

“however, (in 1869) a high authority, Sir *Thomas Erksine May*, stated before a Joint “Committee of the two Houses of Parliament, that ‘no private Member is permitted to “propose an Imperial tax upon the people; it must proceed *from a Minister of the Crown* “or be in *some other form* declared to be necessary for the public service.’

“I think the House may properly accept of this as the correct construction of the “rules regulating the introduction of similar measures. The Motion or Bill should either “be introduced by a Minister, or, if initiated by a private Member, (a practice which “should not be encouraged), a Minister should assume the responsibility of it by signifying “the consent of the Government to its being entertained by the House.

“If the House agree with me as to the desirability of adopting this constitutional re- “striction, it will become my duty to enforce the observance of the Rule hereafter.”

The Bill was then read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for Wednesday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions respecting the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Vic.* Chapter 50, and also on reducing duties of Excise in the Province of *Manitoba*.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend Section 7, of the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Vic.* C. 20, by providing that, parafine wax in a solid state, grease for lubricating purposes and being fluid, lubricating oil made from crude petroleum without being subjected to any process of distillation, tar and other refuse removed from the still without passing through the worm or condenser, and any article produced from such tar or refuse without further process of distillation shall be exempt from any duty of excise.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend Section 29, of the Act 23 *Vic.* Cap. 3 (To establish and provide for the Government of the Province of *Manitoba*), by authorizing the Governor in Council to reduce any or all of the duties of excise, payable on the said Province during the period of three years from the passing of the said Act, under any provisions of the laws of *Canada* respecting Inland Revenue, which he may see fit to declare applicable to the said Province, to such rates as he may deem expedient in view of the duties of customs payable during that period on like articles imported into the said Province.

Resolutions to be reported.

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

*Ordered*, That the Report be received To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill relating to Banks and Banking;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the Whole House for To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of *Canada*;