

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Act 23 Victoria, chapter 123, to incorporate the Pilots for and below the Harbor of Quebec, being read;

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The Honorable Mr. *Cauchon* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Carling*, and the Question being proposed, that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills;

And a Debate arising thereupon;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned, until Monday next.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, certain proposed Resolutions providing for the Local Government and Legislature of *Lower* and *Upper Canada*, respectively, when the Union of the Provinces of British North America is effected, which were read, as followeth:—

1. That by the 38th paragraph of the Resolution of this House passed on the third day of February, 1865, for presenting an humble Address to Her Majesty, praying that She may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament, for the purpose of uniting the Colonies of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, *Newfoundland* and *Prince Edward Island*, in one Government, with provisions based on the Resolutions which were adopted at a Conference of Delegates from the said Colonies, held at the City of *Quebec*, on the 10th of October, 1864, it is provided that “for each of the Provinces there shall be an Executive Officer, styled the Lieutenant Governor, who shall be appointed by the Governor General in Council, under the Great Seal of the Federated Provinces, during pleasure; such pleasure, not to be exercised before the expiration of the first five years, except for cause; such cause to be communicated in writing to the Lieutenant Governor immediately after the exercise of the pleasure as aforesaid, and also by Message to both Houses of Parliament, within the first week of the first Session afterwards;” and that by the 41st paragraph of the same Resolution it is provided that “the Local Government and Legislature of each Province shall be constructed in such manner as the existing Legislature of each such Province shall provide.”

2. That under and subject to the Constitution of the Federated Provinces, the executive authority of the Lieutenant Governor of *Lower Canada* and *Upper Canada* respectively shall be administered by each of such Officers according to the well understood principles of the British Constitution.

3. The Great Seal of each Province of *Lower Canada* and *Upper Canada*, shall be the same or of the same design, in each of the said Provinces, as that used in the said Provinces respectively, at the time of the existing Union, until altered by the Local Government.

4. That there shall be a Local Legislature for *Lower Canada*, composed of Two Chambers, to be called the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of *Lower Canada*.

5. That there shall be a Local Legislature for *Upper Canada*, which shall consist of One Chamber, to be called the Legislative Assembly of *Upper Canada*.

6. That the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada* shall be composed of twenty-four Members, to be appointed by the Crown, under the Great Seal of the Local Government, who shall hold office during life; but if any Legislative Councillor shall, for two consecutive Sessions of Parliament, fail to give his attendance in the said Council, his seat shall thereby become vacant.

7. That the Members of the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada* shall be British Subjects by birth or naturalization, of the full age of thirty years; shall possess a continuous real property qualification, in *Lower Canada*, of four thousand dollars over and above all incumbrances, and shall continue worth that sum over and above their debts and liabilities.

8. That if any question shall arise as to the qualification of a Legislative Councillor in *Lower Canada*, the same shall be determined by the Council.

9. That the Speaker of the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada* (unless otherwise provided by the Local Parliament) shall be appointed by the Crown, from among the Members of the Legislative Council, and shall hold office during pleasure, and shall only be entitled to a casting vote on an equality of votes.

10. That each of the twenty-four Legislative Councillors of *Lower Canada* shall be appointed to represent one of the twenty-four Electoral Divisions thereof, mentioned in