

The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee to consider of certain proposed Resolutions relating to *Rupert's Land*, the Indian Territory, and the Affairs of the *Hudson's Bay Company*; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr. *Holmes* reported that the Committee had come to several Resolutions.

*Ordered*, That the Report be now received.

Mr. *Holmes* reported the Resolutions accordingly, and the same were read, as follow:—

1. *Resolved*, That the approaching termination of the license of trade granted by the Imperial Government to the *Hudson's Bay Company* over the Indian Territories, a portion of which, in the opinion of this House, *Canada* has a right to claim as forming part of her Territory, renders imperative the adoption of such measures as may be necessary to give effect to the rights of the Province; and presents a favorable opportunity for obtaining a final decision on the validity of the Charter of the Company, and the boundary of *Canada* on the north and west.

2. *Resolved*, That *Canada*, whose rights stand affected by that Charter, to which she was not a party, and the validity of which has been questioned for more than a century and a half, has, in the opinion of this House, a right to request from the Imperial Government a decision of this question, with a view of putting an end to discussions and questions of conflicting rights, prejudicial as well to the Imperial Government as to *Canada*, and which, while unsettled, must prevent the colonization of the country.

3. *Resolved*, That the settlement of the boundary line is immediately required, and that therefore this House should address Her Majesty, praying that the subject thereof may be forthwith submitted for the opinion of the Judicial Committee of Her Privy Council, but without restriction as to any question *Canada* may deem it proper to present on the validity of the said Charter, or for the maintenance of her rights.

4. *Resolved*, That any renewal of the license to Trade over the Indian Territories should, in the opinion of this House, be granted only upon the conditions that such portions thereof, or of the other Territories claimed by the Company (even if their Charter be held valid), as may be required from time to time to be set apart by *Canada*, or by Her Majesty's Government, into Settlements for Colonization, should, as so required, be withdrawn from under any such license and the jurisdiction and control of the said Company; and that Her Majesty's Government, or the Governor General in Council, should be permitted to grant licenses to trade in any portions of the said Territories while held by or in occupation of the said Company, upon such conditions for the observance of law and the preservation of peace, for the prohibition or restriction of the sale of ardent spirits, for the protection of Indian Tribes from injury or imposition, and with such other provisions as to Her Majesty's Government, or to His Excellency in Council, may seem advisable.

5. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this House, *Canada* should not be called upon to compensate the said Company for any portion of such Territory from which they may withdraw or be compelled to withdraw,—but that the said Company should be allowed to retain and dispose of any portion of the lands thereof on which they have built or improved.

6. *Resolved*, That a Joint Address of both Houses, embodying the foregoing Resolutions, be presented to Her Majesty.

The Honorable Mr. *Loranger* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sicotte*, and the Question being proposed, That the said Resolutions be now read a second time;

Mr. *Dawson* moved, in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Dufresne*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question, be left out, and the words, "the