

*Ordered*, That the said Order be discharged.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be withdrawn.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to amend Section 2 of the Insolvent Act of 1869 ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to a Select Committee composed of Mr. *Godin*, the Honorable Mr. *Abbott*, Messieurs *Barthe*, *Chipman*, *Bolton*, *Scatcherd*, *Harrison*, *Geoffrien*, *Savary* and *Langlois*, and the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* (*Peel*), to report thereon with all convenient speed, with power to send for persons, papers and records.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869 ;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Committee on the Bill to amend Section 2 of the Insolvent Act of 1869.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp Duties of Premium Notes taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies ;

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

And Objection being taken by the Honorable Mr. *Holton* Member for the Electoral District of *Chateauguay*, That the Bill must, under the 54th Section of the *British North America Act*, be first recommended by Message from the Crown, also that the Bill should originate in Committee of the Whole ;

And Mr. *Speaker*, having expressed a desire to reserve his decision ;

On motion of the Honorable Sir *George E. Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*,

*Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned.

Mr. *Mills*, from the Committee of the Whole House to consider certain proposed Resolutions for the establishing of a uniform system of Weights and Measures for all *Canada*, and permitting the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion, reported several Resolutions, which were read, as follow :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend and consolidate the laws of the Dominion respecting Weights and Measures, and to establish one uniform system thereof for all *Canada*, except only as to special measures used for certain purposes in the Province of *Quebec* ; and to provide for the Inspection of Weights and Measures, with power to the Governor in Council to make a Tariff of Fees for such Inspection sufficient to defray the expenses of carrying the Act into effect.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to permit the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion, in cases where the parties to any contract or agreement may wish to adopt that system.

The said Resolutions, being read a second time, were agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Morris* have leave to bring in a Bill respecting Weights and Measures.

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 To-morrow.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *Morris* have leave to bring in a Bill to render permissive the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures.

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 To-morrow.