

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow, resolve itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relating to the construction of a Graving Dock at *Quebec*.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions relative to the Canadian *Pacific* Railway, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Forbes* reported, That the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

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

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the terms and conditions on which *British Columbia* was admitted into Union with the Dominion, it is expedient to provide for the construction of a Railway to be called the The Canadian *Pacific* Railway, from some point near to and south of Lake *Nipissing*, to some point in *British Columbia* on the *Pacific* Ocean; both the said points to be determined by the Governor in Council.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide,—(1.) That the whole line of the said railway, for the purpose of its construction, shall be divided into four sections; the first to begin at a point at or near and to the south of Lake *Nipissing* and to extend towards the Upper or Western end of Lake *Superior*, to a point where it shall intersect the second section hereinafter mentioned: the second section to begin at some point on Lake *Superior*, to be determined by the Governor in Council, connecting with the first section, and to extend to *Red River*, in the Province of *Manitoba*; the third section to extend from *Red River*, in the Province of *Manitoba*, to some point between Fort *Edmonton* and the foot of the Rocky Mountains, to be determined by the Governor in Council; the fourth section to extend from the Western terminus of the third section to some point in *British Columbia* on the *Pacific* Ocean.

(2.) That branches of the said railway shall also be constructed as follows, that is to say :—

First—A branch from the point indicated as the proposed eastern terminus of the said Railway to some point on the *Georgian* Bay, both the said points to be determined by the Governor in Council.

Secondly—A branch from the main line near *Fort Garry*, in the Province of *Manitoba*, to the boundary of the said Province at or near *Pembina*. Such branches to be considered as forming part of the Canadian *Pacific* Railway except in so far as it may be otherwise specially provided.

(3.) That a line of electric telegraph be constructed in advance of the said Railway and branches, along their whole extent respectively, as soon as practicable after the location thereof shall have been determined.

(4.) That the gauge of the said Railway shall be four feet eight inches and a half, and the grades thereof, and the materials and manner of and in which the several works forming part thereof shall be constructed, and the mode of working the Railway, including the description and the capacity of the locomotive engines and other rolling stock, shall be such as may be determined by the Governor in Council, and that the said Railway and the branches or sections hereinbefore mentioned, and the stations, bridges, and other works connected therewith, and all engines, freight and passenger cars and rolling stock shall be constructed under the general superintendence of the Department of Public Works, according to such surveys, location, plans and description of works contemplated, as may be approved of by the Governor in Council.

(5.) That the Governor in Council may divide any section into sub-sections, and that any section or sub-section may, after due advertisement and tenders, be given out to "contractors" for the construction thereof, and of all the works connected therewith and the rolling stock required to work it, and for the working thereof for a period, and on terms and conditions to be agreed upon with the Governor in Council; but that no such contract be given unless the contractors show that they possess a capital of at least \$4,000 for each mile contracted for, and deposit 25 per cent. thereof in money or approved