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No. 1.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1871

The House having met;

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, desiring the immediate attendance of The House in the Senate Chamber:—

The House attended accordingly; and being returned,

Mr. *Speaker* informed The House, that during the recess he had received communications from several Members notifying him that the following places had severally become vacant, viz:—

Of *Brown Chamberlin*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Missisquoi, by the acceptance of the Office of Queen's Printer, for the Dominion of Canada.

Of *Pierre Gabriel Huot*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Quebec (City) East, by resignation.

Of the Hon. *Charles Tupper*, C.B., Member for the Electoral District of Cumberland (N.S.), by the acceptance of the Office of President of the Privy Council.

Of *Napoléon Casault*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Bellechasse, by the acceptance of the Office of Judge of the Superior Court for the Province of Quebec.

Of the Hon. *A. E. Kierzkowski*, Member for the Electoral District of St. Hyacinthe, by decease.

Of the Hon. *George Adams Archibald*, Member for the Electoral District of Colchester (N. S.), by the acceptance of the Office of Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Manitoba.

Of *Thomas McCarthy*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Richelieu, by decease.

Of *William M. Caldwell*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Restigouche (N. B.), by decease; and that he had issued his several Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, to make out new Writs for the Election of the said places respectively.

He also informed The House that during the recess the Clerk had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Certificates of the Election and Return of the following Members, viz:—

Of *Leveret De Veber Chipman*, Esq., for the Electoral District of King's (N. S.)

Of *George B. Baker*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Missisquoi.

Of *Adolphe Tourangeau*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Quebec (City) East.

Of the Hon. *Charles Tupper*, C. B., for the Electoral District of Cumberland (N. S.)

Of *Télesphore Fournier*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Bellechasse.

Of *Louis Delorme*, Esq., for the Electoral District of St. Hyacinthe.

Of *Frederick M. Pearson*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Colchester (N. S.)

Of *George Moffatt*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Restigouche (N. B.), and

Of *Georges Isidore Barthe*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Richelieu.

The following Members having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, took their seats in The House, viz. :—

Adolphe Tourangeau, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Quebec (City) East,—*Louis Delorme*, Esq., for the Electoral District of St. Hyacinthe,—*George Moffatt*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Restigouche (N.B.), —*Leveret de Veber Chipman*, Esq., for the Electoral District of King's (N.S.),—*Georges Isidore Barthe*, Esq., for the Electoral District of Richelieu,—and the Hon. *Charles Tupper*, C.B., for the Electoral District of Cumberland (N.S.)—

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* introduced a Bill (No. 1) respecting the administration of Oaths of Office.

Mr. Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and read a copy thereof to The House, as follows :—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate; *and*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I have much satisfaction in meeting you at this, the usual and most convenient season of the year, and under the present auspicious circumstances of the country.

The hope I was sanguine enough to express at the close of the last Session, that no further attempt would be made to disturb our frontier, was doomed to early disappointment. The Session had scarcely closed when lawless bands assembled within the United States in great numbers, and renewed the menace of invasion. They ventured to cross the border at two points, but were promptly met and repelled. So complete and humiliating was the repulse, that the invaders lost heart and hope, threw away quantities of arms, and fell back to encumber the villages in their rear, with their starving and demoralized masses. Our Militia rallied at the first call to arms with praiseworthy alacrity, and the spirit which pervades the country, swelled their numbers with volunteers from all quarters. The gallantry displayed and the success achieved, have been duly recognized by the highest Military authority, and honored, in gratifying terms of appreciation, by Her Most Gracious Majesty. In maintaining the Militia on active duty, the Government incurred an outlay to a considerable amount beyond what was provided by the votes of last Session. The accounts of the entire expenditure for the defence of the frontier will be laid before you, and I feel confident that you will pass a Bill to indemnify the Government.

My anticipations of success in regard to the Act passed for the Government of Manitoba, and the North West Territories, and in regard to the Military Expedition, which it was necessary to despatch, have been fortunately realized. The troops surmounted the difficulties of the long and toilsome route with endurance and intelligence. They encountered no armed opposition, and their arrival at the Red River was cordially welcomed by the inhabitants. The people of the new Province have, under the Constitution accorded to them last year, assumed all the duties of self-government, and every appearance warrants the hope that they are entering steadily upon a career of peace and prosperity,

The Legislature of British Columbia has passed an Address to Her Majesty, praying for admission into the Union, on the terms and conditions therein stated. All the papers on this important subject will be submitted, and your earnest attention is invited to them. I hope you will think that the terms are so fair as to justify you in passing a similar Address, so that the boundaries of Canada may, at an early date, be extended from the shores of the Atlantic Ocean on the one side, to the shores of the Pacific on the other.

Should such an Address be adopted, it will be necessary for you to take steps to secure the early exploration and survey of a route for an Interoceanic Railway, with a view to its construction in accordance with the terms of Union.

The acquisition of the North West Territories throws upon the Government and Parliament of the Dominion the duty of promoting their early settlement by the encouragement of immigration. This duty can be best discharged by a liberal land policy, and by opening up communications through our own Country to Manitoba. The means proposed for accomplishing these purposes will be submitted for your consideration.

Her Majesty's Government has decided upon referring the Fishery question, along with other questions pending between the two countries, to a Joint Commission to be named by Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States. On this Commission Canada will be represented. This mode of dealing with the various matters in controversy will, I trust, lead to their satisfactory adjustment. Canada urges no demand beyond those to which she is plainly entitled by Treaty and the law of nations. She has pushed no claim to an extreme assertion, and only sought to maintain the rights of her own people fairly and firmly, but in a friendly and considerate spirit, and with all due respect to foreign powers and international obligations. The thanks of the country are due to the Admiral on the Station and those under his command, for the valuable and efficient aid which they rendered to our Cruisers during the past Season in maintaining order and protecting the inshore Fisheries from encroachment.

The prospect of the adoption of an International Currency seems, in the present state of Europe, to be so remote, that I recommend you to consider the propriety of assimilating the Currency of the Dominion without further delay.

The extension to Manitoba of the Militia and other Laws of the Dominion, and their adoption to the present circumstances of that young Province, will require your attention.

The decennial Census will be taken on the third day of April next, and it is believed that a more thorough and accurate system has been adopted than any that has hitherto obtained. It may be necessary to amend the Act of last Session in some particulars.

Among other measures Bills will be presented to you relating to Parliamentary Elections, Weights and Measures, Insurance Companies, Savings Banks, and for the consolidation and amendment of the Inspection Laws.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I have given directions that the Public Accounts shall be laid before you. You will learn with satisfaction

that the Revenue for the past year was in excess of what was estimated, and that the prospects for the current year are so encouraging that, notwithstanding the extensive public improvements which are contemplated, you will probably be able to diminish the taxation of the country.

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted to you, and I feel assured that you will be of opinion that the supplies which you will be asked to vote can be granted without inconvenience to the people.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate; and

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I lay these various and weighty matters before you in full confidence that they will engage your mature attention, and I pray that the result of your deliberations may, with the Divine blessing, prove conducive in all respects, to the advancement and happiness of the country.

On motion of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, His Excellency's Speech was ordered to be taken into consideration to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Votes and Proceedings of the House be printed, being first perused by Mr. Speaker, and that he do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as he shall appoint do presume to print the same.

Resolved, That Select Standing Committees of this House for the present Session be appointed for the following purposes:—1. On Privileges and Elections.—2. On Expiring Laws.—3. On Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.—4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.—5. On Standing Orders.—6. On Printing.—7. On Public Accounts.—8. On Banking and Commerce.—9.—On Immigration and Colonization,—which said Committees shall severally be empowered to examine and enquire into all such matters 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 anything 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 hath 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 House of Commons, for the promoting of any matter whatsoever, depending or to be transacted in the Parliament of the Dominion of Canada, is a high crime and misdemeanor, and tends to the subversion of the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House, the Report of the Librarian of the House of Commons, on the state of the Library of Parliament, which is as follows:—

That your Librarian is enabled to state with much satisfaction, that contracts have been entered into by the Department of Public Works for the immediate construction of the New Library. Stone is now being prepared in readiness for building as soon as the season will permit, meanwhile considerable difficulty has heen experienced in providing accommdation, in the present crowded apartments, for the books added to the collection since last Session; a difficulty which can only be removed by the speedy completion of the new premises.

In the selection of books for the augmentation of the Library, it has been deemed advisable to bestow particular attention to the subject of mechanics and and engineering; on account of the great and increasing demand, amongst those who frequent the same, for information thereon, Your Librarian has accordingly purchased complete series of the minutes of proceedings of the institution of Civil Engineers, since 1837, of the journal of the Franklin Institute of Pensylvania, from 1826, and of *The Scientific American*, from 1869; all of them works of the highest utility in practical science, and which, from their cost and magnitude, are beyond the reach of ordinary private purchasers.

Through the liberality of Her Majesty's Govenment, the Library has been enriched by several donations of great value within the past year; amongst which a complete series of Admiralty Charts issued since 1855, and a beautifully illustrated book on the Native Tribes of India, are deserving of especial mention. These works were obtained through the intervention of His Excellency the Governor General, who kindly undertook to forward your Librarians' application for the same to the Imperial authorities, and to add thereto the weight of his own recommendation.

Your Librarian regrets that owing to the war, which now unhappily prevails in Europe, it was not possible to procure any supply of books from Paris after the month of September. The additions to the French collection have consequently been less numerous than heretofore. In all other respects he trusts that the additions to the Library will be found satisfactory. A brief Catalogue of these additions has been printed for distribution to Members.

The expenditure on behalf of the Library has been strictly kept within the amount of the Parliamentary grant, and after the payment of all outstanding accounts, a balance will remain to cover necessary expenditure during the remainder of the fiscal year.

Lists of Donations received and of Books deposited under the Copyright Law, are appended to this Report.

The number of volumes in the Library at the date of the last Report was estimated at 63,000. Since then, about 2,150 volumes have been added, making a total of 65,150.

All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed), ALPHEUS TODD,
Librarian.

LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT,
15th February, 1871.

(For the Appendix to this Report, see the Journal.)

On motion of Hon: Sir *John A. Macdonald*, leave of absence was granted to *J. F. Lapum*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Addington. on account of family affliction.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—Order of the House directing the Grand Trunk Railway Company to prepare and transmit to the Clerk, with all possible despatch, for the information of the House, the following statements :—

1st. A statement shewing the gross earnings of the railway during each of the years 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869 and 1870, the working expenses for each of those years, and the sums paid iu each of these years, as interest, on the bonded debt of the Company, classifying the bonds on which such payments have been made. The statement to comprise a complete account of the disposal of the whole earnings of the railway during those years.

2nd. The amount of the capital account of the Company on the first days of January, 1866 and 1871, with a statement shewing the several classes of shares and bonds, and the indebtedness to the Government at each date.

3rd. The total additions to the capital account of the Company from the issue of shares and bonds to cover the accrued but unpaid interest, according to the original stipulations.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all instructions to the Honorable *A. Archibald*, Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba, also copies of all orders in Council relative to said Province, since January, 1870, not already published; also copies of all reports and official correspondence between the Lieutenant-Governor and the Dominion Government, from the date of his appointment.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for Copies of all Correspondence between the Government of British Columbia, its Delegates, or the Imperial Government, relative to the admission of such Colony into the Dominion; also Copies of all Orders in Council or other documents relating to such negotiation.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—Order of the House for copies of all Tenders for Works on the Intercolonial Railway since the last Return, and in the same form; also copies of advertisements calling for such Tenders, the names of the newspapers in which such advertisements were inserted, and amount paid for same; also copies of Tenders received for locomotives or other rolling stock, and for rails with the same information regarding advertisements; also a statement shewing the number of engineers, and engineers' assistants, paymasters and other employés in each District and Section on the 1st day of July, 1870, and also the number of men employed in each Contract Section on that day; also copies of all Reports of Engineers, Commissioners or others regarding the change made from the route selected by Major Robinson between Bathurst and the Miramichi River; also copies of all Correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and the Government relative to Contracts and all Orders in Council relative to such Correspondence or Contracts.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for Copies of all Correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Imperial Government concerning the North-West Territories since November 1st, 1869, with Copies of all Orders in Council or other documents relative thereto; also Copies of all Correspondence with the Commander in Chief and the Commanding Officer of the Expedition, and Copies of all Orders in Council or other documents relating to the Expedition; also a Statement in detail of all expenses incurred in connection with sending the Military Expedition giving the names of parties receiving money, and stating the nature of the service and whether by contract or otherwise.

Hon. Mr. *Holton*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence, Reports of Engineer, and other documents, relating to the leasing by the Government to the Montreal Warehousing Company of a Lot of land bordering on the Lachine Canal.

Hon. Mr. *Holton*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Statement shewing the amount of American silver withdrawn from circulation through the action of the Government and the details of all expenses incurred in effecting such withdrawal; and also a Statement shewing the total amount of the new issue of silver coin, and the amount of each denomination, the fineness of the silver used, the cost of coinage, and the profit to the Government resulting from the issue.

Hon. Mr. *Holton*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY, whether permission has been given to the Grand Trunk Railway Company to erect an additional Railway Bridge across the Lachine Canal on or near the line of Wellington Street, and if so where was such permission applied for and when granted.

Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Imperial Government, since 1st February, 1870, on the subject of the Fisheries, and of the proposed Imperial and United States Joint Commission, with all Minutes of Council relating to the same.

Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Correspondence, Orders in Council, and other papers relating to the Mission of the Hon. *Alex. Campbell*, to England, and his Report thereon.

Mr. Mills—On Friday next—That an Order of the House do issue directing the Secretary to the Commissioners for the Intercolonial Railway to prepare as soon as possible, and transmit to the Clerk for the information of the House a statement of the number of days each of the said Commissioners was engaged in the performance of the duties of his office at the seat of Government, and on the line of Railway respectively, during the year 1870; also a statement of the sums paid for the travelling expenses of each of the Commissioners during the same year.

Mr. Stephenson—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any portion of the Volunteer force at present stationed in the Province of Manitoba, has been, or is likely soon to be recalled therefrom, and if so, what Battalion is to be reduced, and to what extent; and if both are to be reduced, in what proportion is the reduction to be made; also whether in the announced "Land Policy" any portion of the Public Lands in Manitoba will probably be allotted to the Volunteers now in that Province; and if so, what probable quantity per man, and under what terms such allotment may possibly be made.

No. 1.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

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No. 2.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

Mr. *Magill*, from the Hochelaga Contested Election Committee reported that pursuant to the 96th Section of the Controverted Elections Act, the Committee was adjourned until the second day of the fourth Session of the present Parliament at 12 o'clock noon,—that Hon. Mr. *Irvine* and Messrs. *Bowman* and *Cayley*, Members of the Committee were not present within one hour of the meeting of the said Committee, and that they had adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

The following Members having previously taken the Oath, according to Law, took their seats in The House viz. :—

Télesphore Fournier, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Bellechasse,—and *George B. Baker*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Missisquoi.

The House proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech. at the opening of the Session

Mr. *Lacerte* moved, seconded by Mr. *Kirkpatrick*,

1. That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and, further, to assure His Excellency,—that we are grateful to His Excellency for the expression of His satisfaction in meeting us at this, the usual and most convenient season of the year, and under the present auspicious circumstances of the country.

2. That we regret with His Excellency that the hope His Excellency was sanguine enough to express at the close of the last Session, that no further attempt would be made to disturb our frontier was doomed to early disappointment, and that the Session had scarcely closed when lawless bands assembled within the United States in great numbers, and renewed the menace of invasion. But, that we are proud to know that when they ventured to cross the border at two points, they were promptly met and repelled, that so complete and humiliating was the repulse, that the invaders lost heart and hope, threw away quantities of arms, and fell back to encumber the villages in their rear, with their starving and demoralized masses, that our Militia rallied at the first call to arms with praiseworthy alacrity, that the spirit which pervades the country, swelled their numbers with volunteers from all quarters, and that the gallantry displayed and the success achieved, have been duly recognized by the highest Military authority, and honored, in gratifying terms of appreciation, by Her Most Gracious Majesty. That we are aware that in maintaining the Militia on active duty, the Government must have incurred an outlay to a considerable amount beyond what was provided by the votes of last Session. That we shall carefully consider the accounts of the entire expenditure for the defence of the frontier, which will be laid before us, and that we trust that we shall find ourselves justified in passing a Bill to indemnify the Government.

3. That we rejoice to be informed that His Excellency's anticipations of success in regard to the Act passed for the Government of Manitoba and the North West Territories, and in regard to the Military Expedition, which it was necessary to despatch, have been fortunately realized; that the troops surmounted the difficulties of the long and toilsome route with endurance and intelligence; that they encountered no armed opposition; that their arrival at the Red River was cordially welcomed by the inhabitants; and that the people of the new Province have, under the Constitution accorded to them last year, assumed all the duties of self-government, and that every appearance warrants the hope that they are entering steadily upon a career of peace and prosperity.

4. That we learn with pleasure that the Legislature of British Columbia has passed an Address to Her Majesty, praying for admission into the Union, on the terms and conditions therein stated; that we shall give our earnest attention to any papers on this important subject which may be submitted to us; and that we hope that we shall find that the terms are so fair as to justify us in passing a similar Address, so that the boundaries of Canada may, at an early day, be extended from the shores of the Atlantic Ocean on one side, to the shores of the Pacific on the other.

5. That we learn that should such an Address be adopted, it will be necessary for us to take steps to secure the early exploration and survey of a route for an Interoceanic Railway, with a view to its construction in accordance with the terms of Union. We know that the acquisition of the North West Territories throws upon the Government and Parliament of the Dominion the duty of promoting their early settlement, by the encouragement of immigration:—And, feeling that this duty can be best discharged by a liberal land policy, and by opening up communications through our own country to Manitoba, we shall willingly consider any means proposed for accomplishing these purposes which may be submitted for our consideration.

6. That we notice that Her Majesty's Government has decided upon referring the Fishery question, along with other questions pending between the two countries, to a joint Commission to be named by Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States, and that on this Commission Canada will be represented; and that we trust that this mode of dealing with the various matters in controversy will lead to their satisfactory adjustment. That we feel with His Excellency, that Canada urges no demand beyond those to which she is plainly entitled to by Treaty and the law of nations; that she has pushed no claim to an extreme assertion, and only sought to maintain the rights of her people fairly and firmly, but in a friendly and considerate spirit and with all due respect to foreign powers and international obligations:—And that we cordially agree with His Excellency that the thanks of the country are due to the Admiral on the Station and those under his command, for the valuable and efficient aid which they rendered to our cruisers during the past season in maintaining order and protecting the inshore Fisheries from encroachment.

7. That believing with His Excellency, that the prospect of the adoption of an International Currency, in the present state of Europe, is very remote, we shall be prepared to consider the propriety of assimilating the Currency of the Dominion without further delay.

8. That we shall not fail to give our attention to the extension to Manitoba, of the Militia and other Laws of the Dominion, and their adaptation to the present circumstances of that young Province.

9. That we are well pleased to learn from His Excellency, that the decennial Census will be taken on the third day of April next, and that it is believed that a more thorough and accurate system has been adopted than any that has hitherto obtained:—And that any amendments which may be suggested to the Act of last Session, shall receive our earnest consideration, as shall also any Bill presented to us relating to Parliamentary Elections, Weights and Measures, Insurance companies, Savings' Banks, and for the consolidation and amendment of the Ispection Laws.

10. That we thank His Excellency for having given directions that the Public Accounts shall be laid before us, and that we learn with satisfaction that the Revenue for the past year was in excess of what was estimated, and that the prospects for the current year are so encouraging that notwithstanding the extensive public improvements which are contemplated, we shall probably be able to diminish the taxation of the country.

11. That we shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year which will be submitted to us, and that we trust that we shall be of opinion that the supplies which we shall be asked to vote can be granted without inconvenience to the people.

12. That the various and weighty matters which His Excellency has laid before us will assuredly engage our mature attention, and that we unite with His Excellency in the prayer, that the result of our deliberations may, with the Divine blessing, prove conducive in all respects to the advancement and happiness of the country.

The first to the twelfth paragraph, inclusive, of the said proposed Address being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the Resolution for an Address was referred to a Select Committee, composed of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, Messrs. *Lacerte* and *Kirkpatrick* and the mover.—

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* then reported the draft of an Address, and the same being read a second time, was agreed to, and is as follows:—

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable John Baron *Lisgar*, of Lisgar and Baillieborough, in the County of Cavan, Ireland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and a Baronet, one of the

Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor General of Canada, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Prince Edward.

May it please Your Excellency :—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of Parliament.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for the expression of Your satisfaction in meeting us at this, the usual and most convenient season of the year, and under the present auspicious circumstances of the country.

We regret with Your Excellency that the hope Your Excellency was sanguine enough to express at the close of the last Session, that no further attempt would be made to disturb our frontier, was doomed to early disappointment, and that the Session had scarcely closed when lawless bands assembled within the United States in great numbers, and renewed the menace of invasion. But we are proud to know that when they ventured to cross the border at two points they were promptly met and repelled, that so complete and humiliating was the repulse, that the invaders lost heart and hope, threw away quantities of arms, and fell back to encumber the villages in their rear, with their starving and demoralized masses, that our Militia rallied at the first call to arms with praiseworthy alacrity, and the spirit which pervades the country, swelled their numbers with volunteers from all quarters, and that the gallantry displayed and the success achieved, have been duly recognized by the highest Military authority, and honored, in gratifying terms of appreciation, by Her Most Gracious Majesty. We are aware that in maintaining the Militia on active duty, the Government must have incurred an outlay to a considerable amount beyond what was provided by the votes of last Session. We shall carefully consider the accounts of the entire expenditure for the defence of the frontier which will be laid before us, and we trust that we shall find ourselves justified in passing a Bill to indemnify the Government.

We rejoice to be informed that Your Excellency's anticipations of success in regard to the Act passed for the Government of Manitoba, and the North West Territories, and in regard to the Military Expedition, which it was necessary to despatch, have been fortunately realized ; that the troops surmounted the difficulties of the long and toilsome route with endurance and intelligence ; that they encountered no armed opposition ; that their arrival at the Red River was cordially welcomed by the inhabitants ; and that the people of the new Province have, under the Constitution accorded to them last year, assumed all the duties of self-government, and that every appearance warrants the hope that they are entering steadily upon a career of peace and prosperity,

We learn with pleasure that the Legislature of British Columbia has passed an Address to Her Majesty, praying for admission into the Union, on the terms and conditions therein stated ; we shall give our earnest attention to any papers on this important subject which may be submitted to us ; and we hope that we shall find that the terms are so fair as to justify us in passing a similar Address, so that the boundaries of Canada, may, at an early date, be extended from the shores of the Atlantic Ocean on one side, to the shores of the Pacific on the other.

We learn that should such an Address be adopted, it will be necessary for us to take steps to secure the early exploration and survey of a route for an Interoceanic Railway, with a view to its construction in accordance with the terms of Union. We know that the acquisition of the North West Territories throws upon the Government and Parliament of the Dominion the duty of promoting their early settlement by the encouragement of immigration.—And, feeling that this duty can be best discharged by a liberal land policy, and by opening up communications through our own Country to Manitoba, we shall willingly consider any means proposed for accomplishing these purposes which may be submitted for our consideration.

We notice that Her Majesty's Government has decided upon referring the Fishery question, along with other questions pending between the two countries, to a Joint Commission to be named by Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States, and that on this Commission Canada will be represented ; and we trust that this mode of dealing with the various matters in controversy will lead to their satisfactory adjustment. We feel with Your Excellency, that Canada urges no demand beyond those to which she is plainly entitled by Treaty and the law of nations ; that she has pushed no claim to an extreme assertion, and only sought to maintain the rights of her own people fairly and firmly, but in a friendly and considerate spirit, and with all due respect to foreign powers and international obligations ; and we cordially agree with Your Excellency that the thanks of the country are due to the Admiral on the Station and those under his command, for the valuable and efficient aid which they rendered to our Cruisers during the past Season in maintaining order and protecting the inshore Fisheries from encroachment.

Believing with Your Excellency, that the prospect of the adoption of an International Currency, in the present state of Europe, is very remote, we shall be prepared to consider the propriety of assimilating the Currency of the Dominion without further delay.

We shall not fail to give our attention to the extension to Manitoba, of the Militia and other Laws of the Dominion, and their adaptation to the present circumstances of that young Province.

We are well pleased to learn from Your Excellency, that the decennial Census will be taken on the third day of April next, and that it is believed that a more thorough and accurate system has been adopted than any that has hitherto obtained: and we respectfully assure Your Excellency that any amendments which may be suggested to the Act of last Session shall receive our earnest consideration, as shall also any Bill presented to us relating to Parliamentary Elections, Weights and Measures, Insurance Companies, Savings Banks, and for the consolidation and amendment of the Inspetion Laws.

We thank Your Excellency for having given directions that the Public Accounts shall be laid before us, and we learn with satisfaction that the Revenue for the past year was in excess of what was estimated, and that the prospects for the current year are so encouraging that, notwithstanding the extensive public improvements which are contemplated, we shall probably be able to diminish the taxation of the country.

We shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year which will be submitted to us, and we trust that we shall be of opinion that the supplies which we sahll be asked to vote can be granted without inconvenience to the people.

The various and weighty matters which Your Excellency has laid before us will assuredly engage our mature attention, and we unite with Your Excellency in the prayer, that the result of our deliberations may, with the Divine blessing, prove conducive in all respects to the advancement and happiness of the country.

The said Address was then ordered to be engrossed, and to be presented to His Excellency by each Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Magill*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government, during the present Session of Parliament, to make any alteration in the Tariff, by which the consumers of coal imported from the United States, may be relieved from the present burthensome duty, levied upon that article.

Mr. *Magill*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether, as a Commission has been appointed to report upon the question of enlarging the Canals of the Dominion, and generally to enquire into the best means for the improvement of our Internal Water communication,it is the intention of the Government, at an early date, to place any information before this House, respecting the progress made by the said Commission ; and if such information is to be furnished will it be in the shape of a Report from that Commission, or an announcement of the policy of the Government on the subject of Canals.

Mr. *Masson* (Terrebonne)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of the Dominion, since January 1868, on the subject of Military Expenditure and the Defences of the Dominion.

Mr. *Jones*—(North Leeds and Grenville)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for a return of the names of all persons who have tendered for contracts on the Intercolonial Rail: way since 19th May, 1869, giving the gross amount of each tender, the rate per mile, and sureties offered ; also the names of persons to whom contracts have been awarded along the line of road, stating the gross amount and rate per mile at which each contract has been let, and the sureties given ; also the whole extent of work performed by each contractor since 31st December, 1869, up to the present time, giving the monthly progress on each section, as well as the aggregate extent of work done, and the estimated value of such work ; also the amount paid to each contractor since the last mentioned date up to the present time ; also the number of engineers, assistants and employés who have been removed, dismissed or suspended on each section of the road since the 31st December above mentioned up to the present time, giving the date of each dismissal, removal or suspension, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each person at the time of his removal, dismissal or suspension ; also the number of engineers, assistants and employés, at present employed on each section, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each.

Mr. *Mills*—On Monday next—BILL entitled " An act to authorize the extradition of persons from the Dominion of Canada charged with having committed crimes in the Uuited States not included in the Extradition Treaty."

Mr. *Mills*—On Monday next—BILL entitled " An Act to render members of the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces now included. or which may hereafter be included, within the Dominion of Canada, ineligible for sitting or voting in the House of Commons of Canada."

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of correspondence, orders in Council, official reports, and all other documents relative to the Canal built by the Government of the United States on Canadian Territory, at the St. Clare Flats on Walpole Island.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a detailed statement of all transactions connected with the purchase, exportation, and the sale of American silver coins ; and also copies of all correspondence connected with the same.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Return of all Correspondence, Orders in Council, Tenders, and other documents connected with, and relating to the construction of Harbors of Refuge on Lakes Huron and Erie.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—Order of the House for a Return showing the amount paid, and to whom paid, for the sale of Stamps for the year ending 30th June, 1870.

Mr. *Bodwell*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for a statement of all claims made upon the Dominion Government consequent on the Insurrection in the North West Territories, and payments made, if any, with copies of all Orders in Council, Official Reports, or other documents relating to such claims for damages ; also, a statement of claims made by the so-called Delegates, Messrs. *Scott*, *Richot*, and *Black*, for expenses or compensation, and the amounts paid ; and, also, a statement of all other personal claims made and amounts paid, with copies of Orders in Council, and all other documents relating to all such claims.

