the vested rights of all parties concerned, and provision made for ascertaining the same, with a view to an equitable adjustment.

Ordered,—That the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each of the said Resolutions.

And the first and second of the said Resolutions being again severally read, and the question of concurrence being separately put thereon, the house divided on each, and the names being called for, they were taken down, as followeth :

Yeas.—45.

House divides on First and Second Resolutions.

Armstrong.
Baldwin.
Borne.
Boutillier.
Buchanan.
Cameron.
Chesley.
Christie.
Cook.
Day, Hon. C. D.
Delisle.
Derbshire.
Draper, Hon. W. H.
Dunscumb.
Durand.
Foster.
Hincks.
Holmes.
Johnston.
Killaly, Hon. H. H.
M'Donald (Glen).
Moffatt, Hon. G.
Moore.

Morin.
Morris.
Parent.
Parke.
Powell.
Price.
Quesnel.
Raymond.
Robertson.
Simpson.
Small.
Smith (Fron).
Sherwood.
Steele.
Taché.
Thompson.
Thorburn.
Turcotte.
Watts.
Williams.
Woods.
Yule.

Noes.—3.

Berthelote.
Neilson.

Viger, Hon. D. B.

Resolutions, First and Second, carried.

So they were carried in the affirmative.

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