

## For Thursday, 21st February, 1878.

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By the Honorable Mr. Macpherson :—

- 3 February 14—That he will move that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire:—
- 1st. Whether the *Fort Francis* Lock when completed can be used for the purposes of commerce, in connection with the *Canadian Pacific* Railway, so as to form part of the through communication from *Lake Superior* to *Manitoba*, and if not, what improvements will be indispensable (in addition to the said *Fort Francis* Lock) to afford unbroken communication for Steamers between the Railway Stations of *Port Savanne (Lac des Mille Lacs)* and *Keewatin (Rat Portage)* and the probable cost of such improvements?
  - 2nd. What will be the use to the Dominion of the said *Fort Francis* Lock if it cannot be used for the purposes of Commerce, in connection with the *Canada Pacific* Railway so as to form part of the said through communication?
  - 3rd. What is the distance between the said Lock and the point nearest to it on the *Canada Pacific* Railway?
  - 4th. What are the dimensions of the said Lock, its estimated and probable cost, the amount expended upon it and upon works connected with it, or in any way incidental to it, so far as is known; the appropriation from which the money expended upon it has been taken; whether such application of the money has been in all cases according to law, and whether the said Lock is being built by contract or otherwise?
  - 5th. And generally to inquire into all matters relating to the *Fort Francis* Lock, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report from time to time to this Honorable House.

By the Honorable Mr. Girard :—

- 4 “ 18—That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that he will be pleased to lay before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Government of *Canada*, the Council of *Keewatin*, and the Government of *Manitoba*, in reference to the Small Pox disease, prevailing during last spring amongst the Icelanders, with all claims and accounts paid and unpaid relating to that matter.