

Resolutions on the subject of School Lands, and the University of King's College.

And it is therefore obvious that an inconsiderable portion of the whole reservation has been left for purposes, which, in the minds of those individuals who made the Legislative application in the year 1797, as well as in that of the Royal Donor, took precedence of every other object, and were entitled to a much more valuable endowment.

In amendment, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves, that after the word "Resolved" in the original motion, the remainder be expunged and the following inserted; That the Legislature and Provincial Authorities have uniformly manifested an anxiety for the establishment of an University in this Province: that it formed part of the prayer of both Houses in their address to the King in 1797, and was strongly recommended by the Executive Government, the Judges, and Law Officers of the Crown, in 1798.

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

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 5. Boulton, Jarvis, Thomson, Werden,—5.
Burwell,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 21. Berczy, Hornor, Macnab, Roblin,
Campbell, Howard, McNeillidge, Samson,
Crooks, Jones, Morris, Shaver,
Elliott, Ketchum, Perry, White,
Fraser, A. MacDonald, A.Randal, Wilson, W.—
Fraser, D. 21.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative, by a majority of sixteen.

On the original Resolution the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 23. Berczy, Hornor, Macnab, Samson,
Campbell, Howard, McNeillidge, Shaver,
Crooks, Jarvis, Morris, Thomson,
Elliott, Jones, Perry, White,
Fraser, A. Ketchum, Randal, Wilson, W.—
Fraser, D. MacDonald, A.Roblin, 23.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 3. Boulton, Burwell, Werden,—3.

The Resolution was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of twenty.

The third Resolution was then read as follows:—

Resolved, That of the quantity of Land remaining for the support of Education in the several Districts of the Province, 186,902 acres are in the Townships of Sheffield, Bedford, Merlin, and Proton, and as the lands in these Townships are understood to be of bad quality, compared with the lands which have been alienated, the means which may be derived from their sale, cannot answer the object which His Majesty's Government contemplated in complying with the joint application of the Legislature for a grant of land, to establish in the first instance, Free Grammar Schools in the several Districts, and in due process of time a Provincial Seminary of a more comprehensive nature.

In amendment, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Thomson, moves, that after the word "Resolved" in the original Resolution, the remainder be expunged and the following inserted; "That in 1806, the Legislature, to show that something more was even then required than Grammar Schools, passed an Act, providing from their limited means, a small apparatus for the instruction of Youth in Physical Science, that they might enter the world with something more than a common District School Education."

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

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Yeas 5. Boulton, Jarvis, Thomson, Werden,—5.
Burwell,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Nays 20. Berczy, Fraser, D. MacDonald, A.Randal,
Campbell, Hornor, Macnab, Roblin,
Crooks, Howard, McNeillidge, Samson,
Elliott, Jones, Morris, Shaver,
Fraser, A. Ketchum, Perry, White,—20.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative, by a majority of fifteen.

On the original question the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, Hornor, Macnab, Samson,
Campbell, Howard, McNeillidge, Shaver,
Crooks, Jarvis, Morris, Thomson,
Elliott, Jones, Perry, Werden,
Fraser, A. Ketchum, Randal, White,—23.
Fraser, D. MacDonald A.Roblin,

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Yeas 23.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Boulton, Burwell,—2.

Nays 2.

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of twenty-one.

The fourth Resolution was read as follows:—

Resolved, That it appears by the said statement, that for the endowment of King's College, and for other purposes, exchanges of the School Lands have been made, which have had the effect of reducing the appropriation so much, that the just expectations of the inhabitants of the Province can never be realised without the interposition of His Majesty's Government, by restoring to the several Districts the lands set apart by His late Majesty King George the Third, for the endowment and support of District Grammar Schools.

In amendment, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, moves, that after the word "Resolved" in the original Resolution, the remainder be expunged and the following inserted; "That in 1820 the Legislature passed an Act for increasing the Representation of the Commons of this Province in the House of Assembly, in which it was enacted, 'that whenever an University shall be organized, and in operation as a Seminary of Learning in this Province, and in conformity to the rules and statutes of similar Institutions in Great Britain, it shall and may be lawful for the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or person administering the Government of this Province for the time being, to declare by Proclamation the tract of land appendant to such University, and whereupon the same is situated, to be a Town or Township by such name as to him shall seem meet, and that such Town or Township shall be represented by one Member,' which is now the law of the Province."

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

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Boulton, Jarvis, Macnab, Werden,—5. Yeas 5.
Burwell,

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, Fraser, D. McNeillidge, Samson,
Campbell, Hornor, Morris, Shaver,
Crooks, Howard, Perry, White, Nays 19.
Elliott, Ketchum, Randal, Wilson, W.—
Fraser, A. MacDonald, A.Roblin, 19.

The question of amendment was decided in the negative, by a majority of fourteen.

On the original question the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Berczy, Hornor, McNeillidge, Samson,
Campbell, Howard, Morris, Shaver,
Crooks, Jones, Perry, Werden, Yeas 21.
Elliott, Ketchum, Randal, White,
Fraser, A. MacDonald, A.Roblin, Wilson, W.—
Fraser, D. 21.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Boulton, Burwell, Jarvis, Macnab,—4. Nays 4.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of seventeen.

The fifth Resolution was read as follows:—

Resolved, That the establishment, at the Capital of the Province, of a University, endowed with the greater part of all the valuable School Lands reservation, may confer much benefit on the inhabitants in its immediate vicinity, and also on the wealthier part of the population who are more remote, but cannot at present answer the intentions which actuated His Majesty in making the Grant, inasmuch as the people resident in distant parts of the country have no opportunity of giving to their sons a preparatory course of instruction, even if it were in every respect convenient and agreeable to send them, many hundred miles to attend the University.

In amendment, Mr. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Boulton, moves, that after the word "Resolved" in the original motion, the remainder be expunged and the following inserted; "That in 1825 the Executive Government, with the view of carrying His Majesty's gracious intentions into effect, and to promote the best interests of the Youth of this flourishing Province, ap-