

penses whatever incurred by the Province, in consequence of the late removal of the Seat of Government from the City of *Quebec* to the City of *Toronto*.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province.

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee of thirteen Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees, ordered by this House, and that the said Committee be composed of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Drummond*, the Honorable Mr. *Young*, the Honorable *John Sandfield Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, Mr. *Joseph C. Morrison*, Mr. *Loranger*, Mr. *Whitney*, Mr. *Southwick*, Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, and Mr. *Flint*.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Jean Baptiste Eric Dorion* have leave to bring in a Bill to change the tenure of the Indian lands in the Township of *Durham*.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Monday, the twenty-fifth instant.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, a Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly on the state of the Joint Library of Parliament, which is as followeth:—

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*.

The Librarian, on behalf of the Legislative Assembly, of the Joint Library of Parliament, begs leave respectfully to Report:—

That the Joint Library Committee of both Houses of the Legislature having, during the last Session of Parliament, agreed to the adoption of measures for re-organizing the Library of Parliament, upon a practical and useful scale, determined upon sending to Europe a special agent for the selection and purchase of books in *London* and *Paris*, in the various departments of law, politics, literature and science, agreeably to instructions prepared by the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, and by the Chairman of the Library Committee.

Being intrusted by the Committee with this duty, and having been furnished by His Excellency the Governor General with letters commendatory to the Colonial Office in *London*, I left *Quebec* upon my mission, on the 31st May last.

In the general instructions given by the Committee for my guidance, I was authorised to make application to the Offices of State in *England* and *France*, for donations of such works at the disposal of the respective Governments, as they might think fit to present to the Library. I was also empowered to receive from Public Institutions and from private individuals, any donations of books that might be offered, with directions to report specially thereon to the Legislature, in order that all such gifts should be suitably acknowledged.

Shortly after my arrival in *London*, I presented my credentials at the Colonial Office, and being honoured with an interview by the late lamented Right Honorable Sir *William Molesworth*, the then Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicated to him the nature of my mission and the hopes entertained by the Provincial Authorities that some assistance would be afforded by the Imperial Government in the endeavour to collect together a Library for *Canada*, suited to the wants of the Legislature, and calculated to afford the means of information to students and practical men in our rapidly improving Province.

Sir *William Molesworth* gave me assurance of his desire to afford me every aid and facility in his power to further the objects of my mission. By his order, I was afterwards furnished with a list of the various Departments of the British