

prescribe, and that any person who shall violate this provision, by selling postage stamps, or stamped envelopes to the public, without a license from the Postmaster General, shall, on conviction before a Justice of the Peace, incur a penalty of not exceeding forty dollars for such offence.

4. That if any person shall wilfully or maliciously injure or destroy any Street Letter Box, Pillar Box, or other receptacle, established by authority of the Postmaster General, for the safe deposit of letters or other mail matter, such person shall, on conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, in the discretion of the Court before whom the offender is convicted, and every person, who aids, abets, counsels, or procures the commission of this offence, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punishable as a principal offender.

5. That wilfully and maliciously, to destroy, damage, detain or delay any packet or package of patterns, and samples of merchandize, and goods, or of seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots and scions or grafts, sent by mail, under the preceding clause, shall be a misdemeanor.

Resolutions to be reported.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Dunkin* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Dunkin* reported the Resolutions accordingly, and the same were read, as follow :—

*Resolved*, 1. That if any person shall use or attempt to use in pre-payment of postage on any letter or mailable thing posted in this Province, any postage-stamp which shall have been before used for like purposes, such person shall be subject to a penalty of not less than ten and not exceeding forty dollars for every such offence, and the letter or other mailable thing on which such stamp shall have been so improperly used, may be detained, or in the discretion of the Postmaster General, forwarded to destination charged with double the postage to which it would have been liable if posted unpaid.

2. That sub-section ten of section fifty-five of the Post Office Act be repealed, and the following substituted therefor :—

“To enclose a letter or letters or any writing intended to serve the purpose of a letter, “in a parcel posted for the parcel post, or in a packet of samples or patterns posted to pass “at the rate of postage applicable to samples and patterns, or to inclose a letter or any “writing, or to inclose any other thing in a newspaper, posted to pass as a newspaper, at “the rate of postage applicable to newspapers (except in the case of the accounts and “receipts of newspaper publishers, which are permitted to pass folded within the news- “papers sent by them to their subscribers), shall, in each case, be an offence punishable by “a penalty of not less than ten and not exceeding forty dollars in each case.”

3. That the Postmaster General be authorized to grant licenses, revocable at pleasure, to agents, other than Postmasters, for the sale to the public, of postage stamps and stamped envelopes, and to allow to such agents a commission of not exceeding five per cent. on the amount of their sales, and that it shall not be lawful for any person to undertake the business of selling postage stamps, or stamped envelopes to the public unless duly licensed so to do by the Postmaster General, and under such conditions as he may prescribe, and that any person who shall violate this provision by selling postage stamps or stamped envelopes to the public without a license from the Postmaster General, shall, on conviction before a Justice of the Peace, incur a penalty of not exceeding forty dollars for such offence.

4. That if any person shall wilfully or maliciously injure or destroy any Street Letter Box, Pillar Box, or other receptacle, established by authority of the Postmaster General, for the safe deposit of letters or other mail matter, such person shall, on conviction, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both; in the discretion of the Court before whom the offender is convicted, and every person who aids, abets, counsels or procures the commission of this offence, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punishable as a principal offender.

5. That wilfully and maliciously to destroy, damage, detain or delay any packet or package of patterns, and samples of merchandize and goods, or of seeds, cuttings, bulbs, roots and scions or grafts, sent by mail, under the preceding clause, shall be a misdemeanor.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.