Mr. *Jones* (North Leeds and Grenville)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government has instituted any inquiry or investigation in relation to the numerous accidents which have lately occurred on the Grand Trunk Railway, and the great irregularity connected with the delivery of the Mails by that road; also, whether Mr. *Erydges*, President of the Grand Trunk Railway is still employed by the Government as one of the Commissioners for the construction of the Intercolonial Railway.

Hon. Mr. *Abbott*—On Monday next—BILL to amend the Act intituled "An Act respecting Banks."

Hon. Mr. *Abbott*—On Monday next—BILL to amend the Act intituled "An Act respecting Patents for Inventions.

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a measure for the creation of a Supreme Court.

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a measure for the Trial by Judges of Controverted Elections.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*—On Tuesday next—Resolution congratulating His Excellency the Governor General on the mark of distinction conferred on him by Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, by elevating him to the Peerage.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*—To-morrow—Special Committee of Members to prepare and report with all convenient speed, lists of Members Select Standing Committees ordered by this House.

No. 2.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

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No. 3.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

Four Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

Hon. Mr. *Irvine*, from the Hochelaga Contested Committee reported the absence of Mr. *Cayley* from the meeting this day, in consequence of which the Committee adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cayley* do attend in his place at the next sitting of The House.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Ordered*, that the Grand Trunk Railway Company do prepare and transmit to the Clerk, with all possible despatch, for the information of this House, the following statements :—

1st. Shewing the gross earnings of the railway during each of the years 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869 and 1870, the working expenses for each of those years, and the sums paid in each of these years, as interest, on the bonded debt of the Company, classifying the bonds on which such payments have been made. The statement to comprise a complete account of the disposal of the whole earnings of the railway during those years.

2nd. The amount of the capital account of the Company on the first days of January, 1866 and 1871, with a statement shewing the several classes of shares and bonds, and the indebtedness to the Government at each date, and

3rd. The total additions to the capital account of the Company from the issue of shares and bonds to cover the accrued but unpaid interest, according to the original stipulations.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* an Address was voted to His Excellency, instructions to the Honorable *A. Archibald*, Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba and of the North West Territory, also copies of all Orders in Council relative to said Province, since January, 1870, not already published ; also copies of all reports and official correspondence between the Lieutenant-Governor and the Dominion Government, from the date of his appointment.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency,—Public Accounts of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1870.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* laid before The House, by command of His Excellency,—Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1870.

Hon Sir *Francis Hincks* laid before The House,—Statement of amount of expenditure incurred for protection of the Frontier and repelling invasion by the Fenians.—

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* it was *Ordered*, That the proper Officer do lay before this House copies of all Tenders for Works on the Intercolonial Railway since the last Return, and in the same form as printed ; also copies of advertisements calling for such Tenders, the names of the newspapers in which such advertisements were inserted, and amount paid for same ; also copies of Tenders received for locomotives or other rolling stock, and for rails with the same information regarding advertisements ; also a statement shewing

the number of engineers, and engineers' assistants, paymasters and other employés in each District and Section on the 1st day of July, 1870, and also the number of men employed in each Contract Section on that day; also copies of all Reports of Engineers, Commissioners or others regarding the change made from the route selected by Major Robinson between Bathurst and the Miramichi River; also copies of all Correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and the Government relative to Contracts and all Orders in Council relative to such Correspondence or Contracts.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all Correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Imperial Government concerning the North-West Territories since November 1st, 1869, with Copies of all Orders in Council or other documents relative thereto; also Copies of all Correspondence with the Commander in Chief and the Commanding Officer of the Expedition, and Copies of all Orders in Council or other documents relating to the Expedition; also a Statement in detail of all expenses incurred in connection with sending the Military Expedition giving the names of parties receiving money, and stating the nature of the service and whether by contract or otherwise.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence Reports of Engineers, and other documents, relating to the leasing by the Government to the Montreal, Warehousing Company of a lot of land bordering on the Lachine Canal.

Also a further Address, for a statement shewing the amount of American silver withdrawn from circulation through the action of the Government and the details of all expenses incurred in effecting such withdrawal; and also a statement shewing the total amount of the new issue of silver coin, and the amount of each denomination, the fineness of the silver used, the cost of coinage, and the profit to the Government resulting from the issue.

On motion of Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence, not marked "separate" on the Defence of the Country.—Also, Orders in Council, and other papers relating to the mission of the Hon. *Alexander Campbell*, to England, and his Report thereon.

On motion of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Special Committee was appointed, composed of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, Hon. Messrs. *Tilley*, *Langevin*, *Howe*, *Holton*, and *Chauveau*, and Mr. *Burpee*, Hon. Mr. *McKeagney*, Hon. Mr. *Dorion*, Messrs. *Mackenzie*, *Walsh*, *Morrison* (Niagara), *Dufresne*, *Bolton*, and the mover, to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House on Wednesday, the 15th instant.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* delivered the following Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

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The Governor General communicates to the House of Commons the appointment of the Honorable *Joseph Howe*, Secretary of State for the Provinces; in the room and stead of the Honorable *William McDougall*, C.B., to act with the Speaker of the House of Commons as a Commissioner for the purpose and under the provisions of the Act 31st *Victoria*, Chapter 27, intituled:—"An Act respecting the internal economy of the House of Commons, and for other purposes."

Government House,
Ottawa, 15th February, 1871.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*— On Tuesday next—Resolutions upon the subject of the Joint Commission, appointed by Great Britain and the United States, so far as the same affects the rights and interests of Canada.

Hon.. Sir *F. Hincks*—On Tuesday next—That the speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be then taken into consideration.

Hon. Mr. *Dunkin*—On Tuesday next—BILL entitled "An Act to amend the Census Act."

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Monday next—BILL for the better protection of navigable streams and rivers.

Mr. *Stirton*— On Monday next—Order of the House for a statement shewing the gross amount paid for salaries and wages of Engineers and Staff of the Intercolonial Railway, up to January 1st, 1871, shewing the number employed on each section and division, and the amount paid for work performed by contractors to the same date.

Hon. Mr. *Connell*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence that has taken place between the Dominion and Local Government of the Province of New Brunswick, since 1st July, 1867, relating to unadjusted claims of the Province of New Brunswick, with a statement of such claims; also a statement of the Public Account between the Dominion and the Province of New Brunswick, on the 1st January, 1871.

Mr. *Renaud*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OE MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make, during the present Session, any change in the Tariff under which the consumers of flour in the Maritime Provinces are the principal sufferers.

Mr. *Blake*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Imperial Governments relative to the Manitoba Act; and to any Imperial Legislation contemplated in reference to the North West; with copies of any drafts of bills proposed to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament on the subject.

Mr. *Dufresne*—On Monday next—BILL to facilitate the incorporation of institutions of landed credit. (*Credit foncier*).

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any recent changes have been made in the mode of receiving payments by the Inland Revenue Department, and what the nature and object of such changes have been, and whether these have resulted satisfactorily.

No. 3

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

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No. 4.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

Two Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the Mechanics' Bank; of *Molson's* Bank; and of the Merchants Bank of Canada; severally praying for the passing of an Act extending the powers and privileges of their Charter in conformity with the Act respecting Banks and Banking.

Motion being made, that the Petition of Colonel *John Sewell*, Superannuated Postmaster of the City of Quebec; praying for the payment of certain arrears of salary, be received,—

Mr. Speaker decided that "as this Petition prays for aid, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Crawford* (Leeds) introduced a Bill (No. 2) to amend the Act 31st *Victoria*, Chapter 11, intituled: "An Act respecting Banks," and also to amend the Act 33rd *Victoria*, Chapter 11, intituled: "An Act respecting Banks and Banking."—Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Dufresne* introduced a Bill (No. 3) to facilitate the establishment of Institutions of Landed Credit (*Crédit Foncier*).—Second reading to-morrow.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* laid before The House,—Return made under the 9th section of the 33rd *Victoria*, Chapter 40, intituled: "An Act to vest in Her Majesty, for the purposes therein mentioned The property and powers now vested in the Trustees of the Bank of Upper Canada,"—and, Royal Canadian Bank Charter, Canada, 1870.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, from the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees, ordered by this House on Wednesday, the 15th instant, reported as follows:

1. ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS.

Bertrand,	Grant,	Munroe,
Blake,	Gray,	Redford,
Blanchet,	Grover,	Smith,
Burton,	Holton,	Snider,
Cameron (Huron),	Killam,	Stephenson,
Cameron (Peel),	Macdonall (Kingston),	Thompson, and
Cartier,	McDonald (Antigonish),	Wells.
Chauveau,	Mills,	
Dorion,	Moffatt,	

2. On Expiring Laws.

Blake,
Campbell,
Carmichael,
Cayley,
Cheval,
Cimon,
Coffin,
Delorme,
Drew,
Ferris,
Fournier,
Godin,
Gray,
Lapum,
Macdonald (Cornwall),
McCallum,
McDougall (Renfrew),
Pâquet,
Pouliot,
Power,
Sénécal,
Simpson,
Tourangeau, and
Willson.

3. On Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Abbott,
Anglin,
Blanchet,
Bourassa,
Cameron (Huron),
Carling,
Cartier,
Chauveau,
Chipman,
Connell,
Costigan,
Currier,
Dorion,
Dunkin,
Ferguson,
Fournier,
Galt,
Gendron,
Heath,
Hincks,
Holton,
Howe,
Irvine,
Jackson,
Joly,
Jones (Leeds&Grenvle)
Kirkpatrick,
Langevin,
Macdonald (Cornwall),
Macdonald (Glengarry)
Macdonald (Kingston),
McDonald (Middlesex),
MacKenzie,
Masson (Soulanges),
McDougall (Lanark),
McGreevy,
Merritt,
Morrison (Niagara),
O'Connor,
Pickard,
Robitaille,
Shanly,
Street,
Sylvain,
Tilley,
Tupper,
Walsh,
White,
Whitehead, and
Wood.

4. On Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Ault,
Baker,
Beaubien,
Bodwell,
Bowell,
Cameron (Huron),
Caron,
Cayley,
Daoust,
Delorme,
Dorion,
Drew,
Fortin,
Geoffrion,
Grant,
Harrison,
Heath,
Kirkpatrick,
Langlois,
Lawson,
McDonald (Antigonish)
McKeagney,
McMonies,
Merritt,
Metcalfe,
Mills,
Morris,
Oliver,
Pinsonneault,
Ross (Champlain),
Ross (Dundas),
Savary,
Scatcherd,
Scriver,
Smith,
Stirton,
Tourangeau,
Wallace, and
Webb.

5. On Standing Orders.

Barthe,
Bowman,
Bown,
Burpee,
Burton,
Cameron (Inverness),
Coupal,
Gaucher,
Gaudet,
Gray,
Huntington,
Kempt,
LeVesconte,
Little,
MacFarlane,
McDougall (Three Rivers),
McMillan,
Morison (Victoria, O.),
Pearson,
Perry,
Pouliot,
Pozer,
Ray,
Ross (Champlain),
Ross (Victoria, N.E.),
Rymal, and
Sproat.

6. On Joint Committee on Printing.

Beaty,
Bellerose,
Bourassa,
Bowell,
Brousseau,
Ferguson,
Howe,
McDonald (Lunenburg)
Mackenzie,
Simard,
Stephenson, and
Young.

7. On Public Accounts.

Anglin,	Hincks,	McConkey,
Blake,	Holton,	Morrison (Niagara),
Bolton,	Irvine,	Pope,
Brousseau,	Keeler,	Robitaille,
Carmichael,	Langevin,	Ross (Prince Edward),
Crawford (Leeds),	Lapum,	Ryan (King's N.B.),
Dufresne,	Lawson,	Tilley,
Fortin,	Macdonald (Glengarry)	Tupper,
Galt,	Mackenzie,	Walsh,
Gibbs,	Magill,	Wood, and
Harrison,	Masson (Terrebonne),	Young.

8. On Banking and Commerce.

Abbot,	Galt,	Morris,
Beaty,	Gibbs,	Pope,
Blake,	Harrison,	Read,
Bolton,	Hincks,	Simard,
Cameron (Peel),	Holton,	Street,
Campbell,	Langlois,	Thompson,
Cartier,	McDonald (Lunenburg)	Tilley,
Cartwright,	Mackenzie,	Wilson, and
Crawford (Leeds),	McGreevy,	Workman.

9. On Immigration and Colonization.

Archambeault,	Dobbie,	Morris,
Baker,	Dufresne,	Pelletier,
Beaubien,	Dunkin,	Pope,
Béchard,	Forbes,	Renaud,
Benoit,	Fortier,	Ross (Wellington, C.R.)
Bertrand,	Grant,	Ryan (Montreal, West),
Bolton,	Hagar,	Shanly,
Bourassa,	Holmes,	Simpson,
Brown,	Hurdon,	Snider,
Burton,	Hutchison,	Stephenson,
Carling,	Jackson,	Tremblay,
Caron,	Lacerte,	Tupper,
Cartwright,	Lawson,	Wright (Ottawa
Chauveau,	Macdonald (Cornwall),	County), and
Colby,	McDougall (Renfrew),	Wright (York, Ontario,
Connell,	McDougall (Three	W.R.)
Coupal,	Rivers),	
Crawford (Brockville),		

Mr. *Cartwright* introduced a Bill (No. 4) for the better protection of Navigable Streams and Rivers.—Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Mills* introduced a Bill (No. 5) to render Members of the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces now included, or which may hereafter be included, within the Dominion of Canada, ineligible for sitting or voting in the House of Commons of Canada.—Second reading to-morrow.

Also, a Bill (No. 6) to authorize the extradition of persons from the Dominion of Canada, charged with having committed crimes in the United States, and other foreign countries.—Second reading to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. *Irvine*, from the Hochelaga Contested Election Committee reported the following Resolutions as their final and unanimous decision :—

Resolved, That the sitting Member The Honorable *Antoine Aimé Dorion* is the duly elected Member for the Electoral District of Hochelaga.

Resolved, That the objections taken by the Petitioner in his Election Petition, and his allegations before this Committee against the qualification of the sitting Member are frivolous and vexatious.

Resolved, That except the above mentioned objections, the said Election Petition of the said Petitioner against the return of the said The Honorable *Antoine Aimé Dorion*, is not frivolous nor vexatious.

Resolved, That the defence of the said The Honorable *Antoine Aimé Dorion* against the Petition of *Joseph Lanouette*, Esq., is not frivolous nor vexatious.

The whole of which is, however, respectfully submitted.

(Signed), GEO. IRVINE.

Chairman.

Pursuant to the 90th Section of the Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections, Your Committee Report, with its final decision, the following Resolutions upon which divisions were taken.

Moved, That neither the said Petition so far as the same complains of the want of qualification of the said sitting Member, nor the defence to that part of the Petition are frivolous or vexatious.

And the question being put on the motion, the Committee divided and the names were taken down as follows :—

Yeas.	*Nays.*
Messrs. Irvine,	Messrs. Bowman,
Cayley.	Kempt,
	Magill.

So it passed in the negative.

Moved,—"That the said Petition in so far as the same complains of the want of qualification of the said sitting Member is frivolous and vexatious," and the question being put on the motion, the Committee divided and the names were taken down as follows :—

Yeas.	*Nays.*
Messrs. Bowman,	Messrs. Irvine,
Kempt,	Cayley.
Magill.	

So it passed in the affirmative.

(Signed), GEO. IRVINE.
Chairman.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* laid before The House,—Correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Imperial Government on the subject of the Fisheries, with other documents relating to the same.—To be printed, and the Rules suspended in relation thereto.

On motion of Mr. *Mills* it was *Ordered*, That an order of this House do issue directing the Secretary to the Commissioners for the Intercolonial Railway to prepare as soon as possible, and transmit to the Clerk for the information of this House a statement of the number of days each of the said Commissioners was engaged in the performance of the duties of his office at the seat of Government, and on the line of Railway respectively, during the year 1870 ; also a statement of the sums paid for the travelling expenses of each of the Commissioners during the same year.

On motion of Mr. *Mills*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return of all correspondence, Orders in Council, Tenders, and other documents connected with, and relating to the construction of Harbors of Refuge on Lakes Huron and Erie, since the last Returns.

On Motion of Mr. *Bodwell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency for a statement of all claims made upon the Dominion Government consequent on the Insurrection in the North West Territories, and payments made, if any, with copies of all Orders in Council, Official Reports, or other documents relating to such claims for damages ; also, a statement of claims made by the so-called Delegates, Messrs. *Scott*, *Richot*, and *Black*, for expenses or compensation, and the amounts paid ; and, also, a statement of all other personal claims made and amounts paid, with copies of Orders in Council, and all other documents relating to all such claims.

On motion of Mr. *Stirton* it was *Ordered*, That an Order of the House do issue to the proper officer for a statement shewing the gross amount paid for salaries and wages of Engineers and Staff of the Intercolonial Railway, up to January 1st, 1871, shewing the number employed on each section and division, and the amount paid for work performed by contractors to the same date.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Imperial Governments relative to the Manitoba Act ; and to any Imperial Legislation contemplated in reference to the North West ; with copies of any drafts of bills proposed to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament on the subject.

The Order for the attendance of Mr. *Cayley* in his place in The House, this day, was discharged.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Godin*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a statement shewing the names of all persons employed by any of the Local Governments before or in connection with the Commission of Arbitration on the subject of the Public debt of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, the duration and nature of their services, and the amount paid to each of them, either as salary, indemnity, travelling expenses, or otherwise, together with the date of such payments.

Hon. Sir *Alexander Galt*—On Tuesday next—The following Resolutions :—

Resolved—

That this House recognizes in the fullest manner the importance to the cause of Peace and civilization, ofthe settlement of all questions in dispute between Great Britain and the United States. And, in the especial interests of Canada will rejoice to find the result of the Joint High Commission productive of codial and lasting friendship between the two nations.

That this House regards the control and disposal of the inshore Fisheries and the navigation of the inland waters of the Dominion as specially within the powers conveyed to the Parliament of Canada under the British North America Act. And will view with the utmost concern and apprehension any proposal to alter or diminish the just rights of the Dominion, in these respects, without their consent.

That this House has always been, and now is, prepared to concede the most free and unrestricted use of the Fisheries and Inland Navigation to the United States upon receiving as an equivalent therefor complete compensation in modification of the United States Commercial system, directed to the more free and liberal interchange of the products of labor in the two countries.

That the Concession to the United States of the freedom of the Fisheries and of the St. Lawrence without such compensation would place Canada in a most disadvantageous position for future negotiation by depriving her of the means of offering any adequate equivalent for those concessions she is desirous of obtaining from that nation.

That the House willingly consents to the consideration by the Joint High Commission of all subjects in which Canada is concerned with the United States. And will cheerfully make any sacrifices that may be required at their hands in the interest of the Empire, so far as they do not compromise the national interests and security of this country, and directly tend to their undue subordination to the United States in the future.

Mr, *Thompson* (Ontario)—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—When the remainder of the return to an Address, of 25th of April last, as to the amount accrued from the sales of the Clergy Reserves in Upper Canada, since the Act 18 Vict., Chap. 2, a statement of amounts paid each municipality annually. in Upper Canada and the amounts now due to them respectively, under the authority thereof, will be laid before the House.

Hon. Mr. *Morris*—On Friday next—BILL respecting weights and measures.

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Official Correspondence, Departmental Reports, and Orders in Council, relating to the change made since confederation in the rate of remuneration to, and in the mode of remunerating, Post Masters throughout the Dominion.

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all correspondence, reports, and Orders in Council, touching the illegal and unjustifiable seizure, by United States Customs officials, of a steam tug and a barge, the property of Hiram Little, Esq,, a British subject of Wallaceburg, County of Kent, Ontario, while engaged in legitimate trade in Canadian waters.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entitled "Act securing the independence of the Senate,"

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Qnebec Governments, and the Canadian and Ontario Governments, touching the provincial arbitration and award; and for a copy of the award, and for an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and each Province, on the first day February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of any orders or directions made at any time under the Railway Act, as to forms in which the returns thereby required should be made up; and of any orders or directions made under the provision empowering such to be issued for the purpose of obtaining returns of serious accidents occuring in the course of the public traffic upon any railway, whether attended with personal injury or not, in such form and manner as the authorities deem necessary and require for their information, with a view to the public safety; and for copies of any returns made under such last mentioned orders and directions, with a memorandum showing the dates at which each of such returns has been made.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of the returns made by each Railway Company under the Railway Act of the late Province of Canada, and the Railway Act 1868, by which Acts it is provided that each of the Companies affected thereby, shall, in the months of January and July in each year. make under oath a true and particular return of all accidents and casualties (whether to life or property), which have occurred on the Railway of the Company during the half year next preceding, setting forth,

1st. The causes and natures of such accidents and casualties.

2nd. The points at which they occurred and whether by night or by day.

3rd. The full extent thereof and all particulars of the same; and

4th. Shall also at the same time return a true copy of the existing By-laws of the Company and of their rules and regulations for the management of the Company and their Railway, together with a memorandum shewing the dates at which each of such returns has been made.

Mr. *Dufresne*—On Wednesday next—BILL to revise the Act 27 Vic., chap- 46, as amended by 27 and 23 Vic., chap. 81.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—Bill entitled "An Act respecting the naturalization of certain aliens."

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of all correspondence between the Hudson's Bay Company and the Government of Canada since the date of the last returns, with the particulars of any claims by that Company touching the non-payment at the time agreed upon of the purchase money for the extinguishment of their claims on the North West Territory; for losses sustained during the insurrection at Red River, or any other account whatever.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of all correspondence which has taken place between the Dominion Government and the Local Government of Nova Scotia in regard to the Provincial Building at Halifax.

Mr. *Delorme*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether the Government intend during this Session to bring down any measure for the abolition of Postage on newspapers published in Canada and sent to subscribers in Canada.

Mr. *Fournier*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of the Government to ask for an appropriation in aid of those who are snffering from the famine caused by the disastrous war which has desolated France.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—That in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient that any member of this House should for the future be engaged in the service of the Government of Canada in any paid employment such as that in respect of which the Honorable *Jopn Hamilton Gray*, member for the City and County of St. John, in 1868 entered into the receipt of three hundred dollars a month of the public monies.

Mr. *Masson* (Soularges)—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for copies of all Orders in Council relating to the Military Expedition to the North-West Territory or Manitoba; of all instructions given to Colonel *Wolseley* or others commanding the Expedition; of all orders given by the said Colonel *Wolseley* to the soldiers under his command; of any proclamations by the said *Wolseley* to the people of Manitoba; of all correspondence between the Government and the said *Wolseley* in relation to the said Expedition and of all other documents relating thereto.

Mr. *Masson* (Soularges)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government is aware that one *Elzear Goulet* a Métis of the Province of Manitoba, met his death in the month of September last, in consequence of an assault or threats of assault, on the part of certain Volunteers or Soldiers forming part of the Military Expedition to the North West, and if so whether the Government have been put in possession of any documents or other papers relating to an investigation or to any other proceedings with a view to the discovery, trial or conviction, of the person or persons suspected of having been the cause of the death of the said *Goulet*.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General, for all correspondence not already brought down between the Imperial and Canadian Governments and between the Governments of Canada, and any of the Provinces touching any Acts of the Legislature of Canada, or of any of the Provincial Legislatures.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Friday next—A series of Resolutions for the assimilation of the currency throughout the Dominion.

Mr. *M. C. Cameron*—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a return shewing the number of Insurance Companies which have made the deposits required by 31 Vic., chap., 47, up to the date of said return; distinguishing between Canadian and Foreign Companies, and between Fire, Marine, Life and Accidents Companies; specifying the name of the Company, when incorporated, where the head office in Canada is located, the amount deposited under the provisions in the above, or any other Act, when deposited, whether for the benefit of Canadian Policy holders or for that of Policy holders generally; also the numbers and names of Companies that have ceased to do business in Canada and have withdrawn such deposits, if any.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence with the Imperial Government concerning the claims of Canada arising from the Fenian raids from the United States.

Mr. *McConkey*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a statement shewing the quantity of land sold on the Manitoulin Island between the 1st day of July 1867 and the 1st day of January 1871, shewing the quantity sold in each year and the rate per acre at which it was sold, and also the rate per acre at which the land on the Island is now offered for sale, together with the number and extent of the timber limits now under license on the Island.

Mr. *Magill*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention oi the Government to send down the remainder of the return ordered by this House on the 25th April last, shewing the amount which has accrued in each year from the sale of Clergy Reserves in Upper Canada since the passage of the Act 18 Vic., Chap. 2.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government during the present Session of Parliament to introduce a Bill to amend the Patent Act.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 21ST FEBRUARY, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House the following letter, which had been received this day by the Clerk :—

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY OF CANADA,
Managing Director's Office,
Montreal, 21st February, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowlege the receipt of your letter of the 17th instant, enclosing an order of The House of Commons, asking for certain information in regard to this railway.

I will have the necessary information got out as early as possible, but it will take some considerable time to supply all the details asked for.

As soon as it is prepared I will forward it to you.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed), J. C. BRYDGES,
Managing Director.

To W. B. Lindsay, Esquire,
Clerk, House of Commons, Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. *Dunkin* introduced a Bill (No. 7) to amend the Census Act. Second reading on Friday next.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* laid before The House,—Statement of expenditure charged to "Unforseen Expenses" in the current fiscal year from the 1st July, 1870, to the 18th February, 1871.

He also presented,—Return to an address of the 17th inst, for a statement shewing the amount of American silver withdrawn from circulation through the action of the Government, and the details of all expenses incurred in effecting such withdrawal; and also a statement shewing the total amount of the new issue of silver coin, and the amount of each denomination, the fineness of silver used, the cost of coinage, and the profit to the Government resulting from the issue.

On motion of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the Report of the Special Committee appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by The House on Wednesday, the 15th instant, was concurred in.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the Public Accounts of the Dominion of Canada for the fiscal year ended the 30th June, 1870,—Return to Address of the 17th instant, for a statement shewing the amount of American silver withdrawn from circulation through the action of the Government, etc.,—and, Statement of Expendi-

ture charged to "Unforseen Expenses" in the current fiscal year from the 1st July, 1870, to the 18th February, 1871, respectively laid before the House, were referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

On motion of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Select Committee, composed of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, Hon. Messrs. *Macdonald* (Cornwall), *McDougall* (Lanark), *Gray*, *Dorion*, *Smith*, *Blanchet*, *Tupper*, *Morris Howe*, *Chauveau*, *Campbell*, *Anglin*, Messrs. *Barthe* and *Dufresne*, Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*, Messrs. *Street*, *Cartwright* and *Mills* was appointed to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of this House are concerned, and to act as members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library; and a Message was ordered to the Senate to acquaint them therewith.

On motion of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, it was

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, congratulating His Excellency upon his elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The said Resolution was then referred to a Select Committee, composed of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Mr. *Mackenzie*, Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, Hon. Messrs. *Cameron*, *(Peel)*, *Howe*, *Tilley*, *Dorion*, *Holton*, and Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*, to draft an Address to His Excellency thereon.

Hon Sir *John A. Macdonald*, from the said Committee, reported the draft of an Address, which is as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *John* Baron *Lisgar* of Lisgar and Baillieborough, in the County of Cavan, Ireland, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and a Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint *Michael* and St. *George*, Governor General of Canada, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Prince Edward.

May it please Your Excellency,—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of the Dominion of Canada, in Parliament assembled, beg leave to express to Your Excellency the deep satisfaction with which we have observed your elevation to the Peerage of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

We recognise, in this gracious act of Our Beloved Sovereign, Her appreciation of your eminent services in the numerous responsible positions to which you have had the honor to be called by the Crown, as also Her recognition of the wise and eminently judicious manner in which you have represented Her Majesty in this Dominion, and we trust that you may be spared to give, during yet many years, to the Empire, the benefit of your mature judgment and long experience of public affairs.

The said Address being read a second time, was agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed, and to be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, at the opening of the present Session, was taken into consideration.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved,—That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty;—and the said motion was referred to a Committee of the Whole for Friday next; and that part of His Excellency's Speech which relates to a Supply was referred to the said Committee.

