

Lower Canada, during the present session, this House has no authority to entertain any such proposition.

Yeas:—Messieurs Badgley, Brooks, Christy, Cryslar, Dickson, Gagy, Macdonald of Kingston, MacNab, Malloch, McConnell, McLean, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of Brockville, Smith of Frontenac, Stevenson—17.

Nays:—Messieurs Armstrong, Attorney-general Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Solicitor-general Blake, Boulton of Norfolk, Boutillier, Burritt, Cameron of Kent, Cartier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chaveau, Davignon, De Witt, Solicitor-general Drummond, Dumas, Fergusson, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Hall, Hincks, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, La Fontaine, La Terrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Macdonald of Glengary, Marquis, McFarland, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Polette, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott of Bytown, Smith of Durham, Smith of Wentworth, Taché, Thompson, Viger, Watts, Wetenhall—54.

The order of the day being then read,

The Honourable Mr. La Fontaine moved, that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee to take into consideration the necessity of establishing the amount of losses incurred by certain inhabitants in Lower Canada, during the political troubles of 1837 and 1838, and of providing for the payment thereof.

The Honourable Mr. Hincks, a member of the Executive Council, rose in his place, and informed the House, that his Excellency the Governor-general, being acquainted with the purport of the said motion, gives his consent that the House may proceed thereon as they shall think fit.*

The question being then put on Mr. La Fontaine's motion, it was agreed to unanimously.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee; and after some time spent thereon, the Committee rose, reported progress, and obtained leave to sit again on Thursday next;—to be then the first order.

EXTRACT from the VOTES and PROCEEDINGS of the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, of Tuesday, 27th February 1849.

MR. HENRY SMITH reported the following resolutions passed in Committee, on Friday morning last:—

1. *Resolved*,—That on the 28th day of February 1845, an humble Address was unanimously adopted by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, and by them presented to the Right honourable Charles Theophilus Baron Metcalfe, the then Governor-general of the same, praying “That his Excellency would be pleased to cause proper measures to be adopted, in order to insure to the inhabitants of that part of this Province, formerly Lower Canada, indemnity for just losses by them sustained during the rebellion of 1837 and 1838.”

2. *Resolved*,—That on the 24th day of November 1845, a Commission of five persons was, by his Excellency the said Governor-general, duly appointed to inquire into such losses, arising from and growing out of the said rebellion.

3. *Resolved*,—That it appears by the Report of the said Commissioners, dated the 18th day of April 1846, “That the want of power to proceed to a strict and regular investigation of the losses in question, left the Commissioners no other resource than to trust to the allegation of the claimants, as to the amount and nature of their losses.”

4. *Resolved*,—That on the 27th February 1846, a letter was addressed to the said Commissioners by the Honourable the Secretary of this Province, by order of the Right honourable Charles Murray Earl Cathcart, the then Administrator of the Government of the same, stating, “That the object of the Executive Government in appointing the said Commission, was merely to obtain a general estimate of the Rebellion Losses, the particulars of which should form the subject of more minute inquiry thereafter, under legislative authority.”

5. *Resolved*,

* *Marginal Note by Mr. F. Hincks*.—The actual words were, “recommends it to the favourable consideration of the House.” They are so recorded in the Journals; but the copy for the printers having been hastily prepared by a junior clerk, he adopted the wrong form. There was some discussion about it in the House, but all were satisfied that the message was properly delivered.—J. H.