

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Mills*, That the words, "and that the Clerk's Report as presented to the said Joint Committee, be printed in the Votes and Proceedings," be added at the end thereof ;

And the Question being put on the amendment :—It was resolved in the Affirmative. Then the Main Motion, as amended, being put :—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Mr. *Joly* moved, seconded by Mr. *Beaubien*, and the Question being proposed, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolution :—That in order to encourage the introduction of the manufacture of Beet Root Sugar in *Canada*, it is advisable to adopt such Legislation as would secure it against the imposition of Excise Duties for the next ten years ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of Mr. *Richard*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dorion*, (*Napierville*), *Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Dorion* (*Napierville*), —The Petition of *Lewis Higgins*, B.A., of *Worthing*, *England*.

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

And the said Petition was received and read ; praying that in the event of the passing of the Bill of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, for the conversion of the first and second Preferential Bonds into stock, or to grant any Statute to vary the existing rights of the holders thereof, a provision may be inserted therein for the payment to him of six hundred and forty-seven pounds sterling upon the delivery of his First Preferential Bonds for seven hundred pounds sterling, such payment to be exclusive of any scrip or interest accrued due to the holder of said Bonds up to the day of delivery, but not later than two months after the passing of such statute.

*Ordered*. That the Petition of *William Baker*, 2 *Clarence Villa*, *Bournemouth*, *Hants*, *England*, a First and Second class Bond-holder of the Grand Trunk Railway Company of *Canada*, presented yesterday, be now received and read.

And the said Petition was received and read ; praying that the Bill now before Parliament to extend the provisions of the Grand Trunk Arrangements Act, 1862, may not become Law, or in the event of its becoming Law, his rights may be protected.

The Order of the Day being read, for the second reading of the Bill to extend the provisions of "The Grand Trunk Arrangements Act, 1862," so far as relates to certain Preferential Bonds for a further period, and for other purposes ;

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time ;

And Objection being taken by the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*, Member for the Electoral District of *Quebec City* (Centre), to the second reading of the Bill on the ground that it ought first to have been introduced in Committee of the Whole. He contended that the object of the Bill was virtually to compound a debt due to the Government.

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. Speaker ruled as follows : " I think the objection does not lie. I think the Honorable Member may proceed with his Bill. 'Compounding' is strictly the taking "less than the thing that is due. That is not asked in this case."

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.