

CLAUSE 16.

“ So much of any Act or Law as may be inconsistent with this Act, or as makes any provision in any matter provided for by this Act, other than such as is hereby made, is repealed, except only as to things done, obligations contracted, or penalties incurred before the coming into force of this Act.”

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time, on Thursday next.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee to consider a certain proposed Resolution relating to the Inspection of Gas Meters, and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and the Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported, That the Committee had come to a Resolution.

Ordered, That the Report be now received.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported the Resolution accordingly; and the same was read, as followeth:—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for the inspection of Gas Meters, and for testing the purity and illuminating power of Gas supplied to consumers, with power to the Governor in Council to make a tariff of fees for such inspection, sufficient for carrying the Act into effect.

The said Resolution, being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Mr. *Tupper* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide for the Inspection of Gas and Gas Meters.

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 Thursday next.

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Honorable Mr. *Young* (*Montreal*),—The Petition of the Honorable *John Young* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

Ordered, That the said Petition be now received and read.

And the said Petition was received and read; praying to be permitted to lay before the House, a Petition for an Act of incorporation under the name of the Central Bank of *Canada*, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting Petitions of Private Bills.

Ordered, That the said Petition be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders.

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Honorable the Privy Council, presented, pursuant to Addresses to His Excellency the Governor General,—Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 12th March, 1873, for copies of all correspondence had in pursuance of a Resolution adopted on 30th May last (1872), by the House of Commons of Canada, between the Government of the Dominion, the Law Officers of the Crown in England, and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, in relation to the Act passed in 1871 by the Local Legislature of *New Brunswick*, respecting Common Schools in that Province, together with all documents relating to the subject placed in the hands of the Dominion Government since the adoption of the said Resolution.—(*Sessional Papers*, No. 44.)

And also, Return to an Address of the House of Commons, dated 14th March, 1873; for copies of all documents produced, records and judgments in a case *ex parte Renaud*, in which judgment was rendered by the Supreme Court of *New Brunswick*, on the 12th February last, respecting the constitutionality of the Act respecting Common Schools in *New Brunswick*, passed by the Legislature of that Province in 1871.—(*Sessional Papers* No. 44.)

The following Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table:—

By Mr. *Ryan*,—The Petition of *M. P. Ryan* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.