A Message was received from the Senate, naming the Hon. Messrs. *Aikins*, *Bureau*, *Burnham*, *Dumouchel*, *Holmes*, *Locke*, *Ferguson*, *Olivier*, *Reesor*, *Sanborn*, *Simpson*, and *Skead* to act on behalf of that House as Members of the Joint Committee on the subject of Printing.

Also, naming the Hon. Messrs. *Allan*, *Blake*, *Bourinot*, *Campbell*, *Chaffers*, *Chapais*, *Cormier*, *Ferguson*, *Hazen*, *Lacoste*, *Leonard*, *Locke*, *Macfarlane*, *Malhiot*, *Miller*, *Mills*, *Odell*, *Panet*, *Reesor*, and *Steeves*, as Members of a Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, as far as the Interests of that House are concerned, and to act as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses.

On motion of Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*, it was *Resolved*, That when the House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Thursday next.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

The House then adjourned.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS

Mr. *Burpee*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether the Surveys and Report of the same of the proposed Canal between the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy (so important to the trade of the Dominion) will be completed in time to admit of its being laid before this House at its present Session.

Mr. *Magill*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Revd. *William Morley Punshon* and others, in reference to the appointment of a Chaplain or Chaplains to accompany the late Military Expedition to the Province of Manitoba.

Mr. *Blake*—On Thursday next—That this House do resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider of the following Resolutions :—

1. That the sense of the Houses of the respective Legislatures of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick was taken as to, and formed the basis of the Imperial Legislation under which the said Provinces were federally united into the Dominion of Canada..

2. That it was by the British North America Act (1867) enacted that it should be lawful for the Queen by and with the advice of the Privy Council on Addresses from the Houses of Parliament of Canada to admit Rupert's Land and the North Western Territory, or either of them, into the Union by the said Act created, on such terms and conditions as the Queen should think fit to approve subject to the provisions of the said Act ; and that the Provisions of any such Order in Council should have effect as if they had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

3. That Addresses have been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of Canada touching the admission of the said Territories into the Union, and Canada has paid large sums, and incurred large liabilities in order to accomplish such admission, and an Order in Council has been made by the Queen for such admission.

4. That the Parliament of Canada has assumed to exercise jurisdiction over the said Territories and to make provision for the erection of part of the said Territories into the Province of Manitoba, and for the establishment of federal relations between the said Provinces and Canada.

5. That it has been made to appear to this House that the Canadian Government has requested the Government of the United Kingdom to submit to the Parliament of the United Kingdom a Bill touching the said North Western Territories or some part thereof; and that the Government of the United Kingdom in consequence of such request has proposed to the Canadian Government to submit a Bill a draft of which it has forwarded to the Canadian Government.

6. That in the opinion of this House the sense of both Houses of the Parliament of Canada should be taken as to and should form the basis of such proposed Legislation.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Friday next—Committee of the Whole to consider a series of Resolutions for the Assimilation of the Currency.

Mr. *Harrison*—On Thursday next—Bill entituled "An Act to extend the right of appeal in Criminal Cases."

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald*—On Friday next—Bill respecting the Elections of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada.

Mr. *Fournier*—On Friday next—Address to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence Orders in Council and Reports of Engineers or other persons employed by the Department of Public Works in relation to a Survey connected with the construction of a Harbor of Refuge at Rimouski ; also a statement of the cost of such survey and copies of all other documents relating thereto.

Mr. *Bourassa*—On Thursday next—That this House will on a future day resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to take into consideration the following Resolutions :—

Resolved, 1. That it is expedient to create a special fund, to be denominated "The Liquor Inspection Fund."

Resolved, 2. That there shall be appointed by the Governor, in Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Halifax, and St. John, N.B., an Inspector, whose duty it shall be to analyse all liquors, whether imported or manufactured on the spot, which shall be sold wholesale or retail, within the limits of his jurisdiction.

Resolved, 3. That the Inspector so appointed shall receive as salary such allowance as the Governor in Council shall think fit to award him.

Resolved, 4. That with a view to meet the expenditure to be incurred in virtue of the preceding resolutions, it is expedient to require from each and every tavern-keeper and manufacturer and retailer of Intoxicating Liquors the payment of a year, which shall form part of the Liquor Inspection Fund.

Resolved, 5. That all persons selling, by wholesale or retail, adulterated liquors containing ingredients injurious to health shall, upon a complaint being made before a Justice of the Peace, be punishable by imprisonment for , and by a fine of .

Resolved, 6. That for his services, the Inspector shall be entitled over and above his salary, to the sum of , in the discretion of the Justice, to be deemed costs, and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be given.

Resolved, 7. That all penalties imposed in virtue of these resolutions may be recovered summarily on the information of any person who will prosecute for the same before any two Justices of the Peace near the place where the offence shall have been committed, and shall be payable, one half to the prosecutor (who shall not thereby be rendered incompetent as a witness), with costs, and the other half to Her Majesty.

Resolved, 8. That all the penalties recoverable in virtue of these resolutions, and belonging to Her Majesty, shall be paid over to the Receiver General of the Dominion, and shall form part of the "Liquor Inspection Fund."

Mr. *Cheval*—On Thursday next—Enquiry of Ministry whether it is the intention of the Government to adopt such measures as may appear to them expedient to withdraw from circulation the Silver twenty cent coins, which are a nuisance to the Public, as we have now in circulation twenty-five cent coins.

Mr. *Drew*—On Thursday next—Bill entituled "An Act respecting County Judges in the Province of Ontario."

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1871.

Seven Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of *William Galbraith*, President, and others, Members of the Toronto Corn Exchange Association; praying for an act of Incorporation under the name of the Toronto Corn Exchange Asseciatlon, and

Of the Municipal Council of Frontenac; praying for the abolition of Grand Juries.

Mr. *Harrison*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the first Report of the said Committee, recommending a reduction of their quorum to seven Members.—Quorum reduced accordingly.

Mr. *Macfarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the first Report of the said Committe, reporting *favorably* on the Petitions of the Mechanic's Bank,—of *Molson's* Bank,—and of the Merchant's Bank, severally praying for an extension of Charter.—Also recommending a reduction of their quorum to seven Members.—Quorum reduced accordingly.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the first Report of the said Committee, recommending a reduction of their quorum to seven Members.—Quorum reduced accordingly.

He also presented, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, the first Report of the said Committee, recommending a reduction of their quorum to seven Members.—Quorum reduced accordingly.

Mr. *Macfarlane* introduced a Bill (No. 8) to amend "The Railway Act of 1868."—Second reading on Monday next.—

On motion of Mr. *Young*, a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, informing their Honors that the Members of the Select Standing Committee on Printing, viz.: Messrs. *Beaty*, *Bellerose*, *Bourassa*, *Bowell*, *Brousseau*, *Ferguson*, Hon. Mr. *Howe*, and Messrs. *McDonald* (Lunenburg), *Mackenzie*, *Simard*, *Stephenson*, and *Young* will act as Members of the Joint Committee on the Printing of the Legislature.

Mr. *Harrison* introduced a Bill (No. 9) to extend the right of appeal in criminal cases.—Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Blake* introduced a Bill (No. 10) securing the independence of the Senate.—Second reading to-morrow.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* delivered the following Message from His Excellency the Governor General, which was read by Mr. Speaker :—

Lisgar.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I receive with satisfaction the Address you have loyally voted in answer to the Speech with which I opened the Session, and I rely on your promise to devote mature attention to the various subjects to be submitted for your consideration.

Government House,
Ottawa, 23rd February, 1871.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* also laid before The House,—Further correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of the Dominion, and other documents relating to the Fisheries, submitted to The House on Monday, the 20th instant.

On motion of Mr. *Jones* (Leeds and Grenville), an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return giving the names of all persons who have tendered for contracts on the Intercolonial Railway since the 19th May, 1869 ; giving the gross amount of each tender, the rate per mile, and sureties offered, also the names of all persons to whom contracts have been awarded since the above date, stating the gross amount and rate per mile at which each contract has been let, and the sureties given by each Contractor ; also the whole extent of work performed by each Contractor since the 31st December, 1869, giving the monthly progress in each section, as well as the aggregate amount of work done and the estimated value of such work ; also the names of all Engineers, Assistants, and Employés who have been dismissed or suspended on each section since the 31st December, 1869, giving the date of each dismissal or suspension, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each person at the time of his dismissal or suspension ; also the names of all persons who have been in any way employed by the Commissioners on each section since the last mentioned date, and the amount of their salaries or allowances ; also the names of all persons at present employed by the Commissioners on each section, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each, and the nature of his occupation or employment.

Mr. *Blake* moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Quebec Governments, and the Canadian and Ontario Governments, touching the provincial arbitration and award ; and a copy of the award, and an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and each Province, on the first day of February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award.

Mr. *Godin* moved in amendment, that all the words, after the word "award," viz. :—"and a copy of the award, and an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and each Province on the first day of February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award," be expunged from the proposed Address.

Mr. *Fournier* moved in amendment, to the said proposed amendment, that the following words be substituted instead thereof :—"and representing to His Excellency, that in the opinion of this House, the question relative to the division of the debt between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, having been submitted to and adjudicated upon by two Arbitrators only,—one appointed by the Dominion Government, and the other by the Government of Ontario,—in the absence of the Arbitrator appointed by the Government of Quebec, their award is not binding on the respective Provinces."

And a Debate arising,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, adjourned.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Magill*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a copy of the Commission and of all instructions given to the Commissioners lately appointed to enquire into the subject of Canal enlargement and for the improvement of our Internal water communication ; and for all correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and said Commission upon those subjects.

Mr. *Merritt*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all papers and Reports since last Session having reference to the works on the Welland Canal known as Lake Erie level.

Mr. *Macfarlane*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY of Ministry whether it is the intention of the Government to re-imburse Postmasters paid by percentage, the deficiency in the emoluments of their offices occasioned by the decreased postal rates created by 31 *Vict.*, cap. 10, so that the revenues received by them from such offices (since the establishment of such rates) may be repleted to make up an annual income equal to that received by them previous to the passage of said Act ; and also whether any promise or suggestion was at any time made by the Postmaster General to any such officers that such would be done.

Mr. *Mills*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all regulations made by the Governor in Council relating to the Fisheries ; also a statement of the means adopted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to prevent sawdust and mill rubbish being thrown into any stream frequented

by fish and for the enforcement of the penalties of the Fisheries Act against mill-owners and others for injury to the River fisheries; also a statement of the streams exempted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries from the penal provisions of the Fisheries Act; and the evidence by which it is shewn that those exemptions are in the public interest; also a return shewing how far the Law has been complied with with regard to the construction of fish-ways.

Mr. *Cartwright*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to Her Majesty setting forth:—

That this House fully recognizes the duty of the Dominion to maintain order throughout the vast Territory now entrusted to its care, and also its obligation to contribute to the utmost of its power towards its own defence against foreign invasion from whatever quarter.

That this House does not desire to express any opinion upon the system of concentration which they learn has now become the settled policy of Her Majesty's Government, but that nevertheless in view of the peculiar and anomalous position of Canada, lying as it does, conterminous for several thousand miles with a very powerful State, many of whose inhabitants are notoriously actuated by sentiments of bitter hostility to the British Empire—this House cannot but feel that the above policy, however just and expedient it may be as a whole, has been pushed to an extreme limit in the case of this Dominion, and that the total and precipitate withdrawal of all garrisons and munitions of war from every portion of British North America (prior to the perfect consolidation of these extensive Provinces under one Government) is calculated to excite much uneasiness in the minds of many of Her Majesty's most faithful subjects on this Continent.

Mr. *McCallum*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellancy the Governor General for a statement shewing the names of all vessels chartered by, or in behalf of the Canadian Government, for the transportation of men and material in the expedition to the North West in 1870, together with the tonnage, nationality and capacity, length of time employed, and amount paid each per day.

Mr. *Harrison*—On Monday next—BILL to amend the Act respecting offences against the person.

Mr. *Bolton*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce this Session a measure for the re-adjustment of the Electoral Divisions or Districts, in the Province of New Brunswick, the present division having only been claimed as temporary, and being at complete variance with the principle of representation by population.

Mr. *Savary*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Local Government of Nova Scotia, touching the new Public Building, at Halifax, and the claim made by the Local Government to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred by the Province in completing said building since 1st July, 1867; and also a statement of all moneys paid by the Dominion to the Local Government since the passage of the Act 32-33 *Vic.*, Cap. 2, entitled "An Act respecting Nova Scotia" over and above the subsidy as increased by that Act, or for and in payment of any claims or demands made by that Province upon Canada, and the subjects and nature of such claims, if any, the time when such claims accrued and the dates of the respective payments thereof.

Hon. Mr. *Connell*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of instructions to *J. G. Moylan*, as Emigrant Agent for the Dominion in Ireland, with copies of any Correspondence of the Government with said *J. G. Moylan*, relating to his correspondence with the Right Hon. *W. E. Gladstone*, with copies of such Correspondence.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return of all Correspondence to and from the Government of the Dominion, not already brought down, relating to a change in our trade relations with the United States.

Mr. *Bolton*—On Monday next—Order of the House for copies of all Correspondence between the Government or Department of Public Works and the Manager, and previous Managers of the Government Railways in Nova Scotia touching the management of and rates of Tariff to be enforced on said Road since 1st Jnly, 1867, with statement of tariff charges now in force, and of any and all changes that have been made in said tariff since date aforesaid, with copies of all reports and detailed statement of accounts of income and expenditure rendered by said manager or managers since said date.

Mr. *Godin*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of Government to treat the decision of the Hon. Messrs. *Gray* and *McPherson* bearing date the 3rd September, 1870 in their capacity as Arbitrators appointed under Section 142 of the British North America Act, 1867, as a legal decision of the Arbitration Commission appointed in conformity with the said section, and in case the Government should treat the said decision as null and illegal, whether it is their intention to take steps to secure the consent of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, for the appointment of a new Arbitration Commission, and failing such consent whether it is the intention of the Government to take legal means to create a new Arbitration Commission.

No. 6.

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No. 7.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

Six Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

Hon. Sir *John A. Macdonald* laid before The House,—by command of His Excellency, the Report of the Postmaster General, for the year ending 30th June, 1870.

Mr. *Cameron* (Huron), introduced a Bill (No. 11) to annex the Village of Seaforth to the South Riding of the County of Huron.—Second reading on Monday next.—

Also, a Bill (No. 12) to amend an Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered 66, respecting Aliens and Naturalization.—Second reading on Monday next.—

On motion of Mr. *Young*, the Statement of expenditure charged to "Unforeseen Expenses" in the current fiscal year from the 1st July, 1870, to the 18th February, 1871, and laid before The House on Monday last,—was referred to the Joint Committee on Printing.

The House went into Committee to consider the motion proposed on Tuesday last, the 21st instant, "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty."

(*In the Committee.*)

Resolved, That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty.

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received on Tuesday next.—

A Message was received from the Senate informing this House that they have added the Hon. Mr. *Renaud* to the Committee to assist Mr. Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament so far as the interests of that House are concerned, and to act as a member of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt* moved that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go into Committee to consider the following resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*,—That this House recognizes in the fullest manner the importance to the cause of Peace and civilization, of the settlement of all questions in dispute between Great Britain and the United States. And, in the especial interests of Canada will rejoice to find the result of the Joint High Commission productive of cordial and lasting friendship between the two nations.

2. *Resolved*,—That this House regards the control and disposal of the inshore Fisheries and the navigation of the inland waters of the Dominion as specially within the powers conveyed to the Parliament of Canada under the British North America Act. And will view with the utmost concern and apprehension any proposal to alter or diminish the just rights of the Dominion, in these respects, without their consent.

3. *Resolved*,—That this House has always been, and now is, prepared to concede the most free and unrestricted use of the Fisheries and Inland Navigation to the United States upon receiving as an equivalent therefor complete compensation in modification of the United States Commercial system, directed to the more free and liberal interchange of the products of labor in the two countries.

4. *Resolved*,—That the Concession to the United States of the freedom of the Fisheries and of the St. Lawrence without such compensation would place Canada in a most disadvantageous position for future negotiation by depriving her of the means of offering any adequate equivalent for those concessions she is desirous of obtaining from that nation.

5. *Resolved*,—That this House willingly consents to the consideration by the Joint High Commission of all subjects in which Canada is concerned with the United States. And will cheerfully make any sacrifices that may be required at their hands in the interest of the Empire, so far as they do not compromise the national interests and security of this country, and directly tend to their undue subordination to the United States in the future.

6. *Resolved*,—That this House desires that the question of the claims of Canada upon the United States, arising out of the repeated and illegal invasions by predatory bands of so-called Fenians, organized within the Territory of the United States may be so dealt with by the Joint Commission, as to afford indemnity for the past, and security against similar outrages in the future.

And a Debate arising,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN.
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

The amendments proposed both by Mr. *Godin* and Mr. *Fournier* to Mr. *Blake's* proposed Address to His Excellency, respecting the Provincial Arbitration, should have been inserted as follows :—

Mr. *Blake* moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Quebec Governments, and the Canadian and Ontario Governments, touching the provincial arbitration and award ; and a copy of the award, and an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and each Province, on the first day of February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award.

Mr. *Godin* moved in amendment, that all the words after " and a copy of the award " be expunged from the proposed Address, viz., " and an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and "each Province on the first day of February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award."

Mr. *Fournier* moved in amendment, to add to the said proposed amendment the words : "and that the "following words be substituted instead thereof :—'and representing to His Excellency, that in the opinion of "'this House, the questions relative to the division of the debt between the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, "'having been submitted to and adjudicated upon by two Arbitrators only,—one appointed by the Dominion "'Government, and the other by the Government of Ontario,—in the absence of the Arbitrator appointed by "'the Government of Quebec, their award is not binding on the respective Provinces.' "

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Fournier*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of the Government to make the Terminus of the Intercolonial Railway at Levis, so as to avoid the useless circuit it would be necessary to make in order to reach it by using the line of the Grand Trunk.

Mr. *Brown*—On Monday next - BILL to enable the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Trenton to impose and collect Harbor dues.

Hon. Mr. *Holton*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for Report of Engineer of Department of Public Works on the application for permission to erect a Railway Bridge across the Lachine Canal on the line of Wellington Street.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next— BILL to amend the Patent Act of 1869.

Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and Admiral *Wellesley*, commanding the British North American Squadron of Her Majesty's Fleet at Halifax, in regard to the protection of our Fisheries.

Mr. *Drew*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Have the Government made out an approximate statement of the result of the accounts between Canada and each Province on the 1st day of February, 1871 adjusted on the footing of the award ?

No. 7.

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No. 8.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Return of the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company of guarantee stock subscribed to the 1st January, 1870,—and the proceedings of the first annual meeting of the said company,—and Return respecting the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company for the year 1870.

Four Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *H. J. Hubertus*, and others of Ottawa; praying for an Act of Incorporation for the purpose of constructing a Railway to connect Toronto with Ottawa City *via* Peterboro' and Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa, River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of the Municipality of the Township of Madoc ; and of *A. F. Wood*, and others, of the Township of Madoc, County of Hastings ; severally praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro' to Ottawa City *via* Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of *Henry Howard*, M.D., and others, of St. John's, Quebec ; praying for certain Amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Invention.

Of the Northern Railway Company of Canada ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing and empowering the Company to make arrangements for the leasing and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies, contiguous and subsidiary to the Northern Railway.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade ; praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate and amend the existing Inspection Laws.

Of the Montreal Corn Association ; praying for the repeal of the Duty imposed upon Flour, Wheat and other Grain.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade ; praying for the repeal of the Duty imposed upon Flour, Wheat and other Grain ; also, on Coal and Coke.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Trenton ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to impose and collect Harbor Dues.

Of the Union Bank of Lower Canada ; and of the Dominion Bank ; severally praying for the passing of an Act extending and amending their Charter.

Of the Montreal Auxiliary Bible Society ; praying exemption from the payment of the duty of five per cent. on all Copies of the Holy Scriptures imported by them.

Of the Municipality of the Village of Seaforth ; praying that the Village of Seaforth may be annexed to the Electoral Division of the South Riding of the County of Huron, for Electoral purposes.

Hon. Mr. Dunkin, from the Select Standing Committee on Immigration, and Colonization, presented the first Report of the said Committee, recommending à reduction of their quorum to nine members. Quorum reduced accordingly.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, presented the first Report of the said Committee, recommending that their quorum be reduced to seven Members, and that the Statement of Expenditure charged to unforeseen expenses in the fiscal year from 1st July, 1870, to 18th February, 1871, be printed.—Quorum reduced accordingly.

Mr. *Harrison* introduced a Bill (No. 13) to extend the Law as to the carrying of dangerous weapons.—Second reading on Thursday next.

Mr. *Drew* introduced a Bill (N). 14) respecting County Court Judges in the Province of Ontario, declaring their remuneration for the discharge of judicial duties.—Second reading on Thursday next.

Mr. *Oliver*, introduced a Bill (No. 15) to amend the Patent Act of 1869.—Second Reading on Thursday next.—

On motion of Hon, Sir *George E. Cartier* it was

Ordered, That a new writ be issued for the Election of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Electorial District of the East Riding of the County of Hastings, in the place of the Hon. *Robert Read*, who has been summoned to the Senate.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* laid before The House,—by command of His Excellency,—Preliminary Report of Hon. *J. H. Gray* on the uniformity of the Statutory Laws of the Provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.

On motion of Mr. *Oliver*, it was

Ordered, That an Order of the House do issue for a Return showing the amount paid, and to whom paid, for the sale of Postage Stamps for the year ending 30th June, 1870.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Connell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence that has taken place between the Dominion and Local Government of the Province of New Brunswick, since 1st July, 1867, relating to unadjusted claims of the Province of New Brunswick, with a statement of such claims; also a statement of the Public Accounnt between the Dominion and the Province of New Brunswick, on the 1st January, 1871.

On motion of Mr. *Godin*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a statement shewing the names of all Employés of the Federal Government employed by any of the Local Governments before or in connection with the Commission of Arbitration on the subject of the Public debt of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, the duration and nature of their services, and the amount paid to each of them, either as salary, idemnity, travelling expenses, or otherwise, together with the date of such payments, and also the amount paid by the Government of Canada in connection with such arbitration.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, an Address, was voted to His Excellency, for copies of any orders or directions made at any time under the Railway Act, as to forms in which the returns thereby required should be made up; and of any orders or directions made under the provision empowering such to be issued for the purpose of obtaining returns of serious accidents occuring in the course of the public traffic upon any railway, whether attended with personal injury or not, in such form and manner as the authorities deem necessary and require for their information, with a view to the public safety; and for copies of any returns made under such last mentioned orders and directions, with a memorandum showing the dates at which each of such returns has been made.

Also, a further Address, for copies of the returns made by each Railway Company under the Railway Act of the late Province of Canada, and the Railway Act 1868, by which Acts it is provided that each of the Companies affected thereby, shall, in the months of January and July in each year, make under oath a true and particular return of all accidents and casualties (whether to life or property), which have occurred on the Railway of the Company during the half year next preceding, setting forth,

1st. The causes and natures of such accidents and casualties.

2nd. The points at which they occurred and whether by night or by day.

3rd. The full extent thereof and all particulars of the same; and

4th. Shall also at the same time return a true copy of the existing By-laws of the Company and of their rules and regulations for the management of the Company and their Railway, together with a memorandum shewing the dates at which each of such returns has been made.

Mr. *Young* moved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for a return of all correspondence which has taken place between the Dominion Government and the Local Governmeut of Nova Scotia, in regard to the Provincial Building at Halifax.

Mr. *Savary* moved in amendment, that all the words after the words "Governor-General" in the said motion be expunged, and the following inserted instead thercof:—"For copies of all correspondence between the "Government of the Dominion and the Local Government of Nova Scotia, touching the new Public Building, at "Halifax, and the claim made by the Local Government to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred by the "Province in completing said building since 1st July, 1867; and also a statement of all moneys paid by the "Dominion to the Local Government since the passage of the Act 32-33 *Vic.*, Cap. 2, entitled "An Act respect-"ing Nova Scotia" over and above the subsidy as increasod by that Act, or for and in payment of any claims or

" demands made by that Province upon Canada, and the subjects and nature of such claims, if any, the time " when such claims accrued and the dates of the respective payments thereof," which was agreed to, and the Address voted, as amended.

Mr. *Blake*, moved that it be *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient that any member of this House should for the future be engaged in the service of the Government of Canada in any paid employment such as that, in respect of which the Hon. John Hamilton Gray, Member for the City and County of Saint John, in 1868 entered into the receipt of $300 a month of the public monies.

Mr. *Savary* moved in amendment, that all the words after " Canada " be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof :—" To which any monthly salary is payable or attached, and that the independence of Parliament " Act be amended in that particular."

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after " that" in the said amendment be expunged, and the following substituted, viz :—" All the words after " that " in " the said Resolution be left out, and the following inserted instead, that is to say :—" This House will give its " best consideration to any measure, having for its object the further securing the independence of Parliament, " which was agreed to on the following division :—

Yeas :

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bown, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Chipman, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Dobbie, Drew, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Grover, Harrison, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Howe, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Killam, Lacerte, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Perry, Pickard, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith, Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, Willson, Wood, Workman, and Wright (Ottawa County).—83.

Nays :

Messrs. Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bowell, Bowman, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Cimon, Connell, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Delorme, Dorion, Dufresne, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Joly, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McCallum, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Mills, Moffatt, Morison (Victorio, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Paquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wells, White, Whitehead, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—58.

The question being then put on Mr. *Savary's* amendment, as amended, it was agreed to on the same division ; and the question being put on the main motion as amended, it was agreed to on the same division.

On motion of Mr. *Blake*, an Address was voted to His Excellency for all correspondence not already brought down between the Imperial and Canadian Governments, and between the Governments of Canada and any of the Provinces touching any Acts of the Legislature of Canada, or of any of the Provincial Legislatures.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency for copies of all correspondence with the Imperial Government concerning the claims of Canada arising from the Fenian raids from the United States ; and also copies of all orders in Council, or other documents relating to such claims.

And a Debate arising thereon, the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Magill*, an address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Rev. *William Morley Punshon* and others, in reference to the appointment of a Chaplain or Chaplains to accompany the late Military Expedition to the Province of Manitoba.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, an address was voted to His Excellency for the Report of the Engineer of the Department of Public Works on the application for permission to erect a Railway Bridge across the Lachine Canal on the line of Wellington Street, and all papers connected therewith.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN, Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Mr. *Smith*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision for the uniformity of the laws relative to property and civil rights under the authority of the 94th clause of the British North America Act.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion*—On Wednesday next—" That this House will resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on May next, to take into consideration the following resolution " :—

" That it is expedient to abolish the duties imposed, on Coal, Coke, Flour, Wheat and other grains. "

Hon. Mr. *Cameron*—On Wednesday next—BILL to amend the General Railway Act.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion*—On Wednesday next—That this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on Monday next, to take into consideration the following resolutions:—

1. "That the division between the Province of Ontario and the Province of Quebec, of the surplus of the debt of the former Province of Canada, over and above the sum of $62,500,000, assigned to the Dominion of Canada by the British North America Act, presents great difficulties, which it has not hitherto been possible to overcome in a satisfactory manner."

2. "That the difficulties resulting as well from the uncertainty as to the amount of the debt to be divided as from the absence of an acceptable base for the making of such division, and that of the assets remaining in common to those two Provinces, threaten to give rise to serious embarrassment."

3. That for the avoidance of such difficulties, the debt of the former Province of Canada should be assigned entirely to the Dominion as though it had been so from the first with compensation to the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the share which those Provinces would have to pay upon the surplus of that debt.

4. That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty praying Her to be pleased to recommend that the British North America Act should be amended in accordance with these Resolutions.

Hon. Sir *F. Hincks*—On Friday next—That this House will resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of Savings Banks, and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—To-morrow—That the House will resolve itself on Friday next into a Committee of the Whole to consider certain resolutions affirming the expediency of indemnifying the Government for having authorized the issue of a special warrant for $200,000, to provide for the defence of the Dominion in repelling the Fenian invasion in the month of June last.

Hon. Mr. *Connell*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether in the account transmitted to the British Government for expenses incurred by Canada in consequence of Fenian Raids, the expense incurred by New Brunswick for like service previous to Confederation was included?

Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand)—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to re-establish the money order office at the Indiana post office, Province of Ontario; if so, when; if not, why not?

Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand)—On Wednesday next—That an Order of the House do issue directing the Post Master General to instruct each Post Master in the Dominion to take an accurate monthly account of all franked or free matter deposited or received at their respective offices, for twelve months, commencing 10th March next, and to make a special report thereof to this House embracing the following particulars; viz., the number of franked or free letters, and amount of postage that would be chargeable thereon at the established rate of postage; 2. The weight of franked or free matter other than letters, and the amount of postage that would be chargeable at the established rate of postage; also that the Clerk of this House furnish a detailed statement of amount paid for Telegraphs by any officer of this House or by heads of Departments or employés of the Government.

Mr. *Costigan*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the officers appointed by Government to make surveys of the Rivers Saint John and Madawaska, with a view of improving the navigation of the same, have yet reported thereon, and if so, what action the Government intend taking in the matter.

No. 8.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

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No. 9.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Statement of the Northumberland and Durham Savings Bank, 30th November, 1870.

Three Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

Frederick M. Pearson, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Colchester, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, took his seat in The House.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* it was

Ordered, That it be an instruction to the Select Committee on the Library, to enquire into the remuneration, classification and duties of the Librarian and other Officers and Servants employed in the Library of Parliament, with a view to a re-arrangement of that service.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* introduced a Bill (No. 16) to make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons. Second reading on Friday next.

He also delivered the following Message from His Excellency the Governor General :—

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The Governor General transmits for the information of the House of Commons the accompanying papers relative to the proposed union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada.

Government House,
Ottawa, 27th February, 1871.

Mr. Speaker read a letter from His Excellency the Governor General in reply to the Address of congratulation :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for the Address of congratulation with which you have honored me on the occasion of my elevation to the Peerage.

The expression of your acquiescence in the favorable view which Our Sovereign has graciously deigned to take of my services is highly to be valued as conveying the good opinion of the freely chosen representatives of a people possessing the precious endowments of energetic industry, self-reliance and firm and orderly attachment to the freedom and institutions of their country.

The North West Territories already added to the Confederation and the willing accession of British Columbia which it is to be hoped will shortly take effect, as they extend your bounds, so they proportionately augment the cares and responsibilities of those who are in the high places of the land, but the Legislature and people of the Dominion will, I feel persuaded prove equal to the lofty task, the vast and varied interests throughout the wide extent will be safe in their charge and gradually cemented into one compact and contented whole by the same wise Legislation and the same equal administration of affairs as have done so much in the past to establish the well being and satisfy the just expectations of the people.

In conclusion I return your good wishes with all sincerity and assure you I shall retain and cherish to the close of my life a warm interest in all that regards the position and prospects of this great and growing country.

Government House,
Ottawa, Feb. 27th, 1871.

LISGAR.

Mr. *Macfarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the second Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the following Petitions, viz.: Of *William Galbraith* and others; for incorporation of the Toronto Corn Exchange Association,—Of *H. J. Hubertus* and others; for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway to connect Toronto with Ottawa *via* Peterborough and Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec,—Of the Northern Railway Company of Canada; for authority to make arrangements for the leasing and working of the lines of Railway contiguous and subsidiary to their line,—Of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of Trenton; for authority to impose and collect Harbour dues,—Of the Union Bank of Lower Canada,—and of the Dominion Bank, severally praying for an amendment and extension of their Acts of Incorporation.

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, the papers relative to the proposed union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, were referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee on Friday next to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to establish one uniform currency for all Canada, and for that purpose to provide, that on and after the *First day of July*, 1871, the currency of the Province of Nova Scotia shall be the same as that of the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, in all of which one currency of uniform value, is used.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, the currency of Canada shall be such that the British sovereign, of lawful weight, shall be equal to and shall pass current for four dollars and eighty-six cents and two thirds of a cent of the currency of Canada, and that all public accounts throughout Canada shall be kept in such currency; and that in any statement as to money or money value, in any indictment or legal proceeding, the same shall be stated in such currency, and in all private accounts and agreements rendered or entered into on or after the said day, all sums mentioned shall be understood to be in such currency, unless some other is clearly expressed, or must, from the circumstances of the case, have been intended by the parties.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that all sums of money payable on and after the said day to Her Majesty, or to any party, under any act or law in force in Nova Scotia, passed before the said day, or under any bill, note, contract or agreement made before the said day in Nova Scotia, or with reference thereto, or made after the said day out of Nova Scotia and with reference thereto, and which were intended to be, and if such alteration of the currency had not been made, would have been payable in the present currency of Nova Scotia, shall, on and after the said day, be payable, respectively, by equivalent sums in the currency of Canada, that is to say, for every seventy-five cents of Nova Scotia currency, by seventy-three cents of Canada currency, and so in proportion for any greater or less sum; and if in any such sum there be a fraction of a cent in the equivalent in Canada currency, the nearest whole cent shall be taken.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, no Dominion note or bank note payable in any other currency than the currency of Canada, shall be issued or re-issued by the Government of Canada, or by any bank, and that all such notes issued before the said day, shall, as soon as practicable, be called in and redeemed, or notes payable in the currency of Canada shall be substituted or exchanged for them.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that any gold coins which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in Canada, of the standard of fineness prescribed by law for the gold coins of the United Kingdom, and bearing the same proportion in weight to that of the British sovereign, which five dollars bear to four dollars eighty-six cents and two-thirds of a cent, shall pass current and be a legal tender in Canada for five dollars, and any multiples or divisions of such coin, which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for like purposes, shall pass current and be a legal tender in Canada at rates proportionate to their intrinsic value respectively; and that any such coin shall pass by such names as Her Majesty may assign to them in her proclamation declaring them a legal tender, and shall be subject to the like allowance for remedy as British coins.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the coins which Her Majesty has caused to be struck for circulation in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, under the Acts now in force in the said Provinces respectively, shall continue to be current therein, and shall, on and after the said day, be current in the Province of Nova Scotia, at the rates in the said currency of Canada, now assigned to them respectively, by the said Acts, and under such conditions and provisions as are mentioned therein; and that such other silver, copper or bronze coins as Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in Canada, being of the proper weight and fineness, shall pass current in Canada, at the rates to be assigned to them respectively by Her Majesty's Royal Proclamation; all such silver coins as aforesaid being a legal tender to the amount of ten dollars, and such copper or bronze coins to the amount of twenty-five cents, in any one payment; but no other silver or copper coins than those which Her Majesty shall have caused to be struck for circulation in Canada or in some Province thereof, shall be a legal tender or pass current in Canada; and that Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, from

time to time, fix the rates at which any foreign gold coins of the description, date, weight and fineness, mentioned in such Proclamation, shall pass current in Canada.

7. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that all Acts or Laws inconsistent with the foregoing Resolutions be repealed, and that one Act for giving effect to the same, and applying to all Canada, be passed.

A Resolution, "That a Supply be granted to Her Majesty,"—passed in Committee of the Whole on Friday last, was reported and agreed to.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee on Friday next, to consider of the Supply granted to Her Majesty.

The Bill (No. 7) to amend the Census Act was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. *Morris* laid before the House, by command of His Excellency, Report, Returns, and Statistics of the Inland Revenues of the Dominion of Canada, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1870.

The House resumed the further consideration of Mr. *Blake*'s motion for an Address to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Quebec Governments, and the Canadian and Ontario Governments, touching the provincial arbitration and award; and a copy of the award, and an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and each Province, on the first day of February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award.

And of Mr. *Godin*'s amendment thereto, that all the words after "and a copy of the award" be expunged from the proposed Address, viz, "and an approximate statement of the result of the accounts, as between Canada and each Province on the first day of February, 1871, adjusted on the footing of the award."

And of Mr. *Fournier*'s amendment to the said proposed amendment, to add to the said proposed amendment the words, "and that the following words be substituted instead thereof:—'and representing to His Excellency, "'that in the opinion of this House, the question relative to the division of the debt between the Provinces of "'Ontario and Quebec, having been submitted to and adjudicated upon by two Arbitrators only,—one appointed "'by the Dominion Government, and the other by the Government of Ontario,—in the absence of the Arbitrator "'appointed by the Government of Quebec, their award is not binding on the respective Provinces."

And the question being put on the last mentioned amendment, and a Debate arising thereupon, the said amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The question being then put on Mr. *Godin*'s amendment, and a Debate arising thereon, the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Blake*, adjourned.

The Bill (No. 3) to facilitate the establishment of Institutions of Landed Credit (Crédit Foncier) was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Cartwright* moved that the Bill (No. 4) for the better protection of Navigable Streams and Rivers be now read the second time,—which was agreed to on a division.

The Bill was accordingly read the second time, and referred to thee Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Mills* moved, that the Bill (No. 5) to render Members of the Legislative Councils and Legislative Assemblies of the Provinces now included, or which may hereafter be included, in the Dominion of Canada, ineligible for sitting or voting in the House of Commons of Canada, be now read the second time.

Mr. *Drew* moved in amendment, that the Bill be read a second time this day six months; which was agreed to on the following division:—

Yeas:

Messrs. Ault, Beaty, Bellerose, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Cayley, Chauveau, Cimon, Colby, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Gaucher, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Harrison, Heath, Holmes, Howe, Irvine, Jackson, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ryan (Montreal West), Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—74.

Nays:

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cheval, Coffin, Connell, Costigan, Coupal, Delorme, Ferris, Forbes, Fortier, Fournier, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Kempt, MacFarlane, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pearson, Pelletier, Redford, Ross) Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.) Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Smith, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wallace, Wells, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—54.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Pelletier*—On Thursday next, ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—whether it is the intention of the Government to provide for the establishment of Public Schools of Navigation and Seamanship with Board of Examiners at the different seaports of the Dominion, or at any one of them.

Mr. *Bodwell*—on Monday next, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE,—to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That it appears from the Public Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1870, that the Railways under Government management in Nova Scotia have not paid the working expenses.

2. That it is inexpedient that the management of the Railways of the Country, especially such as are not important as great national works for defensive purposes, should be in the hands of the Government, as such roads can be much more economically worked as commercial undertakings in the hands of private parties or companies.

3. That it is desirable to dispose by tender or otherwise as the Governor in Council may direct of all the Railways in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick not forming parts of the Intercolonial Railway now under the management of the Dominion Government, to such persons or companies as will undertake to work them under the laws which now exist, or may hereafter be passed governing Railways.

Mr. *Renaud*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government during the present year to make the Port of Cocagne, County of Kent, N. B., an Inland Port, in compliance with the petition of the merchants and principal inhabitants of Cocagne.

Mr. *Fortin*—To-morrow—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government have received any communication from the Governments of Ontario or Quebec, respecting a proposed settlement of the surplus debt and assets of the late Province of Canada.

Mr. *Delorme*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government during this Session to bring down any measure to amend the Act on Banking so as to allow the Banks of the Dominion to continue their circulation of small notes.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Friday next—BILL relating to Banks and Banking.

No. 9.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY, 1871.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 1ST MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker acquainted The House that his Warrant for the appointment of Members to serve on the General Committee of Elections was upon the Table,—and the said Warrant was read, as follows :—

Pursuant to the 31st section, of Chapter 7 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, intituled : "An Act respecting Controverted Parliamentary Elections," I do hereby appoint the Hon. *L. S. Huntington*, Member for the Electoral District of Shefford,—*Aquila Walsh*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the North Riding of the County of Norfolk,—*Joseph Dufresne*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Montcalm,—*Angus Morrison*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of the Town and Township of Niagara,—*Alexander Mackenzie*, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Lambton,—and the Hon. *Joseph G. Blanchet*, Member for the Electoral District of Lévis, to be the Members of the General Committee of Elections for the present Session.

Given under my hand and seal, this 1st day of March, 1871, in the Parliament Buildings in the City of Ottawa.

(L. S.) JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

Five Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *Pulaski Clark*, of Byng Inlet, District of Parry Sound; praying for an Act of Naturalization.

Of the Quebec Auxiliary Bible Society; praying exemption from the payment of the duty of five per cent. on all Copies of the Holy Scriptures imported by them.

Of the Quebec Harbor Commissioners; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to issue Preferential Debentures to the amount of $100,000; and to replace interest coupons, not paid in full at maturity, by certificates shewing the balance due to holders thereof.

Of the Great Western Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act comprising in one Act the financial affairs of the Great Western Railway Company; and also making it necessary that Candidates for the office of Director should give some certain period of notice of their candidature.

Mr. *Savary* introduced a Bill (No. 20) to amend Section 2 of the Insolvent Act of 1869. Second reading on Friday next.

Mr. *Brown* introduced a Bill (No. 19) to authorize the incorporated Village of Trenton to impose and collect Harbor dues, and for other purposes.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. *Dunkin* laid before The House.—by command of His Excellency, his Report in terms of "The Census Act."

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* delivered the following Messages from His Excellency, as follows :—

LISGAR,

The Governor General, transmits for the information of the House of Commons, copy of correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Governments relative to the Manitoba Act ; with copy of draft of a Bill proposed to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament on the subject.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 28th February, 1871.

LISGAR,

The Governor General, transmits for the information of the House of Commons. copy of correspondence between the Dominion Government, and the Governments of Ontario and Quebec, with other documents respecting the award of the Arbitrators.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 1st March, 1871.

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, both last mentioned Messages were referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. *Cameron* (Huron) it was

Ordered, That a Return be laid before this House, shewing the number of Insurance Companies which have made the deposits required by 31 Vic., chap., 47, up to the date of said Return ; distinguishing between Canadian and Foreign Companies, and between Fire, Marine, Life and Accidents Companies ; specifying the name of the Company, when incorporated, where the head office in Canada is located, the amount deposited under the provisions in the above, or any other Act, when deposited, whether for the benefit of Canadian Policy holders or for that of Policy holders generally; also the numbers and names of Companies that have ceased to do business in Canada and have withdrawn such deposits, if any.

On motion of Mr. *Bourassa*, The House resolved to go into Committee on Monday next, to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to create a special fund, to be denominated "The Liquor Inspection Fund."

2. *Resolved*, That there shall be appointed by the Governor, in Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Halifax, and St. John, N.B., an Inspector, whose duty it shall be to analyse all liquors, whether imported or manufactured on the spot, which shall be sold wholesale or retail, within the limits of his jurisdiction.

3. *Resolved*, That the Inspector so appointed shall receive as salary such allowance as the Governor in Council shall think fit to award him.

4. *Resolved*, That with a view to meet the expenditure to be incurred in virtue of the preceding Resolutions, it is expedient to require from each and every tavern-keeper and manufacturer and retailer of Intoxicating Liquors the payment of a year, which shall form part of the "Liquor Inspection Fund."

5. *Resolved*, That all persons selling, by wholesale or retail, adulterated liquors containing ingredients injurious to health shall, upon a complaint being made before a Justice of the Peace, be punishable by imprisonment for , and by a fine of .

6. *Resolved*, That for his services, the Inspector shall be entitled over and above his salary, to the sum of , in the discretion of the Justice, to be deemed costs, and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be given.

7. *Resolved*, That all penalties imposed in virtue of these Resolutions may be recovered summarily on the information of any person who will prosecute for the same before any two Justices of the Peace near the place where the offence shall have been committed, and shall be payable, one half to the prosecutor (who shall not thereby be rendered incompetent as a witness), with costs, and the other half to Her Majesty.

8. *Resolved*, That all the penalties recoverable in virtue of these Resolutions, and belonging to Her Majesty, shall be paid over to the Receiver General of the Dominion, and shall form part of the "Liquor Inspection Fund."

On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency for copies of all correspondence, Orders in Council and Reports of Engineers, or other persons employed by the Department of Public Works, in relation to a Survey connected with the construction of a Harbor of Refuge at Rimouski ; also a statement of the cost of such Survey, and copies of all other documents relating thereto.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Killam*—on Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—whether it is the intention of the Government to place in the Estimates a sum for the erection of a fog whistle at Bryer Island in the County of Digby.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Glengarry)—On Friday next, BILL to incorporate a Company to construct a Railway from the station of the Canada Central Railway at Ottawa to Alexandria Mills, and thence to Coteau Landing, there to connect with the Grand Trunk Railway for Montreal.

Mr. *Bown*—On Monday next, ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—whether any and what arrangements have been effected for the conveying of Immigrants *via* the Canadian route from Fort William to Fort Garry during the next season of navigation, and if so, why the same has not been announced.

Mr. *Harrison*—on Friday next, ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for the names of all convicts now in the Kingston, St. John, and Halifax Penitentiaries, shewing the offences for which imprisoned, the courts at which sentenced, the length of the sentence, alteration (if any) in the sentence, the date when the imprisonment commenced, the sex, nationality, religion and age of the convict, if married or single, conduct since imprisonment, and state of health.

Mr. *Delorme*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce during the present Session a measure to amend the Act respecting Banks, so as to enable Banks in the Dominion, to continue the issue of notes representing a sum less than four dollars.

Mr. *Ryan*, (Montreal, West)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to include in the Estimates this year an appropriation for the erection of a suitable building for a Post Office in Montreal.

Mr. *Blake*—On Wednesday next—BILL entituled "An Act for amending the laws relating to controverted Elections and providing more effectually for the prevention of improper practices at Elections for the House of Commons of Canada.

Mr. *Renaud*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTTY- Why Dr. Wilson does not receive the same salary as his predecessor for his services as physician to the Marine Hospital of Richibucto, County of Kent, N. B.

Mr. *Renaud*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Why the Postmaster of Kingston, County of Kent, N. B., does not receive a fixed salary as the other Postmasters of the Province.

Mr. *Wallace*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision for a greater supply of rolling stock on the E. and N. A. Railway so much needed to accommodate the rapidly increasing traffic on the road.

Mr. *Costigan*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Ordnance Lands in New Brunswick have been transferred to them by the Imperial Government; if so, do they intend to dispose of them and under what system. If no such transfer has yet been made is it the intention of the Government to take any steps to obtain such transfer.

No. 10.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 1st MARCH, 1871.

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1871.

Three Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the Quebec Bank ; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to increase their Capital Stock, and also, for extending and amending their Charter.

Of *John George Crebassa*, of the Town of Sorel, in the County and District of Richelieu, in the Province of Quebec, in the Dominion of Canada, Esquire, Notary ; complaining of the undue Election and Return of *George Isidore Barthe*, Esquire, for the Electoral District of Richelieu.

Of *W. Brydone Jack*, President of the University of New Brunswick ; praying that should a grant be given to the Observatory of the said University, the Senate thereof will be enabled to provide instruments of approved accuracy, and secure the services of a competent Observer.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 17th ult. ; for copies of all correspondence, reports of engineers, and other documents relating to the leasing by the Government to the Montreal Warehousing Company of a lot of land bordering on the Lachine Canal.

Hon. Mr. *Cameron* (Peel) introduced a Bill (No. 21) to amend the Railway Act of 1868. Second reading on Monday next.

Mr. *Crawford* (Leeds) introduced a Bill (No. 17) to incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Snider* introduced a Bill (No. 22) to authorize the Town of Owen Sound to impose and collect Harbor dues, and for other purposes.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Young* introduced a Bill (No. 23) respecting the naturalization of certain Aliens. Second reading on Monday next.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, the Return to Address of the 17th ult., relating to the leasing by the Government to the Montreal Warehousing Company of a lot of land bordering on the Lachine Canal, was referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* delivered the following Message from His Excellency :—

LISGAR,

The Governor General, transmits for the information of the House of Commons, the accompanying Order in Council and Memorandum, establishing under the provisions of the Act 33 *Vic.* : Cap : 31, regulations respecting the Public Lands in the Province of Manitoba.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 1st March, 1871.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, the said Message and Regulations were referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. *Merritt*, an Address was voted to His Excellency for all papers and reports since last Session having reference to the works on the Welland Canal, known as the Lake Erie Level.

On motion of Mr. *Mills*, an Address was voted to His Excellency for copies of all regulations made by the Governor in Council relating to the Fisheries ; also a statement of the means adopted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to prevent sawdust and mill rubbish being thrown into any stream frequented by fish and for the enforcement of the penalties of the Fisheries Act against mill-owners and others for injury to the River fisheries ; also a statement of the streams exempted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries from the penal provisions of the Fisheries Act ; and the evidence by which it is shewn that those exemptions are in the public interest ; also a return shewing how far the Law has been complied with with regard to the construction of fish-ways.

The Order of the Day, for resuming the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Blake's* proposed motion for an Address to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Canadian and Quebec and Ontario Governments respecting the award by the Provincial Arbitrators, and the motion of Mr. *Godin* in amendment thereto was, on motion of Mr. *Blake*, discharged.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Mr. *Smith*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government have had any correspondence with the Local Governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, on the subject of a Legislative Union of those two Provinces which it is so desirable to accomplish.

Mr. *Ross*, (Dundas)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return shewing the quantity of grain, flour, and meal, imported into the Dominion, for the year 1870, and that the said Return do set forth in detail the number of bushels of each kind of grain separately, shewing the number of bushels so imported free of duty and the number of bushels paying duty, also number of barrels, flour and meal separately dutiable or free of duty, also shewing the total amount of duties collected during the year 1870 on the foregoing importations separately and distinctly.

Mr. *Bowman*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to revise the Customs Tariff during the present session, and if so, whether they int end to place vegetable "ivory "nut" on the free list.

Mr. *Ryan*, (Montreal West)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for papers and reports having reference to the construction of culvert on the Lachine Canal since last Session.

Mr. *Young*—On Monday next—BILL entitled "An Act to incorporate the Dominion Life Association.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Bill (No. 17) to incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company, was posted this day by the Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines for consideration on and after Monday, the 13th instant.

No. 11.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 2ND MARCH, 1871.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 3RD MARCH, 1871.

Six Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound; praying for the passing of an Act to extend the time for the collection of Tolls and Harbor Dues, under the Act 24 *Vict.*, cap. 63.

Of the Nova Scotia Auxiliary Bible Society; praying exemption from the payment of the duty of five per cent. on all Copies of the Holy Scriptures, imported by them.

Motions being made that the following Petitions be received and read, viz.: Of *Thomas Killam* and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; praying for the erection of a Fog Whistle on Brier Island,—of *David A. Saunders* and others, Shipowners of Nova Scotia; praying for the erection and maintenance of a Beacon or Lighthouse at or near the entrance of Port Hubert,—and of Messrs. *Ryerson, Moses* & Co. and others, Merchants and Shipowners, of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; praying for the re-building of the Beacon on Butler's Point, at the entrance of Yarmouth Harbor; and also for the erection of a Lighthouse on the said Beacon;

Mr. Speaker decided that "they cannot be received, as the granting of the prayers thereof would involve the "expenditure of public moneys."

Mr. *Perry*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the third Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the Petitions of *Pulaski Clark*, for an Act of Naturalization,—and of the Municipal Corporation of Owen Sound, for an extension of the provisions of the Act authorizing them to collect harbor dues.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th April, 1870; for a return of all sums collected by Customs officers, or by their Deputies, for Bonds, Entries, Certificates, Blanks, or for any other charges made in their respective offices since the 1st July, 1867; and a statement of what fees (if any) such officers are entitled to receive in connection with their duties.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* introduced a Bill (No. 25) relating to Banks and Banking. Second reading on Friday next.

Hon. Mr. *Morris* introduced a Bill (No. 26) for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue. Second reading on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. *Snider*, the Order of yesterday, referring the Bill (No. 22) to authorize the Town of Owen Sound to impose and collect harbor dues, and for other purposes, to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, was discharged; and he was permitted to withdraw the said Bill.

He then introduced a Bill (No. 28) to extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of harbor dues by the Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* delivered the following Message from His Excellency :—

LISGAR.

The Governor General recommends to the House of Commons the expediency of indemnifying the Government for having authorized the issue of a special Warrant for $200,000 to provide for the defence of the Dominion in repelling the Fenian invasion in the month of May last.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 1st March, 1871.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the House resolved to go into Committee on Tuesday next, to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to indemnify the Members of the Executive Council, the Auditor General, and all other officers and persons concerned in the issue of a Special Warrant by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 27th day of May, 1870, upon an Order in Council made the same day, under the provisions of the thirty-fifth Section of the Act 31 Vict., Cap. 5, for the advance of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, towards defraying the expenses occasioned by the attack on the frontier and threatened invasion by the Fenians, or in the expenditure of $198,289 35 for the said purpose, out of the said sum of $200,000; detailed accounts of such expenditure, up to the 30th day of June, 1870, having been laid before Parliament in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending on that day, and detailed accounts of such expenditure since that day, with copies of the said Order in Council and Warrant, having been included in the statement of the Auditor General, laid before Parliament on the third day of the present Session by the Minister of Finance, and all the requirements of the Act aforesaid in the premises having been duly complied with.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the House also resolved to go into Committee on Tuesday next, to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of Savings Banks; and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* informed the House, that the subject matter of the said motion having been submitted to His Excellency,—he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of the House.

The Bill (No. 7) to amend the Census Act, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, agreed to, and ordered for a third reading on Tuesday next.

The House went into Committee to consider certain resolutions for the assimilation of the Currency throughout the Dominion.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to establish one uniform currency for all Canada, and for that purpose to provide, that on and after the *First day of July*, 1871, the currency of the Province of Nova Scotia shall be the same as that of the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, in all of which one currency of uniform value, is used.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, the currency of Canada shall be such that the British sovereign, of lawful weight, shall be equal to and shall pass current for four dollars and eighty-six cents and two thirds of a cent of the currency of Canada, and that all public accounts throughout Canada shall be kept in such currency; and that in any statement as to money or money value, in any indictment or legal proceeding, the same shall be stated in such currency, and in all private accounts and agreements rendered or entered into on or after the said day, all sums mentioned shall be understood to be in such currency, unless some other is clearly expressed, or must, from the circumstances of the case, have been intended by the parties.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that all sums of money payable on and after the said day to Her Majesty, or to any party, under any act or law in force in Nova Scotia, passed before the said day, or under any bill, note, contract or agreement made before the said day in Nova Scotia, or with reference thereto, or made after the said day out of Nova Scotia and with reference thereto, and which were intended to be, and if such alteration of the currency had not been made, would have been payable in the present currency of Nova Scotia, shall, on and after the said day, be payable, respectively, by equivalent sums in the currency of Canada, that is to say, for every seventy-five cents of Nova Scotia currency, by seventy-three cents of Canada currency, and so in proportion for any greater or less sum; and if in any such sum there be a fraction of a cent in the equivalent in Canada currency, the nearest whole cent shall be taken.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, no Dominion note or bank note payable in any other currency than the currency of Canada, shall be issued or re-issued by the Government of

Canada, or by any bank, and that all such notes issued before the said day, shall, as soon as practicable, be called in and redeemed, or notes payable in the currency of Canada shall be substituted or exchanged for them.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that any gold coins which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in Canada, of the standard of fineness prescribed by law for the gold coins of the United Kingdom, and bearing the same proportion in weight to that of the British sovereign, which five dollars bear to four dollars eighty-six cents and two-thirds of a cent, shall pass current and be a legal tender in Canada for five dollars, and any multiples or divisions of such coin, which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for like purposes, shall pass current and be a legal tender in Canada at rates proportionate to their intrinsic value respectively; and that any such coin shall pass by such names as Her Majesty may assign to them in her proclamation declaring them a legal tender, and shall be subject to the like allowance for remedy as British coins.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the coins which Her Majesty has caused to be struck for circulation in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, under the Acts now in force in the said Provinces respectively, shall continue to be current therein, and shall, on and after the said day, be current in the Province of Nova Scotia, at the rates in the said currency of Canada, now assigned to them respectively, by the said Acts, and under such conditions and provisions as are mentioned therein; and that such other silver, copper or bronze coins as Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in Canada, being of the proper weight and fineness, shall pass current in Canada, at the rates to be assigned to them respectively by Her Majesty's Royal Proclamation; all such silver coins as aforesaid being a legal tender to the amount of ten dollars, and such copper or bronze coins to the amount of twenty-five cents, in any one payment; but no other silver or copper coins than those which Her Majesty shall have caused to be struck for circulation in Canada or in some Province thereof, shall be a legal tender or pass current in Canada; and that Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, from time to time, fix the rates at which any foreign gold coins of the description, date, weight and fineness, mentioned in such Proclamation, shall pass current in Canada.

7. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that all Acts or Laws inconsistent with the foregoing Resolutions be repealed, and that one Act for giving effect to the same, and applying to all Canada, be passed.

Resolutions to be Reported.

Resolutions reported,—question of concurrence thereon on Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Mr. *Holton*—On Monday next—For an Order of the House directing the Grand Trunk Railway to comply *forthwith* with the Order of this House issued on the 17th of February.

Mr. *Burpee*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all correspondence between the Department of Militia and Defence and the Department of the D. A. General of New Brunswick in reference to uniforms, &c., furnished Blissville Company of Volunteers' Battalion, No. 71.

Mr. *Fournier*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the House of Commons of Canada, the Boards of Trade of the several Provinces of the Dominion, and the Federal Government, respecting the Inspection of Fish and other products, as well as of all other documents relating to the subject.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick*—On Monday next—BILL to amend the Railway Act, 1868.

Mr. *Harrison*—On Monday next—BILL to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp duties of premium notes taken or held by Mutual Fire or Life Insurance Companies.

Mr. *Oliver*—The following amendment to the Election Bill :—

That the following be added to sub-section 1 of Section 2 ; "and for the Province of Ontario the elections shall be all held on the same day."

Mr. *Keeler*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of the correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and the Government of the Province of Ontario respecting the lands on the Peninsula of Presque Isle, in the Township of Brighton, with the reports of the late survey and valuation of said lands.

No. 12.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 6TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Districts of Districts of Beauharnois and Saguenay, and in the County of Berthier, District of Richelieu, for the year 1870.

Also,—Statement of the affairs of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, on the 31st December, 1870.

Nine Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the County of Frontenac ; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from the City of Kingston to the Town of Pembroke, and to cross the Ottawa River at or near Pembroke, and to amalgamate with Railway lines in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Of the Honorable *W. P. Howland*, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of The Dominion Life Association.

Of the Ontario Bank ; praying for the passing of an Act extending the powers and privileges of their Charter in conformity with the Act respecting Banks and Banking.

Of *John Pickard*, M.P., and others, of the City of Fredericton and vicinity ; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Fredericton and St. Mary's Bridge Company.

Of *A. Frye*, and others, of Windsor, Province of Quebec ; praying for certain Amendments to the Act respecting Patents for Invention.

Of the Corporation of the County of Kent ; praying for authority to employ Prisoners at labor outside Prison Walls.

Of the Montreal Board of Trade ; praying for the repeal of the Duty imposed upon Flour, Wheat and other Grain ; and also, on Coal and Salt.

Of the Dominion Board of Trade ; praying that in the event of any Act being passed for the revision or modification of the Laws regulating the granting of Patents of Inventions, it shall not be necessary for a British subject to reside one year in the Dominion before his application for a Patent is granted.

Of *Eugène Chinic*, and others ; praying that the Capital of the Banque Nationale be increased to Two million dollars, and the Charter of that Institution continued with certain Amendments by Special Act, with a view to facilitating proceedings in the Courts of Justice.

Mr. *Harrison* introduced a Bill (No. 29) to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp-duties of Premium Notes taken or held by Montreal Fire Insurance Companies.—Second reading on Wednesday next.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th ult:—For a statement showing the names of all Employes of the Federal Government employed by any of the Local Governments before or in connection with the Commission of Arbitration on the subject of the Public debt of the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, the duration and nature of their services, and the amount paid to each of them, either as salary, indemnity travelling expenses, or otherwise, together with the date of such payments, and also the amount paid by the Government of Canada in connection with such arbitration.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the said Return to Address was referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* delivered the following Message from His Excellency ;—

LISGAR

The Governor General transmits Estimates of certain of the sums required for the service of the Dominion of Canada for the year ending 30th June, 1872 ; and in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

Government House,
OTTAWA, 6th March, 1871.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the said Message and Estimates were referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion of Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges). an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all Orders in Council relating to the Military Expedition to the North West Territory or Manitoba ; and of all correspondence between the Government and General Lindsay in relation to the said Expedition, and of all other documents relating thereto.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *McDougall* (Lanark), an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of instructions to *J. G. Moylan*, and other Emigrant Agents for the Dominion in Europe ; with copies of any correspondence of the Government with said *J. G. Moylan* relating to his correspondence with the Right Honorable *W. E. Gladstone*, and copies of such correspondence ; also relating to his attack through the public press upon the Reverend Superintendent of Education of Ontario.

On motionof Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges), an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and Admiral *Wellesley*, or others, commanding the British North American Squadron of Her Majesty's Fleet at Halifax in regard to the protection of our Fisheries.

On motion of Mr. *McCallum*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a statement showing the names of all vessels chartered by, or in behalf of the Imperial Government and the Canadian Government, for the transportation of men and material in the expedition to the North West in 1870, together with the tonnage, nationality and capacity, length of time employed, and amount paid each per day.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved, that The House do go into Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next, to take into consideration the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*,—"That the division between the Province of Ontario and the Province of Quebec, of the surplus of the debt of the former Province of Canada, over and above the sum of $62,500,000, assigned to the Dominion of Canada by the British North America Act, presents great difficulties, which it has not hitherto been possible to overcome in a satisfactory manner."

2. *Resolved*,—"That the difficulties resulting as well from the uncertainty as to the amount of the debt to be divided as from the absence of an acceptable base for the making of such division, and that of the assets remaining in common to those two Provinces, threaten to give rise to serious embarrassment."

3. *Resolved*,—That for the avoidance of such difficulties, the debt of the former Province of Canada should be assigned entirely to the Dominion as though it had been so from the first with compensation to the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the share which those Provinces would have to pay upon the surplus of that debt.

4. *Resolved*,—That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty praying Her to be pleased to recommend that the British North America Act should be amended in accordance with these Resolutions-

And objection being taken by the Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, one of Her Majesty's Ministers, that the said Resolutions cannot under the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, be considered by The House, unless recommended by Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. Speaker decided as follows :—"The motion proposes that an Address be presented to Her Majesty, "praying her to recommend that the British North America Act, 1867, be amended, so that the public debt of "the Dominion be increased, and that compensation be made to the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova "Scotia."

"In my opinion this motion cannot be entertained, it being in contravention of the 54th section of the Imperial Act for the Union of British North America. In that section it is provided that *this House* shall not "adopt *any Vote*, Resolution, *Address*, or Bill, for the appropriation of any part of the Public Revenue, etc., etc., "to any purpose that has not been first recommended by Message of the Governor General."

"The contention is, that the proposed appropriation being beyond the power of the Parliament of Canada, "this provision, of the Statute cannot therefore apply."

"In its literal *construction it does apply* to the motion, and certainly it seems to me to the full as necessary "in a constitutional sense to interpose the check of a Message from His Excellency under the responsibility of His "Ministerial advisers, before adopting an Address which may be followed by legislation, imposing a burthen on "the people, by a Parliament and Ministers owing it no responsibility, as in the case of a Bill or motion for the "appropriation within our direct control."

"For the motion, in my opinion, is not in order."

Mr. *Bodwell* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go into Committee to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved* that it appears from the Public Accounts for the year ending 30th June, 1870, that the Railways under Government management in Nova Scotia have not paid the working expenses.

2, *Resolved* that it is inexpedient that the management of the Railways of the Country, especially such as are not important as great national works for defensive purposes, should be in the hands of the Government, as such roads can be much more economically worked as commercial undertakings in the hands of private parties or companies.

3. *Resolved* that it is desirable to dispose by tender or otherwise as the Governor in Council may direct of all the Railways in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick not forming parts of the Intercolonial Railway now under the management of the Dominion Government, to such persons or companies as will undertake to work them under the laws which now exist, or may hereafter be passed governing Railways.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the Debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, adjourned.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Pâquet*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government is aware that accounts have been transmitted to the Militia Department—approved and signed by the Volunteer officers of the Berthier Company in connection with the annual drill of 1870, and that to this day the said accounts have not been paid ; and whether it is their intention to repair this oversight which is of a nature to injure the cause which the Volunteers of that Company have up to the present time nobly served.

Mr. *Colby*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to provide a more expeditious and inexpensive method for the payment of undisputed claims against Insolvent Foreign Insurance Companies, than that provided by the Insurance Act of 1868, in cases where the deposits exceeds the total of claims for the protection of which such deposit was made.

Mr. *Baker*—In Committee of the Whole on the Bill (No. 16) to make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada—To amend the third sub-section of section 2 by adding thereto the following :—And in cases where there has been, or may hereafter be, erected within the limits of any Township or Parish, a village municipality, the poll for the whole, or a part of such Parish or Township, may be held within such village, if the Returning officer shall find it can be more conveniently held therein.

Mr. *Mills*—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a statement showing the actual hours of arrival and departure of all mails at the Post-office of Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto and Sarnia, and the regulation time for the arrival and departure of such mails.

Mr. *Godin*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government during the present session to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869, so that in case of the appointment by the creditors of an assignee other than the Interim assignee, the latter shall be authorized to retain in his hands the property and effects of the insolvent until he shall have been fully paid his remuneration, outlay and expenses.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—To-morrow—That the House will on Friday next resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. *Tremblay*—In amendment to the Bill respecting Parliamentary Elections :

That the first sub-section of section two be struck out, and the following substituted therefor :

1. The polling at any Election of a Member to serve in the House of Commons for any Electoral District in the Dominion of Canada, shall continue for one day only, and shall be held on the same day in all the Electoral Districts.

2. The manner of voting to be adopted in all the Electoral Districts of the Dominion shall be as follows :—

Each person qualified to vote, shall, at the time of voting, receive from the Deputy Returning Officer, presiding at the poll, and then present in the polling booth or room, and during the time appointed for the polling, a card or ticket on which shall have been inscribed the names of the several candidates in different colors, which said colors shall have been announced and indicated in a suitable manner, by placard at the Nomination of Candidates, and shall be further set forth on a board, or on one of the sides of the polling room, in a visible position by the inscription thereon of the Candidates' names.

3. At the time of the delivery to the voter of the ticket required, the Deputy Returning Officer shall write his initials on the back of such ticket. The voter shall then enter a small room called the secret room, erected in front of the Deputy Returning Officer, where, without being seen, and with ink of a different color from that used by the officers presiding over the polling, he shall draw lines through the names of the Candidates to whom he is opposed ; he shall then fold his ticket in such a way that no [illegible]e shall be able to see what erasures

have been made, but so that the writing on the back of the ticket shall be visible. Immediately on coming out of the secret chamber, the voter shall shew the back of his ticket to the Deputy Returning Officer, who, after having verified his initials, shall cause him to deposit it in the ballot box through an opening to be made for the purpose. The box having been kept locked during the whole time of the polling, shall be opened, immediately after the closing of the poll, by the Deputy Returning Officer in presence of the Candidates if they are then there present, or of their witnesses, each Candidate being entitled to have two witnesses for the counting of the votes in the ballot box and the right to be present thereat himself.

4. The name of each voter shall be entered in a book kept by the Deputy Returning Officer, or by the Poll Clerk in the sight of the said Deputy Returning Officer, as soon as such voter shall have deposited his ticket in the ballot box; such book shall remain open during the whole time that the polling shall continue, so that any elector may ascertain who has voted and what number of votes have been recorded, and such book shall further serve to shewthe correctness of the number of tickets deposited in the box.

5. Every candidate shall be entitled to hang up in the polling booth his portrait and the designation of the color which he shall have selected, or which shall have been fixed by the Returning Officer at the time of nomination, if the candidates refuse to make a mutual arrangement on that point.

6. Immediately after the counting up of the votes the Deputy Returning Officer shall sign below the list of the names of the persons who have deposited their tickets a certificate setting forth the correctness of the said list and the number of tickets deposited in the ballot box, and shall then give if he is required to do so a copy of such certificate to each candidate or the person representing him.

7. Immediately after the counting up of the votes and the delivery of the certificates, if they are demanded, the Deputy Returning Officer shall transmit to the Returning Officer in a sealed envelope marked with the number of the polling District the tickets of the said District, and in another envelope also sealed the book or register containing the certificate hereinbefore mentioned.

8. The Returning Officer shall examine, as he receives them, the polling registers which he shall retain in his possession untll after the delivery of the Certificate of Election, but he shall at once transmit to the Secretary of State the tickets as sealed by the Deputy Returning Officers.

Mr. *Currier*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to allow the British American Bank Note Company to remove their establishment from the Seat of Government to Montreal.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of all correspondence with the Allan Steamship Company, or other persons in regard to providing steam communication between Canada and the West Indies, or between Canada, the West Indies, Newfoundland, and Great Britain.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of all Tenders and other papers connected with letting the contract for the construction of a new Post Office in the City of Toronto.

Mr. *Workman*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether the Honorable the Minister of Finance notifies all the Banks simultaneously when he asks them for tenders for Sterling Exchange, and whether any information isgiven, directly or indirectly, to any Banking Institution in advance of another.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Glengarry)—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return of the Tolls collected on the St. Peter's Canal since it was opened for the trade; also the number of vessels which pass through said canal, the names of such vessels and the tonnage of each, the names of the employés on the said Canal and their respective emoluments; also the report of the Engineer or Superintendent in charge of the condition of said work.

Mr. *Ross* (Prince Edward)—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of the Government to place in the Estimates a sum for the erection of a lighthouse or a fog whistle at Salmon Point in the County of Prince Edward.

Mr. *Godin*—On Thursday next—BILL to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869.

Mr. *Workman*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for Returns shewing the total amount of Sterling Exchange purchased by the Dominion Government during the year 1870 and also to present date; shewing the rates paid and from what Bank purchased, also stating what amount was in Canadian Bank Bills as well as the amount of New York Bankers' Bills or any other Bills drawn outside the Dominion.

Mr. *Costigan*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for the Report of the officer sent to make surveys of the Rivers Madawaska and St. John.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Friday next—A Series of Resolutions for the amendment of the law respecting Banks and Banking.

Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand)—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of Engineer's Reports and all correspondence with Hamilton and Port Dover Plank and Stone Road Company, since 1st January, 1867; also statement shewing amount paid by said Company on account of rchase money and amount still due.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 7TH MARCH, 1871.

Fifteen Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, presented the econd Report of the said Committee, as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed :—

Report of the Secretary of State for Canada, for the year ending 30th June, 1870.

Further Correspondence between the Imperial Government and the Government of the Dominion, and other ocuments relating to the Fisheries.

Statement of Expenditure for the protection of the Frontier in repelling invasion by the Feniaus.

Return to Address, Statement—shewing the amount of American silver withdrawn from circulation through he action of the Government, &c., &c.

Message—with accompanying papers relative to the proposed union of British Columbia with the Dominion f Canada.

Message—with correspondence between the Imperial and Canadian Covernments relative to the Manitoba ct, with draft of Bill proposed to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament on the subject.

Message—with correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Government of Ontario and uebec, with other documents respecting the awards of the Arbitrators.

Message—with accompanying Order in Council, and memorandum establishing under the provisions of the ct 33 *Vic.* Cap. 31. Regulations respecting the Public Lands in the Province of Manitoba.

The Committee also recommends that the following document be printed in the Sessional papers only :—

Return made under the 9th sec of 33 *Vic.* Cap. 40, entitled "An Act to vest in Her Majesty for the purposes therein mentioned the property and powers now vested in the Trustees of the Bank of Upper Canada."

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be *not* printed :—

Return to Address—of sums collected by Customs' Officers &c., for bonds, Entries, &c.; and a statement of hat fees, if any, such officers are entitled to receive in connection with their duties.

Report of the Minister of Agriculture in terms of the Census Act.

Royal Canadian Bank Charter, Canada, 1870.

Message—with the Annual Reports and Statements of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, of the Receipts nd Expenditure under the "Harbor and Police Act," and the "Sick and Distressed Mariners Relief Act."

He also presented, from the same Committee, the third Report, being the Report of their Sub-Committee to audit the Printing Accounts; together with the Report of the Clerk of that Committee on the Printing services of the past year; and the Printing Account Annual Balance Sheet.

(*For the said Report, see Appendix No*, 1.)

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the fourth Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the following Petitions, viz:—Of *John Pickard*, M.P. and others; for incorporation of the Fredericton and St. Mary's Bridge Company,—Of *Eugene Chinic* and others; for an increase of Capital of *La Banque Nationale*, and amendments to their Act of incorporation,—Of the Honorable *W. P. Howland* and others; for an incorporation of the Dominion Life Association,—Of the Quebec Bank,—Of the Ontario Bank, and of the Great Western Railway Company—

The time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills will expire to morrow (the 8th inst), and for receiving Private Bills, on the 15th instant. The Committee beg to recommend an extension of the same for two weeks respectively.

On motion of Mr. *MacFarlane*, the time for receiving Petitions for Private Bills was extended to the 22nd instant,—and for receiving Private Bills to the 29th instant.—

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th ult; for a Return shewing the amount paid, and to whom paid, for the sale of Postage Stamps, for the year ending 30th June, 1870.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* laid before The House,—by command of His Excellency, General Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1870.

The Bill (No. 7) to amend the Census Act, was read a third time, and passed.

The following Resolutions were reported from the Committee of the Whole, on the subject of the assimilation of the Currency throughout the Dominion:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to establish one uniform currency for all Canada, and for that purpose to provide, that on and after the *First day of July*, 1871, the currency of the Province of Nova Scotia shall be the same as that of the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, in all of which one currency of uniform value, is used.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, the currency of Canada shall be such that the British sovereign, of lawful weight, shall be equal to and shall pass current for four dollars and eighty-six cents and two thirds of a cent of the currency of Canada, and that all public accounts throughout Canada shall be kept in such currency; and that in any statement as to money or money value, in any indictment or legal proceeding, the same shall be stated in such currency, and in all private accounts and agreements rendered or entered into on or after the said day, all sums mentioned shall be understood to be in such currency, unless some other is clearly expressed, or must, from the circumstances of the case, have been intended by the parties.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that all sums of money payable on and after the said day to Her Majesty, or to any party, under any act or law in force in Nova Scotia, passed before the said day, or under any bill, note, contract or agreement made before the said day in Nova Scotia, or with reference thereto, or made after the said day out of Nova Scotia and with reference thereto, and which were intended to be, and if such alteration of the currency had not been made, would have been payable in the present currency of Nova Scotia, shall, on and after the said day, be payable, respectively, by equivalent sums in the currency of Canada, that is to say, for every seventy-five cents of Nova Scotia currency, by seventy-three cents of Canada currency, and so in proportion for any greater or less sum; and if in any such sum there be a fraction of a cent in the equivalent in Canada currency, the nearest whole cent shall be taken.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that on and after the said day, no Dominion note or bank note payable in any other currency than the currency of Canada, shall be issued or re-issued by the Government of Canada, or by any bank, and that all such notes issued before the said day, shall, as soon as practicable, be called in and redeemed, or notes payable in the currency of Canada shall be substituted or exchanged for them.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that any gold coins which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in Canada, of the standard of fineness prescribed by law for the gold coins of the United Kingdom, and bearing the same proportion in weight to that of the British sovereign, which five dollars bear to four dollars eighty-six cents and two-thirds of a cent, shall pass current and be a legal tender in Canada for five dollars, and any multiples or divisions of such coin, which Her Majesty may cause to be struck for like purposes, shall pass current and be a legal tender in Canada at rates proportionate to their intrinsic value respectively; and that any such coin shall pass by such names as Her Majesty may assign to them in her proclamation declaring them a legal tender, and shall be subject to the like allowance for remedy as British coins.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the coins which Her Majesty has caused to be struck for circulation in the Provinces of Quebec, Ontario, and New Brunswick, under the Acts now in force in the said Provinces respectively, shall continue to be current therein, and shall, on and after the said day, be current in the Province of Nova Scotia, at the rates in the said currency of Canada, now assigned to them respectively, by the said Acts, and under such conditions and provisions as are mentioned therein; and that such other silver, copper or bronze coins as Her Majesty may cause to be struck for circulation in Canada, being of the proper weight and fineness, shall pass current in Canada, at the rates to be assigned to them respectively by Her Majesty's Royal Proclamation; all such silver coins as aforesaid being a legal tender to the amount of ten dollars, and such copper or bronze coins to the amount of twenty-five cents, in any one payment; but no other silver or copper

coins than those which Her Majesty shall have caused to be struck for circulation in Canada or in some Province thereof, shall be a legal tender or pass current in Canada; and that Her Majesty may, by Proclamation, from time to time, fix the rates at which any foreign gold coins of the description, date, weight and fineness, mentioned in such Proclamation, shall pass current in Canada.

7. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that all Acts or Laws inconsistent with the foregoing Resolutions be repealed, and that one Act for giving effect to the same, and applying to all Canada, be passed.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that the first of the said Resolutions be now read a second time.

Mr. *Chipman* moved in amendment, that the said Resolution be amended, by expunging therefrom all the words after the word "expedient" and inserting therefor the following:—"that the currency of Nova Scotia "shall remain unchanged, and that it shall not be assimilated with the currency of the United States, while we "are a dependency of the British Crown:" which was negatived on a division.—

The said Resolution was then read a second time, and agreed to.

The remaining Resolutions being read a second time, were severally agreed to.—

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 32) to establish one uniform currency for the Dominion of Canada.—Second reading on Tuesday next.

The Bill (No. 16) to make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons, was read the second time, and referred to a Committee of the Whole on Friday next.

The House went into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

1. Governor General's Secretary's Office	$ 6,755 00
2. The Department of the Privy Council	11,933 33
3. The Depa,tment of Justice	7,700 00

Resolutions to be reported

Report to be received to-morrow, and Committee to sit again, on Friday next.

The House went into Committee to consider a Resolution affirming the expediency of indemnifying the Government for having authorized the issue of a special warrant for $200,000, to provide for the defence of the Dominion, in repelling the Fenian invasion, in the month of May last.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved,—That it is expedient to indemnify the Members of the Executive Council, the Auditor General, and all other officers and persons connected in the issue of a Special Warrant by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 27th day of May, 1870, upon an Order in Council made the same day, under the provisions of the thirty-fifth Section of the Act 31, *Vic.*, Cap. 5. for the advance of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, towards defraying the expenses occasioned by the attack on the frontier and threatened invasion by the Fenians, or in the expenditure of $198,289 35 for the said purpose, out of the said sum of $200,000; detailed accounts of such expenditure, up to the 30th day of June, 1870, having been laid before Parliament in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending on that day, and detailed accounts of such expenditure since that day, with copies of the said Order in Council and Warrant, having been included in the statement of the Auditor General, laid before Parliament on the third day of the present Session by the Minister of Finance, and all the requirements of the Act aforesaid in the premises having been duly complied with.

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received on Friday next.

The House went into Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of Savings Banks, and of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted;—

1. *Resolved*—That it is expedient to provide additional facilities, in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for the deposit of savings at interest with the security of the Dominion Government for the payment of interest and the repayment of the principal, and for that purpose to authorize the appointment of an Assistant to the Receiver General in each of the said Provinces, who shall have the management of the head office of the Government Savings Bank in the Province for which he is appointed, and to empower the Governor in Council

to establish Branch Savings Banks in the said Provinces, to be under the management of agents to be appointed by the Governor, the Collectors of Customs in New Brunswick now authorized to receive deposits of savings, continuing as such agents until others are appointed in their stead.

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, on Friday next.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* laid before The House,—Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of the Dominion of Canada, from all sources, for the half year ended, the 31st December, 1870.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley*—On Thursday next—BILL to extend the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the Province of Canada, 19 and 20 *Vict.*, Chap. 141, concerning the Synod of the Church of England in Canada, to the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. *Brousseau*—On Thursday next—Adoption of the Second Report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Brousseau*—On Thursday next—Adoption of the Third Report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*—On Friday next—That this House resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider a series of Resolutions respecting the admission of British Columbia into Union with Canada.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*—On Friday next—BILL to amend the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*—On Friday next—BILL to amend the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada.

Hon. Mr. *Morris*—On Friday next—HOUSE IN COMMITTEE to consider the following resolutions :—

1. That it is expedient to amend and consolidate the laws of the Dominion respecting Weights and Measures, and to establish one uniform system thereof for all Canada, except only as to special measures used for certain purposes in the Province of Quebec ; and to provide for the Inspection of Weights and Measures, with power to the Governor in Council to make a Tariff of Fees for such Inspection sufficient to defray the expenses of carrying the Act into effect.

2. That it is expedient to permit the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion, in cases where the parties to any contract or agreement may wish to adopt that system.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Friday next—That the House go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That it is expedient to repeal the Acts at present in force in the several Provinces of the Dominion, respecting the Inspection of the following articles, viz : Flour and Meal—Wheat and other Grain—Beef and Pork—Fish and Fish Oil—Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes—Butter, Cheese and Lard—and Leather and Raw Hides—and to make one law respecting the Inspection of such articles applicable to the whole Dominion, consolidating such provisions of the existing as have been found advantageous, and giving power to the Governor in Council, to establish from time to time the fees to be paid for such Inspection and the services of the Inspectors with respect thereto.

Mr. *Masson* (Terrebonne)—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return shewing the number and description of all arms, guns, rifles, accoutrements, ammunition, and other military stores handed over by the Imperial Government to the Dominion Government since 1st January, 1870 ; [shewing the date and conditions of said transfer, with copy of the Reports or Certificates of the officers who accepted the same on behalf of the Dominion.

Mr. *Paquet*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY whether it is the intention of the Government to consider the North Shore Railway, as well as the Northern Colonization Railway between Montreal and Aylmer, as a part or link between the Intercolonial Railway and that projected in British Columbia as well as that to Manitoba which the Government is to construct at its own expense ; and whether in view of the advantage which the Federal Government will derive therefrom especially in the transport of Her Majesty's Troops in case of invasion, &c., &c., it is proposed to recommend to His Excellency to grant them assistance, whether by an allowance of so much a mile or in a round sum, in that way granting the prayer of the petitions now before them.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Friday next—That the House do then resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That it is expedient to consolidate the provisions of the Act of the now last Session respecting Banks and Banking (33 *Vic.*, cap. 11), those of the Act respecting Banks (31 *Vic.*, cap. 11) and such of the provisions of the several Acts incorporating Banks as have been found most beneficial, into one general Act to be made applicable to all Banks, hereinafter to be incorporated in the Dominion, and to all existing Banks whose charters would expire before the end of the now next Session of Parliament, or have been continued by charter under the said Act of the now last Session, and by such Act to continue the charters of all such existing Banks until the end of the Session commencing next after the first day of January, 1881.

2. That it is expedient in such Act to provide that the Act may by Order in Council be made applicable to any Bank in the Dominion whose charter would not expire within the period aforesaid, on the application of such Bank, and the observance of certain conditions.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion*.—On Thursday next.—That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing ; That an equitable aud satisfactary division of the surplus debt of the late Province of Canada, between the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario is not likely to be effected in the manner provided by the British North America Act, 1867, and that the difficulties which beset the question have been greatly aggravated by the award rendered by the Arbitrators appointed by the Dominion Government and by the Government of Ontario, in the absence of any Arbitrator for the Province of Quebec, which is regarded by the Government and the people of Quebec as illegal and unjust, and praying that Her Majesty be pleased to recommend the passing of an Act by the Imperial Parliament so amending the British North America Act as to authorize the Parliament of Canada to deal by Legislative enactment with all questions connected with the said surplus debt.

Mr. *McDonald* (Antigonish)—In amendment to the motion of Mr. *Bodwell* on the subject of Railways under Government management in Nova Scotia—That all the words after that be omitted and the following substituted :—

" It is expedient that the Government be empowered to transfer to one or more Companies such portions of the Government Railways in Nova Scotia as may not form a part of the Intercolonial Railroad, on condition that such Company or Companies shall give sufficient guarantee to extend the Railroads east and west to such points as may be agreed upon."

No. 14.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 8TH MARCH, 1871.

Sixteen Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of *John A. Carscella*, and others, of the Township of Kaladar; of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Barrie; of the Municipality of Griffith and Matawatchan; of *John Munro*, and others, of the United Townships of Dalhousie, North Sherbrooke, and Lavant; and of the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dalhousie, North Sherbrooke, and Lavant, in Session assembled; severally praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro to Ottawa City *via* Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of the Montreal Board of Trade; praying for the passing of an Act granting Letters Patent to the Inventor or first Introducer, or to Inventors alone, irrespective of nationality or residence, but in all cases requiring the establishment and continuous operation of the invention in the Dominion.

