

indemnify the Members of the Executive Government and others for the unavoidable expenditure of public money in excess of the Parliamentary grant, incurred in repelling the threatened Invasion of the Fenians in 1870.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, on Friday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *Irvine* reported, That the Committee had made some progress, and directed him to move for leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have leave to sit again To-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time; and committed to a Committee of the whole House.

*Resolved*, That this House will immediately resolve itself into the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Harrison* reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made amendments thereunto.

*Ordered*, That the amendments be now taken into consideration.

The amendments were then twice read and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be read the third time, To-morrow.

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to consider certain proposed Resolutions on the subject of Savings' Banks, and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

(IN THE COMMITTEE.)

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the rate of interest to be paid on deposits in such Savings' Banks, shall be such as the Governor in Council may, from time to time, direct, not less than four and not exceeding five per cent. per annum, and to make provisions for the payment of interest and the repayment of deposits, and other expenses of the said Savings' Banks, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that the said Assistants to the Receiver General shall be agents for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes under Section 5 of the Act 31 *Vic.*, Cap. 4, and shall have the keeping of the Dominion Stock books at the places for which they are appointed, and that the Governor in Council may authorize the issue of Dominion five per cent. Stock, under the said Act, the public debt not being increased by such issue beyond the amount for which there may at the time be special Parliamentary authority.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal Sections 73 and 75 of the Post Office Act, 1867, and to make other provision to prevent the increase of the public debt by deposits in Savings' Banks, or the issue of the said five per cent. Stock.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the Governor in Council may, in his discretion, appoint an Assistant Receiver General, and establish a Savings' Bank, at the City of *Toronto* or of *Montreal*, or in the Province of *Manitoba*, or in any other Province which may hereafter form part of the Dominion, and that to any such Assistant or Savings' Bank the foregoing provisions shall apply.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the *St. John's* Savings' Bank, *N.B.*, established under Acts of the Legislature of that Province, shall be and shall be held to have been since the 1st of July, 1867, a Government Savings' Bank, under the control of the Governor in Council, and the property, assets and liabilities thereof to have been then