

In conclusion, your Committee beg to state, in reference to those clauses of the proposed bill which enact, that the persons to be deemed eligible as Justices in the Courts to be constituted, shall be Advocates in Lower Canada, or Barristers in England, or Barristers in Upper Canada, of not less than ten years standing, that they forbear to express at length the objections which might be justly urged to such an enactment; it is sufficient for them to state, that under any circumstances such an enactment would not only be unjust towards the Legal Profession in this Province, but injurious to the public, as conferring upon persons, strangers to the laws and institutions of the country, the power of administering justice under a system of which they must be comparatively ignorant.

The whole nevertheless respectfully submitted,

MONTREAL, 16th April, 1840.

W. WALKER, CHAIRMAN.

TST. PELTIER,

CHARLES MONDELET,

HY. GUY,

DUNCAN FISHER.

JAMES SMITH,

L. H. LAFONTAINE.

H. TAYLOR, Esquire, then moved, that the report of the Committee be adopted,

Seconded by L. T. DRUMMOND, Esquire,

C. D. DAY, Esquire, moved in amendment:

That the report of the Committee be amended, by striking out that portion which relates to the constitution of the Court of Appeal, and that there be substituted a clause of a Court to exercise an appellate and criminal jurisdiction, to consist of a Chief Justice and three Puisne Judges, to sit alternately at Quebec and Montreal,

Seconded by A. P. HART, Esquire,

The amendment was lost by a division of 44 against 7.

C. S. CHERNIER, Esquire, then moved in amendment,

That to that portion of the Report which relates to the constitution of the Court of Revision, the following proviso be added: "provided that the Judges who had sat in the Court of Original Jurisdiction, should not sit in the Court of Revision, on judgments appealed from their Courts;"

Seconded by J. C. BRUNEAU, Esquire,

This amendment was also lost by a division of 9 for, and 43 against.

Upon Mr. TAYLOR's motion for adopting the Report, it was adopted on a division of 50 yeas and 6 nays.

Then on motion of W. C. MEREDITH, Esquire, seconded by S. C. MONK, Esquire, it was

*Resolved*, That the Report and Resolutions adopted by this meeting be inserted in the newspapers of this Province, and that 300 copies of the Report be printed, and copies transmitted by the *Doyen* to His Excellency the Governor General, to the Judges and to the Members of the Bar of the other Districts of this Province.

J. G. BARTHE,

Secretary.

MONTREAL, 16th April, 1840.