

contested election, for the Third Riding of the county of *Fork*, contained in the lists of witnesses handed to the Clerk of this House, and that *Robert Easton Burns*, *John Hector*, and *John Shuter Smith*, of the city of *Toronto*, Esquires, be such Commissioners; and that the said Commissioners do sit at the city of *Toronto*, on the tenth day of January next.

*Ordered*, That lists of objections on the part of the Petitioners against the return of the Honourable *James Edward Small*, sitting Member for the Third Riding of the county of *Fork*, and on the part of the sitting Member, be exchanged between the parties on or before the fifth day of January next.

Printing and Binding.

Mr. *Gowan*, from the Standing Committee on Printing and Binding, presented to the House the first Report of the said Committee, which was again read at the Clerk's table and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

Your Committee beg leave to inform your Honourable House, that they advertised for sealed Tenders for the Sessional Printing of the House, together with the Paper and Press work; which advertisement they caused to be inserted in all the Newspapers published in the City of *Montreal*.

The only parties from whom Tenders were received, were Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire*, and Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson*, both of this City.

The Tender of the former Gentlemen is as follows:—

For Composition, 2s. 1d. per 1000 ems, (English and French.)

For Press-work, 1s. 8d. per Token.

For Paper, £1 10s. per Ream (Double Foolscap.)

The Tender of Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson* is as follows:

For Composition of each 1000 ems, 1s. 10½d. (English and French.)

For the Marginal Notes of each page, 1s. 3d.

For the Press-work of each Token (258 pulls) 2s. 3d.

For each Ream of Double Foolscap, 19s.

For each Ream of Blue Single Foolscap, 16s. 6d.

For every hundred Sheets folded, 3d.

For every hundred Sheets stitched, 3d.

It appearing to your Committee, that the three chief items of expenditure will consist in the Paper, the Composition and the Press-work, they here submit a brief recapitulation of the difference in the Tenders in those respects.

For the Paper, Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire's* Tender would amount to one pound ten shillings per Ream, while Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson's* would amount to nineteen shillings only, being a saving of eleven shillings on each and every Ream. Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire's* specimen of Paper is, however, of somewhat better quality than that furnished by Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson*.

For the Composition, the Tender of Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire* would amount to two shillings and one penny per thousand ems, while that of Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson* would amount to one shilling and tenpence halfpenny only, being a saving of twopence halfpenny on every one thousand ems of Composition.

For the Press-work, the Tender of Messrs. *Desbarats* and *Derbshire* would amount to three shillings and fourpence per Token, while that of Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson* would amount to two shillings and threepence only, being a saving of one shilling and one penny on every Token printed.

Your Committee, therefore, are of opinion that the Printing of your Honourable House should be given to Messrs. *Lovell* and *Gibson*, at the price tendered for, provided they justify the expectations of the Committee in the execution of the work in a proper and workmanlike manner, and with the expedition and despatch requisite in the premises.

On motion of Mr. *Williams*, seconded by Mr. *Duggan*,

*Resolved*, That the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition of *James Durand*, Esquire, complaining of the undue election and return of *James Webster*, Esquire, the sitting Member for the West Riding of the county of *Halton*, be adjourned until Thursday, the ninth day of January next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, in consequence of the Christmas recess.

The Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an Address to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, to represent most humbly the apprehensions entertained by this House, by reason of the efforts recently made, and now making in *Great Britain* to obtain an Act of the Imperial Parliament, to impose duties on Colonial-built shipping, and to beseech the protection of Her Most Gracious Majesty in favour of the staple trade in timber of Her faithful subjects in this Province, which is so deeply menaced by the contemplated duties, presented to the House the Address prepared by the said Committee, which Address was again read at the Clerk's table, and agreed to by the House, and is as followeth:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly venture to represent the apprehensions which we entertain, by reason of the efforts recently made, and which are now making in *Great Britain*, to obtain a Legislative enactment for the imposition of duties by the Imperial Parliament, upon shipping built in Your Majesty's Colonial possessions.

We beseech the protection of Your Majesty in favour of our Timber, the produce of our forests, which forms one of the staple trades of this Your Majesty's loyal Province, and we rely upon Your Majesty's Royal favour to avert the evils with which we are menaced.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will be pleased to cause the humble Address of this House to Her Most Gracious Majesty, the Queen, in relation to Colonial-built shipping, to be transmitted to Her Majesty, to be laid at the foot of the Throne.

*Ordered*, That the said Addresses to Her Majesty and to His Excellency, the Governor General, be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Addresses be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That the Honourable *James Edward Small* have leave to absent himself from this absence. House until the first Tuesday of February next, on urgent private business.

On motion of the Honourable Mr. *Aylwin*, seconded by Mr. *Chabot*,

*Resolved*, That the Petition of *J. G. Barthe* and others, electors of the county of *Yamaska*, complaining of the undue election and return of *Léon Rousseau*, Esquire, be taken into consideration on Friday, the seventeenth day of January next,