

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

The first of the Resolutions proposed in Committee on Friday last, the 3rd instant, at the second sitting of the House, was adopted on a division, and is as followeth:—

1. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to authorize the issue of Provincial notes payable on demand, of such denominations as may be determined upon, to an amount not exceeding five millions of dollars, and to re-issue the same. Such notes shall be a legal tender, and shall be redeemable in specie on presentation at Offices to be established at *Montreal* and *Toronto*, according as the said notes may be made payable.

The Second to the Eleventh Resolutions, inclusive, were severally adopted on a division, and are as follow:—

2. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to enter into arrangements with any or all of the Chartered Banks of this Province, for the surrender of their power to issue notes, on or before the first of January, 1868; and in compensation for such surrender an annual sum not exceeding five per cent. upon the amount of their circulation as established by the monthly return, upon the 30th April last, shall be payable to each Bank so surrendering its power, and redeeming its circulation, until the expiration of its charter. And the Receiver General shall exchange the Provincial Debentures now held by such Banks in accordance with the provisions of their respective charters, for Provincial notes. The Receiver General shall, moreover, pay to such Banks the half of the estimated cost of their unissued notes.

3. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, in entering into any such arrangement with any such Bank, to provide either for the immediate or gradual surrender of its power to issue notes, extending, in the latter case, over a period not exceeding twelve months. But in case of such gradual surrender the exchange of Provincial notes or Provincial Debentures, held under its existing Charter, shall be made to such Bank only in equal proportion to the amount of notes actually redeemed, as shown by the monthly returns.

4. From the date of any such agreement with any Bank, it shall not be required to hold any Provincial Debentures as now provided by law.

5. Every Bank, surrendering its power to issue notes, shall make a weekly return of its notes redeemed and of those still outstanding. The compensation above authorized shall be paid half-yearly upon the amount redeemed, computing the same from the average of the weekly returns for the half year, until the amount so redeemed, shall equal 9-10ths of its circulation as at 30th April last, when it shall be entitled to receive compensation upon the full amount.

6. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, over and above the five millions hereinbefore authorized, and the amount necessary to redeem the Debentures held by the Banks surrendering their circulation, to cause Provincial notes to be issued to the amount of their notes withdrawn from circulation, and also to make a further issue to any Chartered Bank in this Province, from time to time, upon its requisition and upon payment for the same. Provided that the total amount issued does not exceed eight millions.

7. The sum in specie to be held for the redemption of the Provincial notes, shall be twenty per cent. upon the amount outstanding, so long as the whole amount in circulation does not exceed five millions. For any additional amount of notes in circulation beyond five millions, twenty-five per cent. shall be held in specie; and for any excess over ten millions, but not exceeding fifteen millions, thirty-three and one-third per cent. and for any excess over fifteen millions, fifty per cent. on such excess shall be held in specie. But Provincial Debentures shall be issued against the Provincial notes to the full extent by which the specie held in reserve fails to cover the whole amount of notes in circulation.

8. A return of the whole amount of Provincial notes in circulation, and of the specie held for their redemption, shall be made to the Audit Office, on each alternate Wednesday, which shall be published by the Auditor in the *Canada Gazette*.

9. It shall be lawful for the Governor General to establish branches for the Receiver General's Department in *Montreal* and *Toronto*, for the issue and redemption of the Provincial notes; or he may make arrangements with any Chartered Bank or Banks for the issue and redemption of the notes, allowing a commission not exceeding one quarter per cent. upon the average circulation of every three months.

10. It shall be lawful for any Bank, which may have surrendered its power to issue