

thereto be declared neither frivolous nor vexatious, upon which the Committee have adopted the following Resolutions as their final decision :—

1. *Resolved*, That the sitting Member, *François Benjamin Godin*, Esquire, has been duly elected as Member for the County of *Joliette* at the last Election, and is entitled to his seat as such Member.

2. *Resolved*, That neither the Petition, nor the defence thereto are frivolous or vexatious.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill to avoid the necessity of having public documents engrossed on parchment.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth :

JOHN YOUNG.

The Governor General transmits for the information of the House of Commons, copies of agreements entered into with the Post Master General for the conveyance of mails by the Grand Trunk Railroad and Steam Ship Lines between the United Kingdom and *Canada*. (*Sessional Papers No. 34.*)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

Ottawa, 27th April, 1869.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Langevin* have leave to bring in a Bill for the gradual enfranchisement of Indians, the better management of Indian Affairs, and to extend the provisions of the Act 31 Victoria, Chapter 42.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

Mr. *Street* reported, from the Committee to whom it was referred to consider the Motion; That a supply be granted to Her Majesty; a Resolution: which was read, as followeth :

That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty

The said Resolution being read a second time;

*Resolved*, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Resolution, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Honorable Mr. *Gray* reported, from the Committee of the whole House, to consider certain proposed Resolutions declaring it expedient to confirm the agreement made by the Government and the Great Western Railway Company for the settlement of the debt due by the Company to Her Majesty, several Resolutions which were read as follow :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to confirm the agreement made by the Government and the Great Western Railway Company, for the settlement of the debt due by the Company to Her Majesty, as stated in the papers accompanying the Message of His Excellency the Governor General, bearing date the 16th day of April, instant, and for that purpose to provide: That if bonds of the Company to the amount of two million seven hundred and sixty-eight thousand, two hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty three cents, in such form as the Minister of Finance may direct or approve, secured by a first hypothec, mortgage and lien on all the property of the Company, and payable to bearer with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, from the 1st day of January last, at such dates respectively as that bonds to the amount of one-fourth of the said sum shall be redeemable at the end of each year from the said 1st day of January last, be delivered to the Receiver General within