

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved*, That it would be of great advantage to Canada that Telegraphic Communication should be established between the Pacific Coast of the Dominion and Asia, and that certain facilities and advantages should be granted to any Company willing and able to establish and maintain the same.

2. *Resolved*, That with this view, it is expedient to provide that if *Sandford Fleming*, Esquire, who has submitted a plan for the formation of a Company for the said purpose which has met the approval of the Governor in Council, and such persons not less than five in number as may be associated with him in the undertaking, do within twelve months from the passing of the Act, apply for Letters Patent under the Act 40 *Victoria*, Chapter 43, incorporating them as a Company for the purpose aforesaid, and shew to the satisfaction of His Excellency in Council, that they have complied with the preliminary requirements of the said Act, and are able and ready to establish and maintain such Telegraphic communication as aforesaid, Letters Patent may be issued incorporating them for such purpose, under the said Act and the Act 38 *Victoria*, Chapter 26, with the powers and privileges, and subject to the obligations provided by the said Acts, and with the privilege of landing a Telegraphic Cable or Cables on the said Pacific Coast; but subject also to the following conditions :—

(1) The Telegraphic communication between the two Continents shall be completed within five years from the date of the Charter, and shall be thereafter regularly and efficiently maintained;

(2) The rates to be charged for messages shall be moderate and subject to approval by the Governor in Council;

(3) Any further conditions which may be inserted in the Act to be passed in this behalf or in the Charter granted under it;

(4) Default on the part of the Company to perform the said conditions shall subject them to the forfeiture of their Charter.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, read a second time, and concurred in.

Mr. *Langevin* then introduced a Bill No. 97 to establish a Marine Telegraph between the Pacific Coast of Canada, and Asia; which was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading, on *Monday next*.

And it being 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at half past 7 o'clock P.M.

7.30 P.M.

(The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule 19.)

Mr. *McCarthy* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair, for The House to go into Committee of the Whole on the Bill No. 10 to remove doubts as to the true construction of Section 12 of "The Northern Railway Company Act, 1877."

Mr. *Bunting* moved in amendment thereto, that all the words after "that" in the said motion be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof :—"The House will resolve itself into a Committee, on the said Bill this day six months;"—which was negatived on the following division :—