

"11. That we are aware that the Acts incorporating the Banks of the Dominion will expire next year, and that we agree with His Excellency that the present would seem a favourable time for a full consideration of our Banking system and of the subject of the currency as connected with that system."

Motions agreed to on a division.

Motion made and question proposed :

"12. That the subject of the laws relating to Insolvency will undoubtedly engage our attention."

MR. PATERSON (South Brant) : I desire to say a word in reference to that point. It seems evident from the remarks of the mover of these resolutions—I suppose those remarks were in a measure somewhat inspired; and the allusion in the Speech being very vague, we are forced to accept his remarks as to the probable action of the Government and wait—from that it would appear that the intention is to allow a Repeal Bill to pass. All I have to suggest or ask in the interests of the country is that they will facilitate in every way the passing of the Repeal Bill, if such is their intention, as it is very desirable, if that course is determined upon, that it should be done as quickly as possible, in order that we may not have a very large crop of insolvencies before it takes place.

Motion agreed to.

Motion made and question proposed :

"13. That we know that the increasing foreign trade of Canada and the prospect that Her Majesty's Government will enter ere long into negotiations with foreign nations on the subject of their trade and commercial relations, demand our closest attention and watchfulness, while the rapid development of the Dominion is continually giving rise to important matters requiring the support and action of the Imperial Government, and that we are therefore ready to consider the recommendation of His Excellency, with the concurrence of Her Majesty, to sanction the appointment of a permanent representative of Canada in London to guard her various interests."

Motion agreed to on a division.

Motion made and question proposed :

"14. That we feel deeply the great importance of the subjects His Excellency has mentioned, and are grateful to him for the full confidence in our wisdom and patriotism with which he is pleased to say that he commends them to our best consideration."

Motion agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of Sir

S. L. Tilley, Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Langevin, and Messrs. Richey and Houde, to draft an Address pursuant thereto.—(Sir Samuel L. Tilley.)

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY, from the Committee, reported the draft of an address which was read the second time and agreed to. (To be presented by Privy Councillors.)

SUPPLY.

Resolved That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of a Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Sir Samuel L. Tilley.)

WAYS AND MEANS.

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee, to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.—(Sir Samuel L. Tilley.)

REPORTS.

SIR SAMUEL L. TILLEY laid before the House,—The Public Accounts of Canada, for the fiscal year, ended 30th June, 1879; also,—Report of the Auditor-General on Appropriation Accounts for the year ended 30th June, 1879; also,—Statement of expenditure charged to Unforeseen Expenses, under Orders in Council, from the 1st July, 1879, to date, in accordance with the Act 42 Victoria, Chapter 1, Schedule B; also,—Statement of Governor-General's warrants issued in fiscal year, 1879-80, under authority of the Act 41 Victoria, Chapter 7, Section 32.

MR. BOWELL laid before the House,—Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1879.

House adjourned at
Ten minutes after
Ten o'clock.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Monday, 16th February, 1880.

The Speaker took the Chair at Three o'clock.

PRAYERS.

REPORTS.

MR. O'CONNOR laid before the House,—Report of the Postmaster General, for the year ended 30th June, 1879.