

“behalf of its inhabitants for giving them representation in the Legislature in proportion to their numbers;”—That “the result is shown by an agitation fraught with great danger to the peaceful and harmonious working of our Constitutional system, and, consequently, detrimental to the progress of the Province;”—and that “the necessity of providing a remedy for a state of things that is yearly becoming worse, and of allaying feelings that are daily being aggravated by the contention of political parties, has impressed the advisers of Her Majesty’s Representative in *Canada* with the importance of seeking for such a mode of dealing with these difficulties as may forever remove them;”—and the best means of remedying the evils therein set forth, presented to the House the Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

That the Committee have held eight meetings, and have endeavored to find some solution for existing difficulties likely to receive the assent of both sections of the Province.

A strong feeling was found to exist among the members of the Committee in favor of changes in the direction of a Federative system, applied either to *Canada* alone, or to the whole British North American Provinces, and such progress has been made as to warrant the Committee in recommending that the subject be again referred to a Committee at the next Session of Parliament.

The whole respectfully submitted.

GEO. BROWN,  
Chairman.

The Committee differed as to the adoption of this Report, and the Yeas and Nays being called for, were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS:

Hon. Mr. *Cartier*,  
Hon. Mr. *Galt*,  
Hon. Mr. *McDougall*,  
Hon. Mr. *Cameron*,  
Hon. Mr. *Holton*,  
Hon. Mr. *Turcotte*,  
Hon. Mr. *McGee*,  
Hon. Mr. *Chapais*,  
Hon. Mr. *Brown*,  
Hon. Mr. *Mowat*,  
Mr. *McKellar*,  
Mr. *Street*.

NAYS:

Hon. *J. A. Macdonald*,  
Hon. *J. S. Macdonald*,  
Mr. *Scoble*.

A Bill to incorporate the *Mussassaga* River Improvements Company, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to enable the Art Association of *Montreal* to establish an Art Union in connection with the other operations thereof, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to amend the Act of incorporation of the Canadian Literary Institute of *Woodstock*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk do carry the Bill to the Legislative Council, and desire their concurrence.

A Bill to remove doubts under the Will of the late *John Gray*, in his lifetime of *St. Catherine's*, near *Montreal*, was, according to Order, read the third time.

*Resolved*, That the Bill do pass.