Of Messrs. *Robertson* Brothers, and others, Soap Manufacturers; praying for the repeal of the duty imposed upon Tallow imported into Canada from the United States.

Of the Niagara District Bank; praying for a renewal of their Charter.

Of Messrs. *Gilmour* and Company, and others; praying that an opportunity may be afforded them of adducing evidence to show that the throwing of Mill rubbish into Rivers is not injurious to the navigation thereof.

Of the Council of the Quebec Board of Trade; praying for the repeal of the duty imposed upon Coal imported into Canada.

Mr. *Young* introduced a Bill (No. 27) to incorporate the Dominion Life Association.

The said Bill was read the first time: and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.—

Mr. *Beaty* introduced a Bill (No. 18) to incorporate the Toronto Corn Exchange Association.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Mr. *Currier*, the Petition of Messrs. *Gilmour* & Co., and others; praying that an opportunity may be afforded them of adducing evidence to shew, that the throwing of Mill rubbish into Rivers, is not injurious to the navigation thereof,—was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Pope* introduced a Bill (No. 30) to authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make arrangements for the leasing, using, and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies.—

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* laid before The House,—Official Return of the distribution of the Statutes of the Dominion of Canada, 33 *Victoria*, being the 3rd Session of the 1st Parliament, 1870, under the provisions of the Act 31 *Vict.* Cap 1. Sec : 14.

On motion of Mr. *Bolton*, it was *Ordered*, That copies be laid before this House by the proper Officer, of all Correspondence between the Government or Department of Public Works and the Manager and previous Managers of the Government Railways in Nova Scotia touching the management of and rates of Tariff to be enforced on said Road since 1st July, 1867, with statement of tariff charges now in force, and of any and all changes that have been made in said tariff since date aforesaid, with copies of all reports and detailed statement of accounts of income and expenditure rendered by said manager or managers since said date.

On motion of Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand), it was *Ordered*, That the Postmaster-General do instruct each Postmaster in the Dominion to take an accurate monthly account of all franked or free matter deposited or received at their respective offices, for twelve months, commencing 10th March next, and to make a special report thereof to this House embracing the following particulars : viz., the number of franked or free letters, and amount of postage that would be chargeable thereon at the established rate of postage ; 2. The weight of franked or free matter other than letters, and the amount of postage that would be chargeable at the established rate of postage.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do furnish a detailed statement of amount paid for Telegraphs by any officer of this House, or by the heads of Departments or Employés of the Government for twelve months, commencing from the 10th March next.

On motion of Mr. *Harrison*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a list of all convicts, now in the Kingston, St. John and Halifax Penitentiaries, not giving the names of convicts, but initials only, for purposes of distinction, shewing the offences for which imprisoned, the Provinces from which they came, the courts at which sentenced, the length of the sentence, alteration (if any) in the sentence, the date when the imprisonment commenced, the sex, nationality, religion and age of the convict, if married or single, conduct since imprisonment, and state of health.

On motion of Mr. *Ross* (Dundas,) an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return shewing the quantity of grain, flour, and meal, imported into the Dominion, for the year 1870, and that the said Return do set forth in detail the number of bushels of each kind of grain separately, shewing the number of bushels so imported free of duty and the number of bushels paying duty, also number of barrels, flour and meal separately dutiable or free of duty, also shewing the total amount of duties collected during the year 1870 on the foregoing importations separately and distinctly.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, it was *Ordered*, That the Grand Trunk Railway Company do comply *forthwith* with the Order of this House issued on the 17th of February.

On motion of Mr, *Keeler*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of the correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and the Government of the Province of Ontario respecting the lands on the Peninsula of Presque Isle, in the Township of Brighton, with the Reports of the late survey and valulation of such lands.

On motion of Mr. *Mills*, it was *Ordered*, That a statement be laid before this House by the proper officer, shewing the actual hours of arrival and departure of all mails at the Post Offices of Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto and Sarnia, and the regulation time for the arrival and departure of such mails, since the 1st of October last.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* (Glengarry,) an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return of the Tolls collected on the St. Peter's Canal since it was opened for the trade ; also the number of vessels which pass through said canal, the names of such vessels and the tonnage of each, the names of the employés on the said Canal and their respective emoluments ; also the report of the Engineer or Superintendent in charge of the condition of said work.

On motion of Mr. *Workman*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for Returns shewing the total amount of Sterling Exchange purchased by the Dominion Government during the year 1870 and also to present date ; shewing the rates paid and from what Bank purchased ; also stating what amount was in Canadian Bank Bills as well as the amount of New York Bankers' Bills or any other Bills drawn outside the Dominion.

On motion of Mr. *Costigan*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for the Report of the Officer sent to make surveys of the Rivers Madawaska and St. John.

On motion of Mr. *Thompson* (Haldimand), an Address was voted to His Excellency. for copies of the Engineer's Report, and all correspondence with Hamilton and Port Dover Plank and Stone Road Company, since the last Return, also statement shewing amount paid by said Company, on account of pnrchase money, and amount still due.

Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented,—Return to an Address of the 3rd March, 1870; for copies of all treaties, surrenders of lands, or agreements between the Crown and any of the Tribes of Indians, located within the Provinces or Territories comprised within the Dominion of Canada; also between the Hudson's Bay Company and any Tribe of Indians so far as such documents may be in the possession of the Government.—

Return to an Address of the 27th February last; for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the Local Government of Nova Scotia, touching the new Public Building, at Halifax, and the claim made by the Local Government to be reimbursed certain expenses incurred by the Province in completing said building since 1st July, 1867; and also a statement of all moneys paid by the Dominion to the Local Government since the passage of the Act 32-33 *Vic.*, Cap. 2, entitled "An Act respecting Nova Scotia" over and above the subsidy as increased by that Act, or for and in payment of any claims or demands made by that Province upon Canada, and the subjects and nature of such claims, if any, the time when such claims accrued and the dates of the respective payments thereof.

Return, in obedience to the Order of this House of the 1st instant, shewing the number of Insurance Companies which have made the deposits required by 31 *Vic.*, chap., 47, up to the date of said Return; distinguishing between Canadian and Foreign Companies, and between Fire, Marine, Life and Accidents Companies; specifying the name of the Company, when incorporated, where the head office in Canada is located, the amount deposited under the provisions in the above, or any other Act, when deposited, whether for the benefit of Canadian Policy holders or for that of Policy holders generally; also the numbers and names of Companies that have ceased to do business in Canada and have withdrawn such deposits, if any.

The foregoing Return to an Address of the 3rd March, 1870, Indian Treaties was, on motion of Hon. Mr. *Howe*, referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply yesterday, were reported and agreed to, and are as follows:—

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

1. Governor General's Secretary's Office	$ 6,755 00
2. The Department of the Privy Council	11,933 33
3. The Department of Justice	7,700 00

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee of Ways and Means, on Friday next.

Mr. *Mills* moved, that the Bill (No. 6) to authorize the extradition of persons from the Dominion of Canada, charged with having committed crimes in the United States and other foreign Countries, be now read the second time.

Mr. *Langlois* moved in amendment, that the Bill be read a second time, this day six months; which was agreed to on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Bertrand, Blanchet, Brown, Cameron (Inverness), Cartier (Sir Georgs Et.), Chauveau, Chipman, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Dobbie, Drew, Dunkin, Fortin, Gaucher, Grant, Gray, Grover, Harrison, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Jones (Halifax), Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), Masson (Soulanges,) Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), Merritt, Moffatt, Perry, Pope. Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Savary, Simard, Simpson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb. and Willson—61.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Bourassa, Bowman, Cheval, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Fournier, Hagar, Holton, Kempt, Macdonald (Glengarry), McFarlane, Magill, McDougall (Lanark), Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver Pelletier, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario). Wells, Whitehead, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), Young.—33.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government have taken measures to secure the fortnightly Mail Communication between Liverpool and Halifax, in consequence of the intention of the Inman Line to terminate their contract after the 17th June next.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion*—On Monday next—That an Order of the House do issue, directing that there be laid before this House a statement of the rate of Interest paid by the different Savings' Banks in the Province of Quebec, during the last three years, with a statement of the sums they have paid to charitable institutions during the same period.

Mr. *Fournier*—In amendment to the Bill respecting Parliamentary Elections—That the following clauses be added thereto :—

4. No Candidate at any Election shall directly or indirectly, employ any means of corruption by giving any sum of money, office, place, employment, gratuity, reward or any bond, bill or note, or conveyance of land, or any promise of the same, nor shall he, either by himself, or his authorised agents for that purpose, threaten any Elector with losing any office, salary, income, or advantage, with the intent to corrupt or bribe any Elector to vote for such candidate, or to keep back any Elector from voting for any other candidate, nor shall he open and support or cause to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, any house of public entertainment, or other house, or place whatsoever, for the accommodation or treating of the Electors ; and if any representative returned to the House of Commons, is proved guilty before the proper Tribunal, of using any of the above means to procure his Election, his Election shall be thereby declared void, and he shall be incapable of being a candidate, or being elected, or returned during two Parliaments.

5. Any person convicted of having committed any of the offences defined in sections 1, 2, and 4, of chapter seventeen of the Act 23 *Vic.*, shall in addition to the penalties imposed by that Act, be condemned for any of the said offences to an imprisonment of not less than three nor more than eleven months.

6. Upon its being proved before an Election Committee that the vote of any Elector was obtained by means of corrupt practices, such vote shall be declared null, and the Elector deprived of the exercise of his elective franchise during eight years.

Mr. *Ross*, (Victoria, N. S.)—On Friday next.—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY.—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place in the Estimates, a sum of money for the repairing of the St. Peter's Canal.

Mr. *Masson*, (Terrebonne.)—On Friday next.—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return shewing the number, the description, or the condition of all guns, rifles, arms of all kinds, sets of accoutrements, clothing, and such other Military Stores, as are necessary for the complete equipment of the Militia, in the possession of the Dominion Militia authorities, either as a loan from the Imperial Government or the property of the Dominion.

Mr. *Pelletier*—On Friday next.—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence and documents relating to the establishment of Boards of Mariners for granting certificates of competency to Masters or Mates of sea-going ships, in accordance with the statute of Canada of 1870, 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 17, with a statement showing the names of the different persons forming part of those Boards of Examiners and of the seaports where such Boards are established.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were posted this day for consideration on and after Monday, the 19th instant, by the Committee on *Banking* and *Commerce* viz :—

No. 27. To incorporate the Dominion Life Association.

No. 18, To incorporate the Toronto Corn Exchange Association.

And No. 30. To authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make agreements for the leasing, using, and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies ; by the Committee on *Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.*

No. 15.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the Districts of Beauce, Iberville, Ottawa and Quebec, for the year 1870.

Five Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of *François Xavier Blanchet*, Third Assistant Clerk of Committees of the House of Commons; praying to be placed upon the same footing, in respect to Salary, as the other Officers of the House.

Of the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick; praying for the passing of an Act to limit the time at which the Notes of the said Bank should be redeemable, and to define the notice to be given to the Creditors in respect thereof.

Of the Ontario Bank; praying for certain Amendments to the Act 32 and 33 Vic., Cap. 53, intituled "An Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank."

Of *St. George Harvey*, of the City of Toronto, Managing Director of the United Dominion Sugar Beet-Root Growers and Manufacturers Company; praying for the passing of an Act incorporating the said Company.

Of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company; praying for the passing of an Act authorizing them to extend their line of Railway from a point on the East shore of Lake Nipissing to some point on James' Bay.

Of the Municipality of Denbigh; of the Corporation of the Township of Sheffield, County of Lennox and Addington; of the Municipal Council of the Village of Carleton Place; of *William Croft* and others, of the Township of Lanark; and of the Cobourg, Peterboro' and Marmora Railway and Mining Company; severally praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro' to Ottawa City, *via* Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of the Ottawa Board of Trade; and of the Corporation of the City of Ottawa; severally praying that the Bill now before Parliament respecting the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company, may become law.

Of *Peter Kennedy* and others, of the Counties of Glengarry and Russell; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from some point on the Grand Trunk Railway in the County of Soulanges, at or near Coteau Landing to Alexandria Mills in the County of Glengarry, and thence to the City of Ottawa.

Of *Francis Shanly*, of the City of Toronto, and others; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Dominion Construction Company.

Of *Clarke Gamble*, and others, of the City of Toronto; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Mutual Life Assurance Association of Canada.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* introduced a Bill (No. 34) to amend the Railway Act, 1868.—Second reading on Monday next.

Mr. *Godin* introduced a Bill (No. 35) to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869.—Second reading on Monday next.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* presented Return to an Address of the 27th April, 1870; for a Return of the Petitions or any correspondence in possession of the Government referring to the appointment of a Harbor Master for the port of Halifax.

On motion of Mr. *Young*, an address was voted to His Excellency for a Return of all tenders and other papers connected with letting the contract for the construction of a new Post Office in the City of Toronto.

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, the second and third Reports of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, were concurred in.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing that an equitable and satisfactory division of the surplus debt of the late Province of Canada, between the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario is not likely to be effected in the manner provided by the British North America Act, 1867, and that the difficulties which beset the question have been greatly aggravated by the award rendered by the Arbitrators appointed by the Dominion Government and by the Government of Ontario, in the absence of any Arbitrator for the Province of Quebec, which is regarded by the Government and the people of Quebec as illegal and unjust, and praying that Her Majesty be pleased to recommend the passing of an Act by the Imperial Parliament so amending the British North America Act as to authorize the Parliament of Canada to deal by Legislative enactment with all questions connected with the said surplus debt.

Hon. *Sir George E. Cartier* moved in amendment, that all the words after "That" in the original motion be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"the validity of the award rendered by the Arbitrators "appointed by the Dominion Government and by the Government of Ontario in the absence of any Arbitrator "for the Province of Quebec, being contested by the Province of Quebec; and the Government of Canada having "come to the conclusion not to act on such award until its validity shall have been determined by a competent "judicial tribunal, this House refrains from expressing an opinion on the award so rendered."

Hon. Mr. *Chauveau* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "That" in the proposed amendment be left out, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "it is highly desirable that "the difficulty now existing between the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario concerning the divisions and "adjustments of the debts, liabilities, credits, properties and assets of Upper Canada and of Lower Canada "provided for by the British North America Act, be speedily set at rest, and that this House will give it most "favorable consideration to any measure to be introduced by the Government, having this object in view, and "involving any aid on the part of the Dominion commensurate with the importance of the object itself, and with "our resources; due regard being had to the rights of the other Provinces."

And objection being taken by Mr. *Mills*, Member for the Electoral District of Bothwell, that this motion is not in order, inasmuch as it involves an appropriation, and asks The House to commit itself to an expenditure of money, which cannot be done without a Message from His Excellency the Governor General.

Mr. Speaker decided, "that the said motion is out of order."

Hon. Mr. *Holton* then moved in amendment to the proposed amendment moved by Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* that all the words after "that" in the said amendment be expunged, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"this House regrets that His Excellency the Governor General has not been advised to recommend to this House "to adopt an Address to Her Majesty, the Queen, representing that the division between the Province of Ontario "and the Province of Quebec, of the surplus of the debt of the former Province of Canada, over and above the "sum of $62,500,000, assigned to the Dominion of Canada by the British North America Act, presents great "difficulties, which it has not hitherto been possible to overcome in a satisfactory manner; that the difficulties "resulting as well from the uncertainty as to the amount of the debt to be divided as from the absence of an "acceptable base for the making of such division, and that of the assets remaining in common to those two "Provinces, threaten to give rize to serious embarrassment, and, that for the avoidance of such difficulties, the "debt of the former Province of Canada should be assigned entirely to the Dominion as though it had been so from "the first, with compensation to the Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the share which those "Provinces would have to pay upon the surplus of that debt," and praying Her Majesty to be pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament the passage of an Act to amend the British North America Act in accordance with such representation.

And a Debate arising thereon,—On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*,

The House adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mills*—On Wednesday next—Committee of Whole to consider the following Resolutions.

1. That by the British North America Act 1867, it is declared that it shall be lawful for the Queen by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, on addresses from the Houses of the Parliament of Canada, to admit Rupert's Land and the North-West Territories, or either of them into the Union, upon such terms and conditions in each case as are in the Addresses expressed, and as the Queen thinks fit to approve *subject to the provisions of the said Act*, and the provision of such Order in Council, so far as the same are not in contravention of the provisions of the said Act are to have the same force and effect as if enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

2. That the basis upon which the four Provinces now included within the Union and upon which others may be embraced, is a Federal basis, under which form of Union the powers of the Provincial Legislatures are derived from the same high sonrce as those of the Parliament of Canada, and cannot be altered or abridged by that Parliament and it is essential to the maintenance of the Federal system, that the times and conditions of admission into the Union of the remaining Provinces and Territories of British North America, be settled and secured in like manner.

3. That the North-West Territories and Rupert's Land having been transferred to Canada without any terms and conditions of Government, it is not in the power of this Parliament to Federally unite any Province which may be formed from either of the said Territories to Canada.

4. That in the opinion of this House, any Legislation by the Imperial Parliament, relating to the terms and conditions of the admission of any such Province into the Union, should be based upon Addresses of the two Houses of this Parliament, in the same manner as if the admission were to be had by Order in Council, under the authority of the 146th Section of the British North America Act 1867.

5. That the respective Legislatures of the Provinces now embraced within the Union having agreed to the same on a federal basis which has been sanctioned by the Imperal Parliament, this House is of opinion that any alteration by the Imperial Legislation of the principle of Representation in the House of Commons recognized and fixed by the 51 and 52 Sections of the British North America Act, 1867, without the consent of the several Provinces that were parties to the compact, would be a violation of a fundamental principle in our constitution, and destructive of the independence and security of the Provincial Governments and Legislatures.

Mr. *Pope*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return shewing the several municipalities entitled to indemnity under the Seignorial Act according to Census of 1861, which was to be the basis of destribution.

Mr. *Young*—In amendment to the Election Bill—That sub-section 1 of section 2 be amended by adding the words "take place simultaneously and" after the word "shall" in the third line, so as to make provision that all elections in Ontario and Quebec shall take place simultaneously.

Mr. *Currier*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and *George Sterling*, respecting a claim for damages against the Government by the said *Sterling*, said claim arising through the interference of an officer of the Department of Public Works.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 10TH MARCH, 1871.

Three Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of Messrs. *Donovan* and *Williams*, and others, of the City of Montreal ; and of *Duncan Dewar*, and others, of the Parish of St. Andrews ; severally praying for the passing of an Act granting Letters Patent to the Inventor or first Introducer, or to Inventors alone, irrespective of nationality or residence, but in all cases requiring the establishment and continuous operation of the invention in the Dominion.

Of *S. M. Ryerson*, and others, of Nova Scotia ; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Western Bank.

Of *William Workman*, and others, of the City of Montreal; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada.

Of *Edward Bealer*, and others, of the City of Toronto ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of Canada.

Of the Honorable *Alexander Campbell*, and others; praying for the passing of an Act to incorporate them as the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company.

Of the Corporation of the City of Kingston ; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from the City of Kingston to the Town of Pembroke, and to cross the Ottawa River at or near Pembroke, and to amalgamate with Railway lines in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Of *James Morris*, and others, Seamen, Sailors, and others employed in the Inland Lake Navigation, and upon the Welland Canal ; praying that a small tax may be imposed on the Sailors of all vessels passing through the Welland Canal, to be appropriated to the maintenance of the Marine Branch of the St. Catherine's General and Marine Hospital.

Of *J. H. Gould*, Warden, and others, Members of the Corporation of the County of Lanark ; of *Thomas Jackman*, and others of the County of Lanark ; of *Solomon Johns*, and others, of the Townships of Marmora and Lake ; of *J. W. Turner*, and others, of the Township of Elziver ; of the Corporation of Hungerford ; and of the Municipal Council of the Township of Elziver ; severally praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro' to Ottawa City *viâ* Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Motion being made that the Petition of the St. *George's* Society of Montreal, praying to be re-imbursed certain sums of money expended by them, in providing shelter and food to immigrants ; and also that a suitable

building be erected in the said city, for the reception and more efficient means employed for supplying the wants of indigent immigrants, be now received and read.

Mr. Speaker decided, "that as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of "public money, it cannot be received."

Hon. Mr. *Morris*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

The Committee have considered the Bill (No. 4) for the better protection of Navigable Streams and Rivers, tending (as assumed by the Bill) to obstruct navigation,

Upon this point the Committee are entirely without evidence, and as it is a matter of serious importance, they report the Bill back to The House, and beg to recommend this subject to the consideration of the Government, with a view to an enquiry by commission or otherwise.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, presented the fourth Report of the said Committee, as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed :—

Return to Address, Correspondence, Reports of Engineers, and other documents relating to the leasing by the Government to the Montreal Warehousing Company of a lot of land bordering on the Lachine Canal, (*for distribution only.*)

Statements of Receipts and Payments of the Dominion of Canada for the half-year ended 31st December, 1870, (*for distribution only.*)

Return to Address, Correspondence between the Government of the Dominion and the local Government of Nova Scotia touching the New Public Building at Halifax.

Preliminary Report of the Hon. *J. H. Gray* on the uniformity of the Statutory Laws of the Provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Return to Address, Correspondence that has taken place between the Imperial and Dominion Governments since the 17th February, 1870, on the subject of Copy-rights and reprinting British Copy-right works in Canada. (Extracts only.)

The Committee recommend that the following documents be *not* printed.

Return to Address, Statement shewing the names of all the Employés of the Federal Government employed by any of the Local Governments in connection with the Commission of Arbitration, &c., &c.,

Return to an Order of the House of Commons, shewing the amount paid, and to whom paid, for the sale of Postage Stamps, for the year ending 30th June. 1870.

Official Return of the distribution of the Statutes of Canada, 33 *Vict.*, being 3rd Session of 1st Parliament, 1870.

Return to an Order of the House of Commons, shewing the number of Insurance Companies which have made the deposits required by 31 *Vict.*, Cap. 47.

He also presented the fifth Report, as follows :—

The Contractors for the Binding of Parliament, Messrs. *Hunter Rose* & Co., having sent in an application, praying to be relieved of their Contract, on their providing a properly qualified party, who would enter into the necessary agreements and give the required security : and they having named Mr. *Alexander Mortimer* as a person of long experience in this branch of business, and who has all the facilities necessary for doing the work well and expeditiously, and as the securities he offers are satisfactory, namely Mr. *George Mortimer*, Druggist, and Mr. Alderman *Rowe*, Auctioneer, both of Ottawa, the Committee recommend that the application of Messrs. *Hunter, Rose* & Co., to be released from their Contract for the Binding of Parliament, be accepted ; and that Mr. *Alexander Mortimer* be accepted as Contractor for Parliamentary Binding under the same terms, and for the same period, as Messrs. *Hunter, Rose* & Co.'s Contract would have continued : upon Mr. *Mortimer* furnishing the securities above mentioned.

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Fifth Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the following Petitions, viz : of the Niagara District Bank ; for a renewal of their Charter,—of *Francis Shanly*, and others ; for incorporation of the Dominion Construction Company,—of *Clarke Gamble*, and others ; for incorporation of the Mutual Life Assurance Association of Canada,—and of St. *George Harvey* ; for incorporation of the United Dominion Sugar Beet-Root Growers and Manufacturer's Company.

On the Petition of *Peter Kennedy* and others ; for incorporation of a Company to construct a Railway from Coteau Landing (*via* Alexandria Mills) to Ottawa, The Committee find that the Notices have been published only since the 25th of February. The promoters state, that though long desirous of constructing this road, they were unable to undertake it, until the recent action taken by the Ontario Legislature for affording aid to local Railways,—and that of the Corporation of the City of Montreal, offering a *bonus* in aid of Railway communication with the Ottawa Country, afforded them a prospect of success ; when they immediately published the requisite Notice, and held public meetings for discussing the project, at which it was most favorably received. Under these circumstances the Committee recommended a suspension of the Rule respecting Notice in this case.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to an Address of the 4th May, 1870 ; for a Return shewing so far as the same can at present be ascertained, the number of Bridges, above the size of culverts, required to be constructed on the Intercolonial Railway, the localities where the same are to be built—and the estimated cost ; such return to shew the estimated cost, if the spans are constructed of Timber, and the estimated cost if constructed in Iron. Also a copy of so much of the contracts for the construction of the Road, as contains the provisions, if any, for enabling the Commissioners to substitute Iron for Wood in the construction of Bridges in case it may seem to them desirable to do so.

Return in obedience to the Order of the 20th ult; for a statement of the number of days each of the Commissioners for the Intercolonial Railway was engaged in the performance of the duties of his office at the seat of Government, and on the line of Railway respectively, during the year 1870; also a statement of the sums paid for the travelling expenses of each of the Commissioners during the same year.

Returns to two Orders and one Address of this House, dated respectively the 17th February, 20th February, and 23rd February last; for copies of all Tenders for Works on the Intercolonial Railway since the last Return, and in the same form as printed; also copies of advertisements calling for such Tenders, the names of the newspapers in which such advertisements were inserted, and amount paid for same; also copies of Tenders received for locomotives or other rolling stock, and for rails with the same information regarding advertisements, also a statement shewing the number of engineers, and engineers' assistants, paymasters and other employés in each District and Section on the 1st day of July, 1870, and also the number of men employed in each Contract Section on that day; also copies of all Reports of Engineers, Commissioners or others regarding the change made from the route selected by Major Robinson between Bathurst and the Miramichi River; also copies of all Correspondence between the Railway Commissioners and the Government relative to Contracts and all Orders in Council relative to such Correspondence or Contracts.

Statement shewing the gross amount paid for salaries and wages of Engineers and Staff of the Intercolonial Railway, up to January, 1st, 1871, shewing the number employed on each section and division, and the amount paid for work performed by contractors to the same date.

A Return giving the names of all persons who have tendered for contracts on the Intercolonial Railway since the 19th May, 1869; giving the gross amount of each tender, the rate per mile, and sureties offered, also the names of all persons to whom contracts have been awarded since the above date, stating the gross amount and rate per mile at which each contract has been let, and the sureties given by each Contractor; also the whole extent of work performed by each Contractor since the 31st December, 1869, giving the monthly progress in each section, as well as the aggregate amount of work done and the estimated value of such work: also the names of all Engineers, Assistants, and Employés who have been dismissed or suspended on each section since the 31st December, 1869, giving the date of each dismissal or suspension, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each person at the time of his dismissal or suspension; also the names of all persons who have been in any way employed by the Commissioners on each section since the last mentioned date, and the amount of their salaries or allowances; also the names of all persons at present employed by the Commissioners on each section, and the amount of salary or allowance payable to each, and the nature of his occupation or employment.

Hon. Mr. *Abbott* introduced a Bill (No. 36) respecting the Merchant's Bank of Canada.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald* (Glengarry) the 51st Rule was suspended in relation to a Bill to incorporate a Company to construct a Railway, from Montreal to Ottawa, to be called "The Montreal Junction and Ottawa City Railway Company."

He then introduced the said Bill (No. 33), which was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Pickard* introduced a Bill (No. 24) to incorporate "The Fredericton and Saint *Mary*'s Bridge Company."

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Hon. Mr. *Cameron* (Peel) introduced a Bill (No. 40) to amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.—

Also, a Bill (No. 41) to amend the Charter of the Dominion Bank.—

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.—

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* introduced a Bill (No. 42) to amend the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament. Second reading on Friday next.

Also, a Bill (No. 43) to amend the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada.—Second reading on Friday next.—

He also presented,—Return to Address of the 27th ult.; for copies of all correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Reverend *William Morley Punshon* and others, in reference to the appointment of a Chaplain or Chaplains to accompany the late Military Expedition to the Province of Manitoba.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton* all the Returns laid before The House respecting the Intercolonial Railway, were referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

A Message was received from the Senate with the following Bill of their own (No. 44), intituled, "An Act "to make further provision for the Government of the North West Territories," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, read the first time. Second reading on Friday next.)

On motion of Hon. Sir *Geoorge E. Cartier*, it was *Resolved*, That during the remainder of the Session, Government business and Orders do have precedence on Wednesdays.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of Ways and Means.

Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt* moved in amendment, that Mr. Speaker do not now leave the Chair, but that it be *Resolved*, That this House regards the continuous and rapid increase in the ordinary expenses of Government as excessive and uncalled for, and believes that unless more strict economy be observed in the general outlay of the country, grave evils will speedily arise; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Béchard, Bourassa, Carmichael Cartwright, Cheval, Cimon, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Paquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Scatcherd, Snider, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario). Wells, and Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—35.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbot, Anglin, Archambault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bolton, Bowell, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George Et.), Cayley, Chauveau, Chipman, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Forbes, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Grant, Gray, Grover, Harrison, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Keeler, Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges,) Masson (Terrebonne,) McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Perry, Pickard, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Savary. Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith, Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County.)—91.

The House then went into Committee of Ways and Means.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal so much of Section 11 of the Customs Act of last Session, 33 *Vic.* Cap. 9, as authorizes the addition of five per cent. to the duties imposed by the preceding sections of that Act or by the Act therein cited, as thereby amended.

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again on Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Street*—On Monday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. That it is expedient that power be given to attach ships and vessels for provisions furnished and repairs made to them by a summary process.

2. That where there is no Admiralty Court or Admiralty Jurisdiction such process shall issue out of the County Court or Court of Inferior Jurisdiction.

3. That under such process proceedings may be had to judgment, and ships or vessels so attached may be sold thereupon.

4. That a Bill shall be founded on these Resolutions with the necessary forms of procedure thereon.

Mr. *Pickard*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for an account in detail for all monies received on account of Private Bills in this Parliament since the 1st July, 1867; with the names of the parties that the money was received from, also the names of parties having money returned, if any.

Mr. *Keeler*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Has the Government received the Report of the Canal Commissioners, and if so, when will it be laid before this House.

Mr. *Keeler*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place a sum in the Estimates for dredging the entrance to Presqu' Isle harbor.

Mr. *Keeler*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make any arrangement for the observance of the first day of July as a general holiday for the Dominion.

Mr. *Baker*—On Monday next—BILL to amend the Act Cap. 6 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration on and after Tuesday, the 21st instant :—

By the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

No. 36. Respecting the Merchants' Bank of Canada.
No. 40. To amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank.

By the Committee on Private Bills.

No. 24. To incorporate "The Fredericton and Saint *Mary*'s Bridge Company."

By the Committee on Railways, etc.

No. 33. To incorporate a Company to construct a Railway from Montreal to Ottawa, to be called "The Montreal Junction and Ottawa City Railway Company."—

No. 17.

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VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 13TH MARCH, 1871.

Two Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *William Bourk*, Reeve, and others, of the Township of Oso ; and of the Corporation of the Township of Oso ; severally praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a company, for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro' to Ottawa City, via Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of *N. Pettis*, and others, of the District of Bedford, Province of Quebec ; praying for the passing of an Act, authorizing them to establish a Bank in the said District.

Of *John Henry Dumble*, of the Town of Cobourg, and others ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Forsythe Iron Mining Company.

Of Messrs. *John Matthewson* and Son, and others, Soap Manufacturers in Canada ; praying for the repeal of the duty imposed upon Tallow, imported into Canada, from the United States.

Of the North Shore Railway Company ; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize them, under certain restrictions, to erect fixed bridges over navigable rivers instead of swing or draw bridges.

Of the Dominion Telegraph Company ; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew ; praying that an Act may be passed, to incorporate a company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from the City of Kingston to the Town of Pembroke, and to cross the Ottawa River at or near Pembroke, and to amalgamate with Railway lines in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Of His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton, and others ; praying for the passing of an Act, empowering the Synod of the Church of England in the Province of New Brunswick, to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada.

Mr. *Harrison*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the second Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 19) to authorize the incorporated Village of Trenton to impose and collect Harbor dues, without amendment.

Mr. *Cartwright* introduced a Bill (No. 47) to comprise in one Act the financial affairs of the Great Western Railway Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* presented Return to Address of the 8th inst.: for a Return shewing the quantity of grain, flour and meal, imported into the Dominion, for the year 1870, and that the said Return do set forth in detail the number of bushels of each kind of grain separately, shewing the number of bushels so imported free of duty, and the number of bushels paying duty, also number of barrels of flour and meal separately dutiable or free of duty, also shewing the total amount of duties collected during the year 1870 on the foregoing importations separately and distinctly.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* presented Return to Address of the 8th inst.; for Returns shewing the total amount of Sterling Exchange purchased by the Dominion Government during the year 1870 and also to present date; shewing the rates paid and from what Bank purchased; also stating what amount was in Canadian Bank Bills as well as the amount of New-York Bankers' Bills or any other Bills drawn outside the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th ult. ; for Report of Engineer of the Department of Public Works on the application for permission to erect a Railway Bridge across the Lachine Canal on the line of Wellington Street ; and all papers connected therewith.

Return to Address of the 20th ult. ; for a Return of all correspondence, orders in Council, tenders and other documents connected with, and relating to the construction of a Harbor of Refuge on lakes Huron and Erie, since the last return.

Return to Address of the 1st inst. ; for copies of all correspondence, orders in Council and reports of Engineers, or other persons employed by the Department of Public Works, in relation to a survey connected with the construction of a Harbor of Refuge at Rimouski ; also a statement of the cost of such survey, and copies of all other documents relating thereto.

Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented,—Return to Address of the 17th ult. ; for copies of all instructions to the Hon. *A. G. Archibald,* Lieut.-Governor of Manitoba and of the North West Territories ; also copies of all orders in Council relative to the said Province since January, 1870, not already published ; also copies of all reports and official correspondence between the Lieutenant-Governor and the Dominion Government, from the date of his appointment.

Report of the Indian branch of the Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces.

Mr. *Street* moved that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go into Committee to consider the following Resolutions :

1. *Resolved,* That it is expedient that power be given to attach ships and vessels for provisions furnished and repairs made to them by a summary process.

2. *Resolved,* That where there is no Admiralty Court or Admiralty Jurisdiction such process shall issue out of the County Court or Court of Inferior Jurisdiction.

3. *Resolved,* That under such process proceedings may be had to judgment, and ships or vessels so attached may be sold thereupon.

4. *Resolved,* That a Bill shall be founded on these Resolutions with the necessary forms of procedure thereon.

And a debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

A Message was received from the Senate with the following Bill of their own (No. 48), intituled: "An Act to further amend the Act respecting fishing by foreign vessels," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Hon. Mr. *Tupper,* read the first time. Second reading to-morrow.)

Mr. Speaker made the following Statement to The House :—

"I observe that it is inferred in the Journals of the 9th of March, that upon objection taken by the Honorable Member for Bothwell, the motion of the Honorable Member for Quebec County was declared out of Order, for the reason there alleged. I desire to correct that entry, the motion was out of Order, in my opinion, not because it proposed an appropriation of public money within the meaning of the 54th section of the British North America Act, and should have been preceded by Message, but because it involved an increase to the public debt, and should therefore have been first considered in Committee of the Whole.

I am aware that it is doubted whether it is a correct rule of Parliamentary practice, that every abstract proposition, which, if acted on, would increase the public debt of the Country, should be first considered in Committee, but my opinion on the point has been expressed on two or three occasions, and I shall so continue to decide, unless The House should think proper to express a contrary opinion. This rule, however, being self-imposed, may be enforced or relaxed as The House shall determine. But the Constitutional rule, contained in the 54th section of the Imperial Act is one that being absolutely binding should be neither extended nor restrained by implication, but should at all times be most guardedly considered by The House.

I desire therefore to correct the error in the Journal, so that the precedent shall not be understood as having any relation to the 54th clause of the Constitutional Act."

Ordered, That Mr. Speaker's decision as above be entered upon the Journals of this House.

The House resumed the further consideration of Hon. Mr. *Dorion's* proposed motion, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, representing that an equitable and satisfactory division of the surplus debt of the late Province of Canada, between the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario is not likely to be effected in the manner provided by the British North America Act, 1867, and that the difficulties which beset the question have been greatly aggravated by the award rendered by the Arbitrators appointed by the Dominion Government and by the Government of Ontario, in the absence of any Arbitrator for the Province of Quebec, which is regarded by the Government and the people of Quebec as illegal and unjust, and praying that Her

Majesty be pleased to recommend the passing of an Act by the Imperial Parliament so amending the British North America Act as to authorize the Parliament of Canada to deal by Legislative enactment with all questions connected with the said surplus debt, and of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s motion in amendment thereto, and which motion is, that all the words after "That" in the original motion be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"the validity of the award rendered by the Arbitrators appointed by the Dominion Govern-"ment and by the Government of Ontario in the absence of any Arbitrator for the Province of Quebec, being "contested by the Province of Quebec; and the Government of Canada having come to the conclusion not to act "on such award until its validity shall have been determined by a competent judicial tribunal, this House "refrains from expressing an opinion on the award so rendered;" and of Hon. Mr. *Holton*'s amendment, to the proposed amendment moved by Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, that all the words after "that" in the said amendment be expunged, and the following inserted instead thereof:—"this House regrets that His Excellency the "Governor General has not been advised to recommend to this House to adopt an Address to Her Majesty, the "Queen, representing that the division between the Province of Ontario and the Province of Quebec, of the "surplus of the debt of the former Province of Canada, over and above the sum of $62,500,000, assigned to the "Dominion of Canada by the British North America Act, presents great difficulties, which it has not hitherto "been possible to overcome in a satisfactory manner; that the difficulties resulting as well from the uncertainty "as to the amount of the debt to be divided as from the absence of an acceptable base for the making of such "division, and that of the assets remaining in common to those two Provinces, threaten to give rise to serious "embarrassment, and, that for the avoidance of such difficulties, the debt of the former Province of Canada "should be assigned entirely to the Dominion as though it had been so from the first, with compensation to the "Provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia for the share which those Provinces would have to pay upon "the surplus of that debt, and praying Her Majesty to be pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament the "passage of an Act to amend the British North America Act in accordance with such representation."

And the question being put on Hon. Mr. *Holton*'s amendment,—it was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Barthe, Béchard, Bourassa, Cheval, Cimon, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Joly, Paquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Tremblay.—16.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartier (Sir George Et.), Cartwright, Cayley, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Grant, Grover, Harrison, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Howe, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kempt, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), MacFarlane, Magill, Masson (Soulanges,) Masson (Terrebonne,) McDougall (Lanark,) McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Victoria, O.,) Oliver, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Savary, Scatcherd, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Snider, Street, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Wells, White, Whitehead, Willson, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—95.

And the House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight,

TUESDAY, 14th March, 1871.

And the question being again put on Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s proposed amendment;

Mr. *Mills* moved in amendment thereto, that all the words after the word "that" in the original motion be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"the division of the excess of debt of the former Province of Canada over and above the sum of $62,500,000 assigned to the Dominion of Canada by the British North America Act, having been referred to arbitrators appointed under the authority of the said Act, and a majority of the arbitrators so appointed having made an award, this House is of opinion that the Government in an adjustment of accounts between each Province and the Dominion should act upon the basis of the award;" which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Ault, Bowell, Brown, Cameron, (Huron), Cartwright, Dobbie, Drew, Kempt, Little, MacFarlane, Magill, McDougall (Lanark), Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Scatcherd, Snider, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wells, White, Whitehead, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.) —25.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bourassa, Brousseau, Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Cheval, Cimon, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Delorme, Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Fortin, Fournier, Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Grant, Grover, Harrison, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Howe, Irvine, Jackson, Joly, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald, (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, Moffat, Morris, Pâquet, Pelletier, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Pozer, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Robitaille, Walsh, Willson, Wright (Ottawa County).—84.

Mr. *Joly* then moved in amendment, that the following words be added to the said proposed motion after the word "rendered" at the end thereof:—"but this House regrets that the Government of Canada did not take

any action, in order to suspend the proceedings of the two remaining arbitrators, before their award was rendered when requested so to do by the Government of the Province of Quebec;" which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Barthe, Béchard, Bourassa, Cheval, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Joly, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Tremblay.—15.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartier, (Sir George E.) Cartwright, Cayley, Cimon, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne Dunkin, Ferris, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Grover, Harrison, Hincks, (Sir Francis) Holmes, Howe, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kempt, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), MacFarlane, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria, O.) Oliver, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain) Ross (Wellington, C. R.) Savary, Scatcherd, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Snider, Street, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Wells, White, Whitehead, Willson, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—95.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier's* amendment was then agreed to on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Archambeault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Brousseau, Cameron, (Inverness,) Caron, Cartier Sir George E., Cayley, Colby, Costsgan, Crawford, (Brockville,) Crawford, (Leeds,) Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Grover, Harrison, Hincks Sir Francis, Holmes, Howe, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lawson, McDonald, (Antigonish,) McDonald, (Lunenburg,) Masson, (Soulanges,) Masson, (Terrebonne,) McDougall, (Three Rivers,) McGreevy, Moffatt, Morris, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross, (Champlain,) Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Snider, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Willson, Wright, (Ottawa County.)—68.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Béchard, Bourassa, Bowell, Brown, Cameron, (Huron,) Cartwright, Cheval, Cimon, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Joly, Kempt, Lapum, MacFarlane, Magill, McDougall, (Lanark,) Metcalfe, Mills, Morison, (Victoria, O.) Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Ross, (Wellington, C. R.,) Scatcherd, Thompson, (Haldimand,) Thompson, (Ontario,) Tremblay, Wells, White, Whitehead, Wright, (York, Ontario, W. R.)—40.

The main motion, as amended, was then agreed to on a division.

The House then adjourned at 10 minutes to one A. M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Brousseau*—On Wednesday next—Adoption of the Fourth Report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Brousseau*—On Wednesday next—Adoption of the Fifth Report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Wednesday next—BILL—Entitled "An Act respecting the Oakville Harbour.

Mr. *Scatcherd*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place the Volunteers called out during the last Fenian raid on the same footing in respect to a grant of land with the Volunteers in Manitoba.

Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges)—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for statement shewing all sums of money for costs of survey and explorations of the line of the Beauharnois Canal, the amount of the estimate of the probable cost of the said canal made by the Engineers, the amounts expended and paid over and above the estimate of the said Engineers for the final construction of the said canal: also a statement shewing the sums of money paid the Seignior of Beauharnois as indemnity for his Seignorial rights the amount paid as compensation and damages for right of way and dividing lands, the amounts expended and paid for dredges, wharves, piers, dams, lighthouses, indemnities for injury to property, repairs of public roads, costs of arbitration, compensation, fees paid to commissioners, provincial arbitrators or others employed for the settlement of damages, including their travelling expenses and board and lodging, fees of advocates and notaries employed, and law costs. The whole to form a Statement shewing fully all sums of money expended and paid and constituting the cost of the said Beauharnois Canal (on the south side of Coteau Rapids) from the first day of its construction to this day.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The bill (No. 47) to comprise into one Act the financial affairs of the Great Western Railway Company, was this day posted for consideration on and after Friday, the 24th instant, by the Committee on Railways, etc.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 14TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of Saint Francis, for the year 1870.

Four Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Harrison*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the third Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 28) to extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of harbor dues by the Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound, with amendments.

Hon. Mr. *Gray*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the sixth Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the following Petitions, viz:—Of *William Workman* and others; for incorporation of the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada,—Of *N. Pettis* and others; for an Act of incorporation to establish a Bank in the District of Bedford, Province of Quebec,—Of the Hon. *Alexander Campbell* and others; for incorporation of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company,—Of the North Shore Railway Company; for power to build, fixed, in place of Swing Bridges over Navigable Rivers,—Of His Lordship the Bishop of Fredericton and others; for power to the Synod of the Church of England in New Brunswick to unite with the Provincial Synod of Canada,—Of *John Henry Dumble* and others; for incorporation of the *Forsythe* Iron Mining Company,—Of the Dominion Telegraph Company; for an Act of incorporation,—And of *Edward Bealer* and others; for incorporation of the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of Canada.

On the Petition of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company, for authority to extend their line of Railway from Lake Nipissing to James' Bay, the Committee find that the Notice was published in the *Canada Gazette* only, but as the route of the proposed extension is at present far remote from settlement, a Notice in the locality or its neighborhood could not be given, the Committee recomended that the Notice be considered sufficient.

On the Petition of *S. M. Ryerson* and others, of Nova Scotia; for incorporation of the Western Bank, the Committee find that the publication of Notice commenced only since the beginning of the Session, the Petitioners having been under the erroneous impression that they could obtain a Charter from the Governor in Council under the General Banking Act of last Session; as however the whole Banking system will come under revision during the present Session, the Committee recommend a suspension of the Rule relative to Notice in this case.

Mr. *Harrison* introduced a Bill (No. 45) to incorporate the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of Canada.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Mr. *Harrison*, the 51st Rule was suspended in relation to a Bill to extend the powers of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company.

He then introduced the said Bill (No. 49), which was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* introduced a Bill (No. 51) to incorporate the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Also, a Bill (No. 50) to incorporate the Forsyth Iron Mining Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The House went into Committee to consider certain Resolutions for the amendment of the Law respecting Banks and Banking.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to consolidate the provisions of the Act of the now last Session respecting Banks and Banking (33 *Vic.*, cap. 11), those of the Act respecting Banks (31 *Vic.*, cap. 11) and such of the provisions of the several Acts incorporating Banks as have been found most beneficial, into one general Act to be made applicable to all Banks, hereinafter to be incorporated in the Dominion, and to all existing Banks whose charters would expire before the end of the now next Session of Parliament, or have been continued by charter under the said Act of the now last Session, and by such Act to continue the charters of all such existing Banks until the end of the Session commencing next after the first day of January, 1881.

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient in such Act to provide that the Act may by Order in Council be made applicable to any Bank in the Dominion whose charter would not expire within the period aforesaid, on the application of such Bank, and the observance of certain conditions.

Resolutions to be Reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, and being read a second time, were agreed to.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 53) relating to Banks and Banking.—Second reading on Friday next.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, The House resolved to go into Committee on Friday next, to consider a series of Resolutions, respecting the admission of British Columbia into Union with Canada.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Morris*, The House resolved to go into Committee, to-morrow, to consider certain resolutions for the establishing of a uniform system of Weights and Measures throughout Canada.

On motion of Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee, to-morrow, to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to amend and consolidate, and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada, the Laws respecting the Inspection of certain Staple Articles of Canadian produce.

The Resolution adopted in Committee of the Whole affirming the expediency of indemnifying the Government, for having authorized the issue of a special warrant for $200,000, to provide for the defence of the Dominion, in repelling the Fenian invasion in the month of May last, was reported, and being read a second time, was agreed to, as follows :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to indemnify the Members of the Executive Council, the Auditor General, and all other officers and persons connected in the issue of a Special Warrant by His Excellency the Governor General, on the 27th day of May, 1870, upon an Order in Council made the same day, under the provisions of the thirty-fifth Section of the Act 31, *Vic.*, Cap. 5. for the advance of the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, towards defraying the expenses occasioned by the attack on the frontier and threatened invasion by the Fenians, or in the expenditure of $198,289 35 for the said purpose, out of the said sum of $200,000; detailed accounts of such expenditure, up to the 30th day of June, 1870, having been laid before Parliament in the Public Accounts for the fiscal year ending on that day, and detailed accounts of such expenditure since that day, with copies of the said Order in Council and Warrant, having been included in the statement of the Auditor General, laid before Parliament on the third day of the present Session by the Minister of Finance, and all the requirements of the Act aforesaid in the premises having been duly complied with.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 54) to indemnify the Members of the Executive Government and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of Public Money, in excess of the Parliamentary Grant, incurred in repelling the threatened invasion of the Fenians in 1870.—Second reading on Friday next.

The Bill (No. 16) to make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, was considered in Committee of the Whole;—and progress having been reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again, to-morrow.

The Bill (No. 26) for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, and amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered for a third reading, to-morrow.

The House went again into Committee to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of Savings Banks, and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the rate of interest to be paid on deposits in such Savings Banks, shall be such as the Governor in Council may, from time to time, direct, not less than four and not exceeding five per cent. per annum; and to make provisions for the payment of interest and the repayment of deposits, and other expenses of the said Savings Banks, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the said Assistants to the Receiver General shall be agents for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes under Section 5 of the Act 31 *Vic.*, Cap. 4, and shall have the keeping of the Dominion Stock books at the places for which they are appointed, and that the Governor in Council may authorize the issue of Dominion five per cent. Stock, under the said Act, the public debt not being increased by such issue beyond the amount for which there may at the time be special Parliamentary authority.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal Sections 73 and 75 of the Post Office Act, 1867, and to make other provision to prevent the increase of the public debt by deposits in Savings Banks, or the issue of the said five per cent. Stock.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the Governor in Council may, in his discretion, appoint an Assistant Receiver General, and establish a Savings Bank, at the City of Toronto or of Montreal, or in the Province of Manitoba, or in any other Province which may hereafter form part of the Dominion, and that to any such Assistant or Savings Bank the foregoing provisions shall apply.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the St. John's Savings Bank, N.B., established under Acts of the Legislature of that Province, shall be and shall be held to have been since the 1st of July, 1867, a Government Savings Bank, under the control of the Governor in Council and the property, assets, and liabilities thereof to have been then transferred to and assumed by the Dominion, subject always to a proper allowance for any surplus or deficiency of such property and assets, as compared with such liabilities, in the settlement of the accounts between the Dominion and the said Province.

7. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to make provisions with respect to the several Savings Banks established in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, under the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, 4, 5 *Vic.*, Cap. 32 (1841), which is only continued in force until the end of the present Session or under special Charters or Acts of Incorporation of the said Legislature, and for that purpose to continue the said Act until the end of the now next Session, and to provide that in the meantime the Trustees or Managers of any such Savings Bank may declare their option—1. To transfer to the Dominion Government the assets and liabilities of the institution, which shall be thereafter carried on as a Government Savings Bank, or —2. To transfer the same to a chartered bank, or—3. To continue the institution under a charter to be granted by the Governor, with a certain amount of capital, and under proper enactments for the security of the depositors.

8. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that if the trustees or managers of such Savings Bank, decide on transferring the same to the Dominion Government, the Governor in Council, being satisfied of the solvency of the Institution, and the sufficiency of its assets to cover its liabilities, and the expediency of such transfer, may, by Order in Council, provide for the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the Government of the Dominion, after which such Institution shall become a Government Savings Bank, and be subject to the provisions mentioned in the first four of the preceding Resolutions, so far as they can apply.

9. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that if any such Savings' Bank be continued under a Charter, the rate of interest to be paid to depositors shall be from time to time fixed by the Governor in Council, but shall not be less than four nor more than five per cent. per annum, and that all deposit monies beyond the amount of the capital of the Bank shall be invested in Dominion Stock bearing interest at a rate exceeding by one per cent. per annum, that so fixed and which may be issued at par to the Bank, such stock not to be transferable, but to be redeemable at such times and after such notice as may be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

10. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that every person, corporation or institution receiving money in small sums, on deposit at interest as savings, shall be bound to make such returns as to such deposits, and the investment thereof, as the Governor in Council may from time to time require, and to register with the Minister of Finance, and notify in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct, the name of the institution, and that of the officer or person on whom process may be served in any suit or proceeding.

11. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that the capital represented by deposits in the Savings Banks in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in deposit accounts as to which there have been no deposits or withdrawals since 1st July, 1867, shall not be charged against those Provinces respectively as part of the debt with which they entered the Union, but that all such accounts shall be transferred to a Suspense Ledger, and if hereinafter any deposit or withdrawal be made in any such account, it shall be removed from the Suspense Ledger, and the capital represented by such account and the interest accrued since 1st July, 1867, shall be charged against Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, as the case may be.

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the (Bill No. 25) relating to Banks and Banking, was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The House went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

2. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to empower the Governor in Council, from time to time to transfer to the list of Free Goods, any or all materials (whether natural products or products of manufactures) used in Canadian manufactures.

3. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to empower the Governor in Council to admit free of duty any machinery to be used in any Canadian manufactory, on satisfactory evidence that like machinery is not then manufactured in Canada.

4. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide, that a statement of all such exemptions from duty, under the first two of the previous Resolutions, and of all articles admitted free of duty, under the third Resolution, be laid before Parliament, within the first fifteen days of the then next Session thereof.

5. *Resolved*.—That it is expedient to impose an export duty of one dollar and fifty cents per cord, on hemlock bark exported from Canada.

6. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient to provide that the same duties of customs as are chargeable in Manitoba under the Act of last Session, 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 3, shall be chargeable on goods imported into any part of the North Western Territory.

7. *Resolved*,—That it is expedient that the first Resolution shall take effect on and from the 16th instant.

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the Dominion of Canada, from all sources, for the half year ended the 31st December, 1870, and laid before The House on the 7th instant, was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax).—In amendment to the Currency Bill—That it be referred back to Committee of the Whole to add the following clauses, viz :

That for and during the period of six months after this Act comes into operation, the Dominion Government shall be bound to redeem all the silver coins in circulation in the Province of Nova Scotia on the basis of its value now current in that Province, say twenty English shillings for a sovereign.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of the land taken for Railway purposes on section number 4 and 11 of the Intercolonial Railway, the quantity taken from each person and amount paid for land, also for buildings, the sums paid appraisers for their services in all on number 4 and 11, and also the sum paid for legal service in connection therewith.

Mr. *Mills*—On Thursday next—That an Order of this House do issue to the proper officer to cause to be laid before this House a tabular statement of the quantity and value of the various kinds of articles imported into British Columbia for the last fiscal year, of which there are available returns, the amount of duties collected upon each, and the amount which would have been collected had the present Canadian Tariff been in force.

Hon. Mr. *Morris*—On Wednesday next—That The House do on a future day go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That it is expedient to amend section 7, of the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 N. C. 50, by providing, that, parafine wax in a solid state, grease for lubricating purposes and being fluid, lubricating oil made from crude petroleum without being subjected to any process of distillation, tar and other refuse removed from the still without passing through the worm or condenser, and any article produced from such tar or refuse without further process of distillation shall be exempt from any duty of excise.

2. That it is expedient to amend section 29, of the Act 33 *Vic.*, cap., 3, (To establish and provide for the Government of the Province of Manitoba), by authorizing the Governor in Council to reduce any or all of the duties of excise, payable on the said Province during the period of three years from the passing of the said Act, under any provisions of the laws of Canada respecting Inland Revenue, which he may see fit to declare applicable to the said Province, to such rates as he may deem expedient in view of the duties of customs payable during that period on like articles imported into the said Province.

Mr. *Burpee*—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return shewing the quantity of coal, coke, wheat, corn and other grain, wheat and rye flour and meal, imported into each of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick respectively from the 7th April to the 31st December, 1870, the amount of duty collected on such articles respectively in each Province; also the quantity of such articles on which duties were paid or received which were afterwards shipped from each of said Provinces either in bond or subject to a drawback of such duties, also the quantity of such articles being the produce of any one of the Provinces which was shipped therefrom to each of the other said Provinces between the dates above mentioned.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* on Friday next—That the House do then go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to sell and convey to such party as may be willing to purchase the same and for such price and on such terms as the Governor in Council may see fit, the Harbour of Oakville in the Township of Trafalgar in the Province of Ontario, with the tolls and all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining, granted to *William Chisholm* by the Act of the Legislature of the then Province of Upper Canada, 4th *Geo.* 4th Chapter 19, for the term of fifty years ending on the 25th of March 1878, at the end of which they were to become vested in the Crown and afterwards under the Acts of the said Legislature 1st *Will.* 4 Chapter 24, and 3 *Will.* 4 Chapter 50, assigned by way of mortgage for the remainder of the said term to the then Receiver General of the said Province in trust for the Crown as security for the sum of £2500 lent to the said *W. Chisholm* to complete the said Harbour, and now due and owing to Her Majesty with a large sum for interest thereon and that the said sale and conveyance should be made quit and clear of the said mortgage as well as of all rights and claims of the said *W. Chishom* and his representatives to the end that out of the price for which such sale may be made the sum due to Her Majesty as aforesaid be first paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, and the balance, if any, to such parties as may be entitled thereto as representing the said *W. Chisholm*.

Mr. *McDonald* (Antigonish)—Thursday next—Address to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return of all monies paid by the Dominion Government, since July 1st, 1867, on account of previous contracts entered into by the Governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and charged to the debt of those Provinces respectively.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration on after Saturday, the 25th instant :—

By the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

No. 45. To incorporate the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of Canada.

