

“ powers to the *Port Whitby Harbor Company*,” to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The House proceeded to take into consideration the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill intituled : “ An Act for the removal of obstructions by Wreck and like causes in navigable waters of *Canada*, and other purposes relative to Wrecks ” and the same were read, as follow :—

Page 1, line 30.—After “ Minister ” insert “ or to the Collector of Customs at the nearest or most convenient port.”

Page 1, line 31.—After “ lawful ” insert “ or reasonable.”

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

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry back the Bill to the Senate, and acquaint their Honors, That this House hath agreed to their amendments.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron (Ontario)*, seconded by Mr. *Young*,

*Ordered*, That the Bill from the Senate, intituled : “ An Act to give certain additional powers to the *Port Whitby Harbor Company*,” be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time.

*Ordered*, That the Bill be now read a second time.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time ; and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Orton* moved, seconded by Mr. *Monteith*, and the Question being proposed, That this House doth concur in the Second Report of the Select Committee appointed to inquire into and report to this House what will best conduce to the interests of Agriculture ;

The Honorable Mr. *Mackenzie* having raised a point of Order, That it is not competent for a Special Committee to embody in its Report the opinions of a similar Committee appointed in a previous Session.

Mr. Speaker said : “ My attention has been directed to this subject, and I have come to the conclusion that the Motion is decidedly out of order. It is laid down distinctly by “ May : ‘ A Committee re-appointed cannot report the evidence taken before the Committee “ ‘ in the previous Session.’ This I find has been done in the Report now before the House:— “ ‘ The Committee having carefully examined the result of the labors of a former Committee on the subject of Agriculture, find that much valuable information had been “ ‘ obtained directly from the farmers and millers of the country, &c. The substance of “ ‘ which information as obtained from a draft Report of a former Committee, the present “ ‘ Committee beg to embody in the Report which they now have the honor to submit ;’— “ ‘ consequently the Report, and the Motion founded upon it, are out of Order.”

On motion of Mr. *Béchar*d, seconded by Mr. *Bourassa*,

*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 from 1860 to 1873 exchanged between the Government of *Canada*, and the Company known by the name of the *Vermont Central Railway Company*, respecting the building of wharves, which this Company has been constructing for some years alongside its bridge across the *River Richelieu*, opposite the Town of *St. John’s*, Province of *Quebec*.

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

Mr. *Brouse* moved, seconded by Mr. *Buell*, and the Question being proposed, 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 and Mrs. *Taggart*, widow of *Nathaniel Taggart*, praying to get an allowance for an Invention of her late husband who, in the year 1844, invented the plan of constructing the solid Timber Lock-Gate now in use on the *St. Lawrence Canals* ; together