

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp duties, of Premium Notes taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Mills* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the further consideration of the amendment proposed to be made, on Thursday last, to the proposed amendment to the Question, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. That the sense of the Houses of the respective Legislatures of the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick* was taken as to, and formed the basis of the Imperial Legislation under which the said Provinces were federally united into the Dominion of *Canada*.

2. That it was by the *British North America Act* (1867) enacted that it should be lawful for the Queen by and with the advice of the Privy Council on addresses from the Houses of Parliament of *Canada* to admit *Rupert's Land* and the North Western Territory or either of them, into the Union, by the said Act created, on such terms and conditions as the Queen should think fit to approve subject to the provisions of the said Act; and that the provisions of any such Order in Council should have effect as if they had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

3. That Addresses have been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of *Canada* touching the admission of the said Territories into the Union, and *Canada* has paid large sums, and incurred large liabilities in order to accomplish such admission, and an Order in Council has been made by the Queen for such admission.

4. That the Parliament of *Canada* has assumed to exercise jurisdiction over the said Territories and to make provision for the erection of part of the said Territories into the Province of *Manitoba*, and for the establishment of federal relations between the said Provinces and *Canada*.

5. That it has been made to appear to this House that the Canadian Government has requested the Government of the United Kingdom to submit to the Parliament of the United Kingdom a Bill touching the said North Western Territories or some part thereof; and that the Government of the United Kingdom in consequence of such request has proposed to the Canadian Government to submit a Bill, a draft of which it has forwarded to the Canadian Government.

6. That in the opinion of this House the sense of both Houses of the Parliament of *Canada* should be taken as to and should form the basis of such proposed Legislation; and which amendment was, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words:—1. "this House, after full consideration passed the Act to establish and provide for the Government of the Province of *Manitoba*."

2. "That the said Act, has since received the sanction and approval of the Imperial Government.

3. "That for the removal of doubts as to certain provisions of the said Act, the Government of *Canada* have requested the Imperial Government to pass an Act in the Imperial Parliament, confirmatory of the said first mentioned Act.

4. "That the Imperial Government have agreed to introduce a Bill to the aforesaid effect, and declaring also the power of this Parliament to create other Provinces in the vast Territory in the North West, now forming part of the Dominion, and to give them Constitutions on the same footing as to guarantees of permanence, and otherwise with the Constitutions of the Old Provinces.

5. "That a draft of the said proposed Act has been communicated to this House.

6. "That the provisions of the said draft Act meet the approval of this House, and are in consonance with the will of this House, as expressed in the most formal manner in