

and things as may be referred to them by the House, and to report from time to time their observations and opinions thereon ; with power to send for persons, papers and records.

Resolved, 1st. That if any thing shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate ; and all Members returned upon double Returns are to withdraw until their Returns are determined.

Resolved, 2nd. That if it shall appear that any person hath been elected or returned a Member of this House, or endeavored so to be, by bribery or any other corrupt practices, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against all such persons as shall have been wilfully concerned in such bribery or other corrupt practices.

Resolved, 3rd. That the offer of any money or other advantage to any Member of the Legislative Assembly, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever, depending or to be transacted in the Provincial Parliament, is a high crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the Constitution.

The Clerk laid upon the Table, in obedience to the Sessional Orders of last Session, a List of Bills, introduced in the Legislative Assembly, or brought from the Legislative Council during the said Session, with his certificate of the stage at which proceedings were suspended thereon in the order in which they stood on the day on which Parliament was prorogued.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Report of the Librarian of the Legislative Assembly on the state of the Library of Parliament, which is as followeth :—

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled :

The Report of the Librarian, upon the state of the Library of Parliament,
RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That the annual appropriation on behalf of the Library has been carefully and economically expended, in the purchase of books published in *Europe* and *America*, within a recent period. A list of these additions is now in the hands of the printer, and will shortly be distributed to Members.

This Supplementary Index will be found to include a catalogue of the English, French, American and Canadian pamphlets which have been added to the Library since 1858. A catalogue of the Pamphlet Collection, which is now of considerable extent and importance, was promised by your Librarian last year ; but, when ready for the press, its publication was deferred, in order to admit of its comprising a reference to a series of eighty volumes formerly belonging to Sir *Benjamin Hawes*, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, and which were fortunately secured for the Library, at a very low price, by our Agent in *London*. These volumes contain pamphlets on colonial questions, of great rarity and value, some of which are enriched by autograph letters, from their respective authors to Sir *Benjamin Hawes*. The special interest attaching to this series, induced your Librarian to withhold the issue of the Pamphlet Catalogue until the contents of these volumes should be incorporated therein. A full index of authors and subjects has been appended to this catalogue, so that any pamphlet in this collection can be readily referred to.

In proof of the increasing estimation in which the Library is held by those who have the privilege of frequenting it, your Librarian is gratified to state that during the past year it has been daily attended by a number of readers ; and that the loan of books to persons duly authorized to borrow the same, has within this period considerably exceeded eight thousand volumes, exclusive of the issue of Journals and other books of reference to Members during the sitting of Parliament.

But there is one drawback to the satisfaction with which your Librarian would otherwise regard the more extensive use of the Library by the public at large. He exceedingly regrets to state that the mutilation of illustrated works, already noticed in his Reports at the commencement of the Sessions of 1861 and 1862, has again occurred in two or three instances which have come to his knowledge within the past year ; notwithstanding the vigilance that has been exercised to prevent a repetition of this heinous offence. The only effectual preventative for such a gross abuse,—short of the entire exclusion of the