

Banking and Commerce.—9. On Immigration and Colonization,—which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters and things as may be referred to them by the House; and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

*Resolved*, That if anything shall come in question, touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in Debate; and all Members returned upon double Returns are to withdraw until their Returns are determined.

*Resolved*, That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or hath endeavored so to be, by bribery, or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery, or other corrupt practices.

*Resolved*, That the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of this House, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever, depending or to be transacted in the Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, is a high crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House, the Report of the Librarian upon the State of the Library of Parliament. (*Sessional Papers, No. 10.*)

And then The House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 30th March, 1874.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Chisholm*,—The Petition of Messrs. *W. H. Storey* and Company and others, of the Province of *Ontario*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie* (*Montreal West*),—The Petition of *Charles Wilson* and others, of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Hall*,—The Petition of *M. Boyd* and others, of *Peterborough*.

By Mr. *Irving*,—The Petition of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*.

By Mr. *Ross* (*East Durham*),—The Petition of *George H. Dartnell* and others, of *Toronto*.

By Mr. *Paterson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the Town of *Brantford*.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament,

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Moss* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Laurier*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session; and further to assure His Excellency,—

2. That we are grateful to His Excellency for having convoked Parliament at the earliest moment consistent with the delay entailed by the recent dissolution.

3. That we receive with satisfaction the announcement that our attention will be invited during the present Session to measures having reference to the Representation of the People in Parliament, embracing the system now prevailing in *Great Britain* and in