

RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the culture of Hemp, although in former times carried on with success and to a considerable extent in this Province, has for several years past been given up, and has only been revived by some partial experiments made in the course of the last year.

That the soil and climate of *Lower-Canada* appear to be in many respects peculiarly favorable to the growth of Hemp; but that the culture thereof on a general or extensive scale, and for exportation, can only be expected when the Inhabitants shall be enabled to enter on this new branch of agriculture and commerce with an assurance that it will prove more profitable to them upon the whole, than the raising of wheat, which may be considered as the staple commodity of the Province.

That until the encouragement necessary, and that can be given for this purpose, shall be ascertained, it is expedient that means should be adopted in order that (if such encouragement can be given,) the Inhabitants may be enabled to enter on this important branch of agriculture and commerce with certainty, facility and dispatch.

That in order that means may be adopted to enable the Inhabitants of this Province to enter speedily on the Culture of Hemp on an extensive scale, if sufficient encouragement shall be given; it is the opinion of this Committee, that a certain sum (*not exceeding* ——— ) to be taken from any funds not hitherto appropriated, should be applied for the purposes above specified, in such manner and under such regulations as His Excellency the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the government for the time being, shall judge most expedient.

On motion of Mr. Craigie, seconded by Mr. Berthelot,

RESOLVED, That this House will, upon Saturday next, resolve itself into