

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government of *Canada*, and the Government of any of the Provinces, relating to the appointment of Queen's Counsel ; and also for any opinion expressed upon the subject by the Law Officers of the Crown in *England*, which may have been communicated to the Government.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

Mr. Jones (*Leeds & Grenville*) moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Richards, and the Question being proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the condition of the Agricultural Interests of the Dominion, and to make such recommendations as will best promote those important interests and the development of the country ; to report thereon from time to time ; with power to send for persons and papers ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And it being Six of the Clock, Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at Half-past Seven o'clock, P.M.

*Half-past Seven O'Clock, P.M.*

The Order of the House of this day, for the attendance at the Bar of this House of *Elie Tassé*, being read ;

The Sergeant-at-Arms reported, That in obedience to the Order of the House, Mr. *Tassé* was in attendance.

Mr. *Tassé* was then called in, and, at the Bar, examined, as followeth :—

By Mr. *Geoffrion*.—1. What is your name, your residence and profession ?—I am editor of the "*Courrier d'Outaouais*," and I reside in *Ottawa*.

2. Are you one of the employés of this House ; and if so, in what capacity are you employed ?—I am employed as an extra clerk in the office of the French Translators of the House of Commons.

3. What is your salary ?—I receive four dollars a day.

4. Were you on the 4th April, instant, and are you still the proprietor, or one of the proprietors of the newspaper published in *Ottawa*, under the name of "*Courrier d'Outaouais*," if not, do you know who was the proprietor of that paper ?—I was not then, and I am not now one of the proprietors of the "*Courrier d'Outaouais*." I know the proprietor or proprietors.

5. Were you, on the 4th April instant, and are you still the chief editor, or one of the editors of the newspaper "*Le Courrier d'Outaouais*?"—I was on the 4th April instant, and I still am the chief editor of "*Le Courrier d'Outaouais*."

6. What are the Christian and Surnames of the proprietors of the newspaper "*Le Courrier d'Outaouais*?"—*L. A. Grison* and Company ; I cannot give any other names but those which are on the newspaper.

7. Give the names and Christian names of those proprietors of that newspaper whom you know ?—I declare that I cannot take upon myself the responsibility of giving other names as being proprietors of that newspaper, than those I have already given,—and which are printed on the newspaper.

8. Do you refuse to give any other answer to the last question ?—I respectfully refuse to answer this question for the reasons I have given ; that is to say, I do not wish to assume the responsibility of giving the name of parties who might not be the proprietors of the newspaper.

Mr. *Tassé* was then directed to withdraw.

The House then resumed the Debate upon the Question, which was, this day, proposed, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the condition of the Agricultural Interests of the Dominion, and to make such recommendations as will best promote those important interests and the development of the country ; to report thereon