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Mr. YOUNG said he was already upon a Committee which engaged all his spare time, and he suggested the name of the hon. member for Middlesex North (Mr. Scatcherd).

Mr. WALKER also suggested that as he represented a city, Mr. Dymond's own name would be more appropriate than his.

Mr. DYMOND said he was already on a Committee on the interests of manufacturers, and he could not undertake to wrestle with the powers of darkness on two Committees at once. (*Laughter and cheers.*)

Mr. ORTON asserted that there was a quorum at the meetings of the Committee several times.

The SPEAKER said additions could only be made to Committees by consent of the House, and he would therefore have to rule the amendment out of order. (*Hear, hear, and laughter.*)

Hon. Mr. CAUCHON said the hon. member for York North (Mr. Dymond) could insist on the members being named by the House, if he desired.

Mr. DYMOND said if his amendment were out of order, he took exception to the original motion on the ground that no notice had been given of the names of those who were proposed to be on the Committee.

The SPEAKER said if that objection were taken he would have to rule the original motion out of order.

Hon. Mr. MITCHELL hoped the hon. member for York North would not insist upon his objection.

Mr. CAMERON (Huron South) thought the hon. member for Wellington Centre (Mr. Orton) was being treated rather unfairly. He thought the hon. gentleman had a right to name the number of his Committee.

Hon. Mr. MACKENZIE said he had no faith in the purpose which was at the bottom of the motion, although he perhaps represented more farmers than any other man in the House. The motion of the hon. member for York North was simple badinage, and he had no doubt the motion of the hon. member for Wellington would be agreed to.

Mr. DYMOND said they had perhaps better let the hon. gentleman have his Committee, and send him upstairs as soon as possible.

Mr. GALBRAITH thought the hon. gentleman should have his Committee composed in the way he thought proper. If his hon. friends had not put the duty on tea and sugar he thought they would be showing a greater interest in the matter which affected farmers. (*Cheers.*) He thought the Committee should be properly organized and report to the House.

The motion was then agreed to.

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RAILWAY CARRYING TRADE

Mr. OLIVER moved to add Messrs. Wood (Hamilton), Ryan, De Veber, and Borden to the Select Committee on the railway carry-trade of the Dominion.—Carried.

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POST OFFICE IN NORTH HASTINGS

Mr. BOWELL moved for correspondence relative to the establishment of Post Offices of Greenview and Bronson in the North riding of the County of Hastings. Postmasters had been appointed to both these offices by the late Government, but the present Postmaster General had carried out one appointment but not the other.

Hon. Mr. MACDONALD (Glengarry) said the papers would show that there was very good reason for whatever the Department had done.

The motion was then carried.

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RULES OF ELECTION COURTS

Mr. PRÉVOST moved that the general rules of the Election Court for the Montreal Division that he laid before the House on the 7th April instant, and the general rules of the Election Court of the Province of New Brunswick laid before this House on the 9th of the same month, be referred to the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, to the end that the same may be examined and considered, and a report thereon made to this House.

In reply to Hon. Mr. Dorion,

Mr. PRÉVOST explained that doubts existed as to the legality of the rules which had been laid down by the Montreal Court, and he therefore deemed it right that they should be enquired into. He further contended that it was an outrage upon the French Canadians that such a law was now regulating elections. They had the right to be heard upon such matters by the House of Commons, and they might as well rob them of their right to use the French language in the Courts and in Parliament as to take away from them this boon.

Mr. TASCHEREAU had no opinion to give upon the subject but desired to know whether or not the Court was properly constituted.

Hon. Mr. DORION said the case was an important one, and he should not oppose the motion.

The motion was carried.

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INSPECTION OF SALT

Mr. CAMERON (Huron South) moved that on Wednesday next this House resolve itself into Committee to consider a resolution, "That it is expedient to provide for the inspection of salt manufactured in Canada and for the appointment of salt inspectors."