

The Order of the Day being read, the House, on motion, resolved itself into Committee of the whole in consideration thereof.

Mr. Scoullar in the Chair of the Committee.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee having the Address before them, proceeded therein to the fifth paragraph thereof, which is as follows:—

“5. The House of Assembly will be anxious to learn from the Despatches to be laid before them, the grounds for Her Most Gracious Majesty not having yet been advised to assent to the Facility Bill passed the last Session, in aid of the European and North American Railway, and trust these grounds will be removed by the Bill to be introduced by the Government for that purpose.”

To which an amendment was moved—

To expunge all after the word “Railway,” and substitute as follows:—

“And trust that we may feel justified in passing the Bill to be introduced by the Government for the removal of those difficulties.”

Upon the question for the amendment, the Committee divided—

YEAS 8.

NAYS 26.

Whereupon it was decided in the negative.

The question being then taken upon the original paragraph, it was carried in the affirmative, and adopted.

That the Committee then proceeded to the sixth paragraph in the Address, and which is as follows:—

“6. A Railway, uniting Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, especially in connection with a Line to the United States, we believe with Your Excellency, would prove highly beneficial; and we are glad to learn, that it is Your Excellency's opinion that it would produce an abundant return, increase the Revenues of the Province without imposing additional burthens on the People, lead to a speedy settlement of large tracts of Wilderness Land, and be the means of opening a profitable market for the productions of the Province.”

When it was moved—

Resolved, That the whole of this sixth paragraph be expunged, and that which now stands as the eighth paragraph in the Address substituted in place thereof, viz:—

“8. Your Excellency may rest assured, however, that the subject of Railways will receive our best and most attentive consideration, and we sincerely trust, that the information contained in the Despatches upon this subject may be such as to enable us to promote that great object without embarrassing the affairs of the Province.”

And the question being taken thereon, the Committee divided as follows:—

YEAS.

NAYS.

Mr. Lewis,
Chapman,
Beardsley,
Hatheway,
English,

Mr. Earle,
Gilbert,
Fitzgerald,
Cutler,
Needham.

Hon. Mr. Partelow,
Hon. Mr. Street,
Hon. Mr. Wilmot,
Hon. Mr. Gray,
Hon. Mr. Hayward,
Mr. Thomson,
Barberie,
Read,
Hanington,
Williston,
J. M. Johnson,
Gordon,
Rice,

Mr. Harding,
Botsford,
Stiles,
Montgomery,
Macpherson,
Godard,
Pickard,
M'Leod,
Taylor,
Ryan,
M'Phelim,
Porter.

Whereupon it was decided in the negative.

The question was then put upon the original paragraph, and it was carried in the affirmative, and adopted.

That the Committee then proceeded with the remaining paragraphs, and then agreed to the Address without amendment.

Ordered, That the Report be accepted and the Address adopted by the House; and
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