

13th. *Resolved*,—That with the above exceptions, the principles of our Constitution as contained in 31 Geo. III., chap. 31, remain inviolate.

14th. *Resolved*,—That there be two Commissioners appointed to proceed to England, on the part of this House, and that Sir Allan N. McNab, Speaker of this House, and William Hamilton Merritt, Esquire, M. P. for the County of Haldimand, be the said Commissioners.

‘That His Excellency the Governor General by his Message of the 7th of December instant, informed this House as follows :

“After the most attentive and anxious consideration of the state of these Provinces and of the difficulties under which they respectively labour, Her Majesty’s advisers came to the conclusion, that by their Re-union alone could those difficulties be removed ; during the last Session of the Imperial Legislature they indeed refrained from pressing immediate legislation ; but their hesitation proceeded from no doubt as to the principle of the measure or its necessity. It arose solely from their desire to ascertain more fully the opinions of the Legislature of Upper Canada, and to collect information from which the details might be rendered more satisfactory to the people of both Provinces.” And this House having, after much discussion abandoned the above recited conditions, and, as the resolutions adopted by this House do not contain, “information from which the details might be rendered more satisfactory to the people of both Provinces.”

*Be it therefore further Resolved*, That the people of this Province have a just right to an opportunity of expressing their opinions on this momentous question by Petition to this House, and as the annual township meetings, will be held in the several townships of this Province, on the first Monday, in the month of January next, it is expedient to postpone the further consideration of the question of the Re-union of these Provinces until Monday the 13th day of January next.

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

Division on amendment.

#### YEAS.

Messrs. Bockus, Boulton, Burwell, Cartwright, Dettor, Elliott, Gowan, McCrae, McLean, Murney, Rykert, Thomson.—12. Yeas—12.

#### NAYS.

Messrs. Attorney General, Burritt, Chisholm, of Halton, Chisholm, of Glengarry, Cook, Duncombe, Dunlop, Ferrie, Hunter, Jarvis, Kearnes, Lewis, Malloch, Manahan, Marks, McCargar, McDonell, of Glengarry, McDonell, of Stormont, McIntosh, McKay, McMicking, Merritt, Moore, Morris, Parke, Powell, Richardson, Robinson, Rutlan, Shade, Shaver, Sherwood, Small, Solicitor General, Thorburn, Wickens, Woodruff.—37. Nays—37.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative by a majority of twenty-five.

Amendment lost—majority 25.

*In amendment*—Mr. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. Dettor, moves that after the word “Canada,” in the original motion the following be added, and that the said Committee be instructed to embody in the said address the following words :

Another amendment moved, (Mr. Cartwright.)

“That saving such alterations as the said resolutions may render necessary, the principles of the Constitution as contained in the Act 31, Geo. III., chap. 31, may be preserved inviolate.”

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows :—

Division on amendment.

#### YEAS.

Messrs. Attorney General, Bockus, Boulton, Burritt, Burwell, Caldwell, Cartwright, Dettor, Elliott, Gamble, Gowan, Hunter, Jarvis, Malloch, McCrae, McDonell, of Northumberland, McLean, Murney, Richardson, Robinson, Rykert, Shade, Sherwood, Solicitor General, Thomson.—25. Yeas—25.

#### NAYS.

Messrs. Chisholm, of Halton, Chisholm, of Glengarry, Cook, Duncombe, Dunlop, Ferrie, Holham, Kearnes, Lewis, Manahan, Marks, McCargar, McDonell, of Glengarry, McDonell, of Stormont, McIntosh, McKay, McMicking, Merritt, Moore, Morris, Parke, Powell, Rutlan, Shaver, Small, Thorburn, Wickens, Woodruff.—28. Nays—28.