

*Ordered*, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof, and that no person but such as he shall appoint, do presume to print the same.

*Resolved*, That Select Standing Committees of this House, for the present Session, be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections. 2. On Expiring Laws. 3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines. 4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills. 5. On Standing Orders. 6. On Printing. 7. On Contingencies. 8. On Public Accounts. 9. On Banking and Commerce. 10. 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 the House of Commons 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.

*Resolved*, That until otherwise provided, the Rules, Regulations and Standing Orders of the Legislative Assembly of the late Province of *Canada*, be those of this House.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Report of the Librarian of the House of Commons on the state of the Library of Parliament, which is as followeth:—

*To the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada in Parliament Assembled.*

The Report of the Librarian upon the state of the Library of Parliament,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

That the inadequate accommodation for the Library in the temporary apartments wherein it is now placed, to which your Librarian adverted in his last Report, has not been remedied, and occasions serious and increasing inconvenience. The valuable collection of works on French Law, hitherto in use by the Commissioners for codifying the Laws of *Lower Canada*, and which remained at *Quebec*, in the hands of the Commissioners, on the removal of the Seat of Government to *Ottawa*, is now ready to be returned to the Library; but there is no space available for its reception. The want of a suitable apartment for the custody and display of Maps and Charts is also continually felt; the more so as the Library possesses a good collection of Maps, that only require to be properly exhibited to be of great service.

Aware of the impossibility of obtaining additional apartments for the Library contiguous to the rooms now occupied, your Librarian would respectfully urge upon your Honorable House the necessity of completing the spacious building designed for the reception of the books, with as little delay as possible.

And he would venture to add, as a further reason for speedy action in this behalf, that day by day the classification of the books upon the shelves is deranged, and the system intended to insure immediate reference to any volume required materially disturbed, by visitors helping themselves to books and then putting them upon a wrong shelf. This objectionable practice cannot be prevented until, by a railing or otherwise, the general public are debarred from direct access to the books, and an attendant of the Library, or other privileged person, alone permitted to resort to the shelves. Some such a plan is adopted in all similar institutions of any considerable extent, and should, it is submitted,