

Adjourned till 11 a. m., 16th September, 1868.

Pursuant to adjournment, Convention met at 11 a. m., on the 16th September.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of 14th inst.

Moved by Mr. DeCosmos and seconded by Mr. Barnard: That the Minutes of 14th inst., as read, be adopted.—Carried.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of the 15th inst.

Moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. McMillan: That the Minutes of 15th inst., as read, be adopted.—Carried.

The Secretary then presented Report of Committee on Business, and asked leave to sit again.

Moved by Mr. DeCosmos and seconded by Mr. Norris: That Report of Business Committee be received.—Carried.

The Convention then adjourned till 2 p. m.

Pursuant to adjournment Convention met at 2 p. m.

Moved by Mr. Barnard and seconded by Mr. Rose: That the Convention go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report of the Committee on Business.

The Chairman then nominated Dr. Brouse as Chairman of Committee and left the Chair.

On the Chairman resuming, Dr. Brouse reported the following Resolutions:—

XXII. That there is no public necessity for keeping five extra Constables in Cariboo at an annual expense of \$3500 per year. That in the Lillooet-Clinton District a Stipendiary Magistrate is not required, thereby saving \$2400 per annum. That at Nanaimo, a Stipendiary Magistrate is not required, and the duty of Deputy Collector of Customs there, with that of Postmaster, could be performed satisfactorily for \$1000, saving thereby \$1000. That in Lillooet, Clinton and Nanaimo, Honorary Magistrates can discharge the duties of Justice of the Peace. That the retrenchment that might be made by the Executive under these heads is equal to \$10,300 per year.

XXIII. That the Supreme Court Judges should discharge the duties of County Court Judges, holding Court periodically in the different districts of the Colony.

XXIV. That the vote of \$3000 in the Estimate for expenses of Judge and Registrar on Circuit, on the mainland of the Colony, is exorbitant and calls for revision.

XXV. That, including the reductions suggested and others which might advantageously be adopted, a saving of about \$60,000 in the annual expenditure for Civil Establishments may be made, without impairing in the least degree the public service, or endangering in the least the securities for the preservation of life and property, or the maintenance of order throughout the Colony.

XXVI. That the people of British Columbia are willing to bear patiently the heavy financial burden imposed upon the country for the construction of public works, amounting to nearly \$150,000 annually; but they denounce the extravagant expenditure by which a deficit was created in 1866, amounting to about \$170,000; and in 1867, \$130,000. That these deficits were effected in violation of the rule laid down by the Secretary of State for the Colonies in a despatch dated April 30, 1866, viz.: That the expenditure of the year must