By the Committee on Railways, etc.

No. 49. To extend the powers of the Toronto and Nipissing Railway Company.
No. 51. To incorporate the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company.

By the Committee on Private Bills.

No. 50. To incorporate the Forsythe Iron Mining Company.

No. 19.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House.—Statement of the *Caisse d'Economie de Notre Dame de Québec*, on the 31st May, 1870.

Four Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The Petition of Messrs. *Black* Brothers, and Company, Merchants and others, of Halifax, Nova Scotia; praying that no change may be made at present in the currency of Nova Scotia, was received and read.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* laid before The House,—by command of His Excellency, Annual Report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, for the year ending, 30th June, 1870.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* presented,—Return to Address of the 20th ult., for a statement of all claims made upon the Dominion Government consequent on the Insurrection in the North West Territories, and payments made, if any, with copies of all Orders in Council, Official Reports, or other documents relating to such claims for damages; also, a statement of claims made by the so-called Delegates, Messrs. *Scott*, *Richot*, and *Black*, for expenses or compensation, and the amounts paid; and, also, a statement of all other personal claims made and amounts paid, with copies of Orders in Council, and all other documents relating to all such claims.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Morris*, The House resolved to go into Committee on Friday next to consider certain Resolutions, declaring it expedient to amend section seven of the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 50, and section 29 of the Act 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 3, (to establish and provide for the Government of the Province of Manitoba.)

The Bill (No. 26.) for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue, was read a third time and passed.

The Resolution, adopted in Committee of the Whole, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, on the subject of Savings Banks; and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes, was reported; and being read a second time, was agreed to, as follows:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide additional facilities, in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, for the deposit of savings at interest with the security of the Dominion Government for the payment of interest and the repayment of the principal, and for that purpose to authorize the appointment of an Assistant

to the Receiver General in each of the said Provinces, who shall have the management of the head office of the Government Savings Bank in the Province for which he is appointed, and to empower the Governor in Council to establish Branch Savings Banks in the said Provinces, to be under the management of agents to be appointed by the Governor, the Collectors of Customs in New Brunswick now authorized to receive deposits of savings, continuing as such agents until others are appointed in their stead.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole, yesterday, on the subject of Savings Banks ; and also of the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes, were reported ; and being read a second time, were agreed to, as follows :—

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient that the rate of interest to be paid on deposits in such Savings Banks, shall be such as the Governor in Council may, from time to time, direct, not less than four and not exceeding five per cent. per annum ; and to make provisions for the payment of interest and the repayment of deposits, and other expenses of the said Savings Banks, out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the said Assistants to the Receiver General shall be agents for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes under Section 5 of the Act 31 *Vic.*, Cap. 4, and shall have the keeping of the Dominion Stock books at the places for which they are appointed, and that the Governor in Council may authorize the issue of Dominion five per cent. Stock, under the said Act, the public debt not being increased by such issue beyond the amount for which there may at the time be special Parliamentary authority.

4. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to repeal Sections 73 and 75 of the Post Office Act, 1867, and to make other provision to prevent the increase of the public debt by deposits in Savings Banks, or the issue of the said five per cent. Stock.

5. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the Governor in Council may, in his discretion, appoint an Assistant Receiver General, and establish a Savings Bank, at the City of Toronto or of Montreal, or in the Province of Manitoba, or in any other Province which may hereafter form part of the Dominion, and that to any such Assistant or Savings Bank the foregoing provisions shall apply.

6. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the St. John's Savings Bank, N.B., established under Acts of the Legislature of that Province, shall be and shall be held to have been since the 1st of July, 1867, a Government Savings Bank, under the control of the Governor in Council and the property, assets, and liabilities thereof to have been then transferred to and assumed by the Dominion, subject always to a proper allowance for any surplus or deficiency of such property and assets, as compared with such liabilities, in the settlement of the accounts between the Dominion and the said Province.

7. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to make provisions with respect to the several Savings Banks established in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, under the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, 4, 5 *Vic.*, Cap. 32 (1841), which is only continued in force until the end of the present Session or under special Charters or Acts of Incorporation of the said Legislature, and for that purpose to continue the said Act until the end of the now next Session, and to provide that in the meantime the Trustees or Managers of any such Savings Bank may declare their option—1. To transfer to the Dominion Government the assets and liabilities of the institution, which shall be thereafter carried on as a Government Savings Bank, or —2. To transfer the same to a chartered bank, or—3. To continue the institution under a charter to be granted by the Governor, with a certain amount of capital, and under proper enactments for the security of the depositors.

8. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that if the trustees or managers of such Savings Bank, decide on transferring the same to the Dominion Government, the Governor in Council, being satisfied of the solvency of the Institution, and the sufficiency of its assets to cover its liabilities, and the expediency of such transfer, may, by Order in Council, provide for the transfer of its assets and liabilities to the Government of the Dominion, after which such Institution shall become a Government Savings Bank, and be subject to the provisions mentioned in the first four of the preceding Resolutions, so far as they can apply.

9. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that if any such Savings' Bank be continued under a Charter, the rate of interest to be paid to depositors shall be from time to time fixed by the Governor in Council, but shall not be less than four nor more than five per cent. per annum, and that all deposit monies beyond the amount of the capital of the Bank shall be invested in Dominion Stock bearing interest at a rate exceeding by one per cent. per annum, that so fixed and which may be issued at par to the Bank, such stock not to be transferable, but to be redeemable at such times and after such notice as may be prescribed by the Governor in Council.

10. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that every person, corporation or institution receiving money in small sums, on deposit at interest as savings, shall be bound to make such returns as to such deposits, and the investment thereof, as the Governor in Council may from time to time require, and to register with the Minister of Finance, and notify in such manner as the Governor in Council may direct, the name of the institution, and that of the officer or person on whom process may be served in any suit or proceeding.

11. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide that the capital represented by deposits in the Savings Banks in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in deposit accounts as to which there have been no deposits or withdrawals since 1st July, 1867, shall not be charged against those Provinces respectively as part of the debt with which they entered the Union, but that all such accounts shall be transferred to a Suspense Ledger, and if hereinafter any deposit or withdrawal be made in any such account, it shall be removed from the Suspense Ledger, and the capital represented by such account and the interest accrued since 1st July, 1867, shall be charged against Nova Scotia or New Brunswick, as the case may be.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 55) to provide additional facilities for the deposit of savings at interest with the security of Government ; and for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.—Second reading on Tuesday next.

Also a Bill (No. 56) respecting certain Savings Banks in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.—Second reading on Tuesday next.

The Resolution adopted in Committee of the Whole of Ways and Means on Friday last, was reported and being read a second time, was agreed to, as follows :—

1. *Resolved,* That it is expedient to repeal so much of Section 11 of the Customs Act of last Session, 33 *Vic.* Cap. 9, as authorizes the addition of five per cent. to the duties imposed by the preceding sections of that Act or by the Act therein cited, as thereby amended.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole of Ways and Means, yesterday, were reported as follows :

2. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient to empower the Governor in Council, from time to time to transfer to the list of Free Goods, any or all materials (whether natural products or products of manufactures) used in Canadian manufactures.

3. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient to empower the Governor in Council to admit free of duty any machinery to be used in any Canadian manufactory, on satisfactory evidence that like machinery is not then manufactured in Canada.

4. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient to provide, that a statement of all such exemptions from duty, under the first two of the previous Resolutions, and of all articles admitted free of duty, under the third Resolution, be laid before Parliament, within the first fifteen days of the then next Session thereof.

5. *Resolved.*—That it is expedient to impose an export duty of one dollar and fifty cents per cord, on hemlock bark exported from Canada.

6. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient to provide that the same duties of customs as are chargeable in Manitoba under the Act of last Session, 33 *Victoria,* Chapter 3, shall be chargeable on goods imported into any part of the North Western Territory.

7. *Resolved,*—That it is expedient that the first Resolution shall take effect on and from the 16th instant.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that the second Resolution be now read a second time.

Hon. Mr. *Holton* moved in amendment, that the said Resolution be not now read a second time, but that it be *Resolved,*—That in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient to clothe the Executive Government with power to determine what articles shall be admitted free of duty ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Bolton, Bourassa, Brown, Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Ferris, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Scatcherd, Scriver, Snider, Tremblay, Wells, Whitehead, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—37.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Bellerose, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bown, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.,) Cayley, Chipman, Cimon, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Grant, Grover, Harrison, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Irvine, Keeler, Kempt, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria O.), Pearson, Perry, Pickard, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Simard, Simpson, Smith, Street, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, White, Willson.—84.

The said Resolution was then read the second time, and agreed to.

The third and fourth Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

The fifth Resolution being read a second time,

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that leave be granted to withdraw the said Resolution.

And a Debate arising thereon,

Mr. *Mills* moved that The House do now adjourn.

And a Debate arising ;—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The question being then put on Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s motion : it was agreed to on the following division :

Yeas.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Barthe, Beaty, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Bolton, Bourassa, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Campbell, Carmichael, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.)

Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, Delorme, Dobbie, Dorion, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Forbes, Fortin, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alex. T.,) Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Gray, Grover, Harrison, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Irvine, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Keeler, Kempt, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), MacFarlane, Magill, Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark,) McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, McMonies, Merritt, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pàquet, Pelletier, Perry Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Savary, Scatcherd, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith, Snider, Street, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tupper, Wells, White, Whitehead, Willson, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—112.

Nays.

Messrs. Baker, Beaubien, Blanchet, Bown, Currier, Grant, Joly, Masson (Soulanges), McGreevy, Pope, Renaud, Tourangeau, Walsh, Wright (Ottawa County.)—14.

The sixth and seventh Resolutions being read a second time, were agreed to.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 57) to amend the Acts relating to duties of Customs Second reading on Tuesday next.

A Message was received from the Senate with the following Bill of their own (No. 58) intituled: "An act to extend to the Province of Manitoba certain of the criminal Laws now in force in the other Provinces of the Dominion," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, read the first time. Second reading on Friday next).

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* laid before The House—by command of His Excellency, Report on the State of the Militia of the Dominion of Canada for the year 1870.

The Bill (No. 32) to establish one uniform currency for the Dominion of Canada, was read the second time, and considered in Committee of the Whole; and progress having been reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again on Friday next.

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule 19.*)

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow, viz.:—

No. 19. To authorize the incorporated Village of Trenton to impose and collect Harbor dues, and for other purposes.

No. 28. To extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of Harbor dues by the Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

CIVIL GOVERNMENT (Continued.)

	$ cts.
4. The Department of Militia and Defence	27,930 00
5. The Department of the Secretary of State	22,827 50
6. The Department of the Secretary of State for Provinces	16,630 00
7. The Department of the Receiver General	15,950 00
8. The Finance Department	36,307 50
9. The Customs Department	21,940 00
10. The Inland Revenue Department	18,150 00
11. The Department of Public Works	40,040 00
12. The Post Office Department	52,520 00
13. The Department of Agriculture	21,900 00
14. The Department of Marine and Fisheries	16,725 00
15. The Treasury Board Office	3,000 00
16. The Finance Offices, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	7,500 00
17. The Marine and Fisheries Offices, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	8,100 00
18. Departmental Contingencies	150,000 00
19. Stationery Office for Stationery	15,000 00
20. To meet the possible amount for increases under the Civil Service Act, or for possible new appointments required by an extension of the staff, or other change	25,000 00

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

	$ cts.
21. Miscellaneous	10,000 00
22. To provide for the Administration of Justice for Manitoba and the North-West Territory	10,000 00

POLICE.

23. Police of the Dominion	25,000 00
24. Water Police, Montreal	10,000 00
25. River Police, Quebec	10,348 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received on Friday next,—and Committee to sit again to-morrow.

The House went into Committee to consider certain Resolutions for the establishing of a uniform system of Weights and Measures throughout Canada, and permitting the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend and consolidate the laws of the Dominion respecting Weights and Measures, and to establish one uniform system thereof for all Canada, except only as to special measures used for certain purposes in the Province of Quebec; and to provide for the Inspection of Weights and Measures, with power to the Governor in Council to make a Tariff of Fees for such Inspection sufficient to defray the expenses of carrying the Act into effect.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to permit the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion, in cases where the parties to any contract or agreement may wish to adopt that system.

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received to-morrow.

The House went into Committee, to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to amend and consolidate and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada the Laws respecting the Inspection of certain Staple Articles of Canadian produce.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the Acts at present in force in the several Provinces of the Dominion, respecting the Inspection of the following articles, viz: Flour and Meal—Wheat and other Grain—Beef and Pork—Fish and Fish Oil—Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes—Butter, Cheese and Lard—and Leather and Raw Hides —and to make one law respecting the Inspection of such articles applicable to the whole Dominion, consolidating such provisions of the existing as have been found advantageous, and giving power to the Governor in Council, to establish from time to time the fees to be paid for such Inspection and the services of the Inspectors with respect thereto.

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

ERRATA.

Hon. Mr. *Morris'* motion The House to go into Committee (this day) to consider certain Resolutions for the establishing of a uniform system of Weights and Measures throughout Canada, should have been inserted, as follows :—

On motion of the Hon. Mr. *Morris*, The House resolved to go into Committee, to-morrow, to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend and consolidate the laws of the Dominion respecting Weights and Measures, and to establish one uniform system thereof for all Canada, except only as to special measures used for certain purposes in the Province of Quebec ; and to provide for the Inspection of Weights and Measures, with power to the Governor in Council to make a Tariff of Fees for such Inspection sufficient to defray the expenses of carrying the Act into effect.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to permit the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion, in cases where the parties to any contract or agreement may wish to adopt that system.

And Mr. *Little*'s name was erroneously omitted from the Nays in the Division on Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s amendment to Hon. Mr. *Dorion*'s motion for an Address to Her Majesty in relation to the award rendered by the Arbitrators respecting the division of the debt of the late Province of Canada (see Votes of Monday, the 13th instant, page 89) ; and the Division should read, as follows :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Archambeault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Brousseau, Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Grover, Harrison, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Howe, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, Moffatt, Morris, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Snider, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Willson, Wright (Ottawa County)—68.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Béchard, Bourassa, Bowell, Brown, Cameron (Huron), Cartwright, Cheval, Cimon, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Joly, Kempt, Lapum, Little, MacFarlane, Magill, McDougall (Lanark), Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Ross, (Wellington, C. R.), Scatcherd, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wells, White, Whitehead, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—41.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Colby*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for correspondence with Foreign Insurance Companies respecting mode of distributing deposits of Insolvent Companies among Canadian creditors, &c.

Mr. *Colby*—On Friday next—BILL to repeal the Insolvency Laws now in force in this Dominion.

Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges)—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all Communications and other Documents which the Government of the Dominion may have had, or received from the Executive Government or the military authorities of the Province of Manitoba, respecting the conduct of the soldiers forming part of the military expedition, and the acts of mutiny, violence, want of discipline and of obedience to their superior officers.

Mr. *Mills*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the contractors of sections 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Intercolonial Railway who have thrown up their contracts have been relieved from their obligations ; and whether the Government have in any way promised or agreed to indemnify such of those contractors and their sureties as may have performed work in excess of the amount paid before the abandonment of such contracts ; and also whether any payment or promise of payment has been made of liabilities incurred by the contractors to third parties ?

Mr. *Pelletier*—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a detailed statement showing the names of the persons who received the sum of $23,200 which appears by the Public Accounts to have been paid for legal expenses, land surveys, and valuations account, in connection with the Intercolonial Railway, and the amount paid to each of them ; also a statement showing the names of the persons who received the sum of $36,517.53 as the price of land purchased as necessary for the construction of the Intercolonial Railway in the Province of Quebec, and the amount paid to each of such persons.

Mr. *Forbes*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether, in view of the business doing between the Dominion and the British and Foreign West Indies, it is the intention of the Government to increase the mail accommodation, *during this year*, between these countries so as to give greater advantage and larger development to this important trade.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*.—On Friday next—That the House do then go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution :—

That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies (31 *Vic.* C. 48) by more clearly defining the amount and nature of the securities to be deposited by such Companies in certain cases, and by making better provision for the disposal of such securities in case of the Insolvency of a Company or its withdrawal from business in Canada, and to consolidate the said Act and the said amendments into one Act.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of Bedford, for the year 1870.

Five Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following petitions were received and read :—

Of La Banque *Jacques Cartier*; praying for a continuance of their Charter, also power to increase their capital stock, and for certain other amendments thereto.

Of *Albert Prince*, and others, of the County of Essex; praying to be relieved from the operation of the Fishery Laws, so far as relates to the River and Lakes on the border of the said County.

Of *G. M. Kinghorn*, and others, Members of the Board of Trade, City of Kingston; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Of *John McG. Chambers*, Reeve of the Township of Montague, County of Lanark; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro' to Ottawa City *via* Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Hon. Mr. *Cameron* (Peel) introduced a Bill (No, 60) to incorporate the Dominion Telegraph Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines.

Mr. *Oliver* moved, that an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, for a Return of all correspondence to and from the Government of the Dominion, not already brought down, relating to a change in our trade relations with the United States.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. *Pelletier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence and documents relating to the establishment of Boards of Examiners for granting certificates of competency to Masters or Mates of sea-going ships, in accordance with the Statute of Canada, 1870, 33 *Victoria*, chapter 17, with a statement showing the names of the different persons forming part of those Boards of Examiners; and of the seaports where such Boards are established.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Dorion*, it was *Resolved*, That an Order of The House do issue, directing that there be laid before this House a statement of the rate of interest paid by the different Savings Banks in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, during the last three years; with a statemeut of the sums they have paid to Charitable Institutions during the same period.

On motion of Mr. *Currier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and *George Sterling*, respecting a claim for damages against the Government by the said *Sterling* ; said claim arising through the interference of an officer of the Department of Public Works.

On motion of Mr. *Pickard* it was *Ordered*, That the Clerk do lay before this House an account in detail of all monies received on account of Private Bills in this Parliament, since the 1st July, 1867 ; with the names of the parties the money was received from ; also the names of parties having money retained, if any.

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, the fourth and fifth Reports of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, were concurred in.

On motion of Mr. *Jones* (Halifax), an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return of the land taken for Railway purposes on sections Nos. 4 and 11 of the Intercolonial Railway, the quantity taken from each person and amount paid for land, also for buildings ; the sums paid appraisers for their services in all on Nos. 4 and 11, and also the sum paid for legal service in connection therewith.

On motion of Mr. *Mills*, it was *Ordered*, That a tabular statement be laid before this House by the proper Officer of the quantity and value of the various kinds of articles imported into British Columbia for the last fiscal year, of which there are available returns, the amount of duties collected upon each, and the amount which would have been collected had the present Canadian Tariff been in force.

On motion of Mr. *Burpee*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return shewing the quantity of coal, coke, wheat, corn and other grain, wheat and rye flour and meal, imported into each of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick respectively from the 7th April to the 31st December, 1870, the amount of duty collected on such articles respectively in each Province ; also the quantity of such articles on which duties were paid or received which were afterwards shipped from each of said Provinces either in bond or subject to a drawback of such duties, also the quantity of such articles being the produce of any one of the Provinces which was shipped therefrom to each of the other said Provinces between the dates above mentioned, and the Countries from which they are imported.

On motion Mr. *McDonald* (Antigonish), an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return of all monies paid by the Dominion Government since the 1st July, 1867, on account of previous contracts entered into by the Government of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and charged to the debt of those Provinces respectively.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, viz :—

No. 8. To amend " The Railway Act of 1868," and to extend the same.

No. 21. To amend the Railway Act of 1868.

No. 34. To amend the Railway Act of 1868.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill (No. 7) to amend the Census Act, with an amendment. (On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, amendment read a second time, and agreed to.)

The Bill (No. 12) to amend an Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered 66, respecting Aliens and Naturalization, was read the second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, Hon. Messrs. *Tupper*, *Morris*, *Smith*, Messrs. *Harrison*, *Scatcherd*, *Young*, Hon. Mr. *Irvine*, and the mover (Mr. *Cameron*, of Huron.)

The Bill (No. 23) respecting the naturalization of certain Aliens, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Committee appointed on the last mentioned Bill No. 12.

The Bill (No. 13) to extend the Law as to the carrying dangerous weapons, was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, on Monday next.

The order for the second reading of Bill (No. 14) respecting County Court Judges in the Province of Ontario, declaring their remuneration for the discharge of individual duties, was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The Bill (No. 20) to amend section 2 of the Insolvent Act of 1869, was read the second time, and referred to a Select Committee, composed of Mr. *Godin*, Hon. Mr. *Abbott*, Hon. Mr. *Cameron* (Peel), and Messrs. *Barthe*, *Chipman*, *Bolton*, *Scatcherd*, *Harrison*, *Geoffrion*, *Savary*, and *Langlois*.

The Bill (No. 35) to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Committee appointed on the last mentioned Bill No. 20.

Mr. *Harrison* moved, that the Bill (No. 29) to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp Duties of Premium Notes taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, be now read the second time.

And a Debate arising thereon ;

And objection being taken by the Hon. Mr. *Holton*, Member for the Electoral District of Chateauguay, that the Bill must, under the 54th section of the British North America Act, 1867, be first recommended by Message from the Crown ; also that the Bill should originate in Committee of the Whole ;

And Mr. Speaker having expressed a desire to reserve his decision, the said Debate was, on motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, adjourned.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole yesterday, for the establishing of a uniform system of Weights and Measures throughout Canada, and permitting the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion, were reported, and being read a second time, were agreed to, as follows :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend and consolidate the laws of the Dominion respecting Weights and Measures, and to establish one uniform system thereof for all Canada, except only as to special measures used for certain purposes in the Province of Quebec ; and to provide for the Inspection of Weights and Measures, with power to the Governor in Council to make a Tariff of Fees for such Inspection sufficient to defray the expenses of carrying the Act into effect.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to permit the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures in the Dominion, in cases where the parties to any contract or agreement may wish to adopt that system.

Hon. Mr. *Morris* then introduced a bill (No. 61) respecting Weights and Measures.—Second reading to-morrow.

Also, a Bill (No. 62) to render permissive the use of the Metric System of Weights and Measures.—Second reading to-morrow.

The Resolution adopted in Committee of the Whole, yesterday, declaring it expedient to amend and consolidate, and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada the Laws respecting the Inspection of certain Staple Articles of Canadian produce, was reported, and being read a second time, was agreed to, as follows :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to repeal the Acts at present in force in the several Provinces of the Dominion, respecting the Inspection of the following articles, viz: Flour and Meal—Wheat and other Grain—Beef and Pork—Fish and Fish Oil—Pot Ashes and Pearl Ashes—Butter, Cheese and Lard—and Leather and Raw Hides —and to make one law respecting the Inspection of such articles applicable to the whole Dominion, consolidating such provisions of the existing as have been found advantageous, and giving power to the Governor in Council, to establish from time to time the fees to be paid for such Inspection and the services of the Inspectors with respect thereto.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 63) to amend and consolidate, and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada, the Laws respecting the Inspection of certain Staple Articles of Canadian produce.—Second reading on Tuesday next.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY.—Whether it is the intention of the Government to issue stamped paper for the purposes of the Promissory Notes Stamp Act.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bill was this day posted for consideration on or after Monday, the 27th inst :—

By the Committee on Railways, etc.

No. 60. To incorporate the Dominion Telegraph Company.

No. 21.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 16TH MARCH, 1871.

4th Session, 1st Parliament, 34 Victoria, 1871.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 17TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that the Clerk had received a Return (in part) in obedience to the Order of The House of the 17th ult.; for certain statements respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.

Mr. Speaker also laid before The House,—the Account current of the Accountant of the House of Commons of Canada, of the amount received and disbursed by him for contingencies of the said House from the 30th, June, 1869, to the 30th June, 1870.

One Petition was brought up aud laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of Messrs. *Arthur H. Murphy* and Company, and others, of the Town of Lévis; of *Jacques Robitaille* and others, of the City of Quebec; and of *François Auger* and others, of the City of Quebec; severally praying for the repeal of the duty imposed upon Flour; also upon Coal imported into Canada.

Of the Municipal Council of the united Townships of Clarendon and Miller, County of Frontenac; praying that an Act may be passed to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro' to Ottawa City, *via* Carleton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, presented the sixth Report of the said Committee, as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed :—

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Dominion Government and the Reverend *William Morley Punshon*, in reference to the appointment of a chaplain or chaplains to accompany the late military expedition to the Province of Manitoba.

Return to Address,—Shewing the quantity of grain, flour, and meal imported into the Dominion for the year 1870, &c.; and also shewing the total amount of duties collected during the same year on the foregoing importations.

Return to Address,—Shewing the total amount of Sterling Exchange purchased by the Dominion Government during the year 1870, and to present date, &c.

Return to Address,—Instructions to the Hon. *A. G. Archibald*, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, and of the North-West Territory, &c., and reports and official correspondence between the Lieutenant Governor and the Dominion Government from the date of his appointment.

Report of the Indian branch of the Department of the Secretary of State for the Provinces.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents *be not printed.*

Return to Address,—Petitions and correspondence referring to the appointment of a Harbor Master for the Port of Halifax.

Return to Address,—Resignation of *Louis Frenelle*, Esquire, Postmaster of Rivière Ouelle with correspondence on the subject.

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Seventh Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the Petition of *G. M. Kinghorn* and others; for incorporation of the Kingston Board of Trade.

On the Petition of the Ontario Bank; for amendments to the Act passed in the Session of 1869, in reference to the removal of their Head Office from Bowmanville, the Committee find that Notice was published in the *Canada Gazette* only; but as the Petitioners are willing to submit the matter to a vote of the shareholders before taking action upon it, the Committee recommended that the Notice be deemed sufficient, upon the understanding that provision, to that effect, be made in the Bill.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for a Return of the land taken for Railway purposes on sections Nos. 4 and 11 of the Intercolonial Railway, the quantity taken from each person and amount paid for land, also for buildings; the sums paid appraisers for their services in all on Nos. 4 and 11, and also the sum paid for legal service in connection therewith.

Mr. *Kirkpatrick* introduced a Bill (No. 52) to incorporate the Kingston Board of Trade.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Crawford* (Leeds) introduced a Bill (No. 46) to naturalize *Pulaski Clark.*

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

Mr. *Colby* introduced a Bill (No. 64) to repeal the Insolvency Laws now existing in this Dominion.—Second reading on Monday next.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* The House resolved to go into Committee on Tuesday next, to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to sell, on such terms as may seem fit, Oakville Harbor, with the tolls and all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* informed The House, that the subject matter of the said motion having been submitted to His Excellency,—he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of The House.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee on Tuesday next, to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies. (31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48.)

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* informed the House that the subject matter of the said motion having been submitted to His Excellency,—he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of The House.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on the 15th instant, were reported; and being read a second time, were agreed to, as follows :—

CIVIL GOVERNMENT (Continued.)

	$ cts.
4. The Department of Militia and Defence	27,930 00
5. The Department of the Secretary of State	22,827 50
6. The Department of the Secretary of State for Provinces	16,630 00
7. The Department of the Receiver General	15,950 00
8. The Finance Department	36,307 50
9. The Customs Department	21,940 00
10. The Inland Revenue Department	18,150 00
11. The Department of Public Works	40,040 00
12. The Post Office Department	52,520 00
13. The Department of Agriculture	21,900 00
14. The Department of Marine and Fisheries	16,725 00
15. The Treasury Board Office	3,000 00

	$ cts.
16. The Finance Offices, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	7,500 00
17. The Marine and Fisheries Offices, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick	8,100 00
18. Departmental Contingencies	150,000 00
19. Stationery Office for Stationery	15,000 00
20. To meet the possible amount for increases under the Civil Service Act, or for possible new appointments required by an extension of the staff, or other change	25,000 00

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

21. Miscellaneous	10,000 00
22. To provide for the Administration of Justice for Manitoba and the North-West Territory	10,000 00

POLICE.

23. Police of the Dominion	25,000 00
24. Water Police, Montreal	10,000 00
25. River Police, Quebec	10,348 00

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* laid before The House,—Statement made by Insurance Companies in compliance with the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 48, Section 14.

The Bill (No. 32) to establish one uniform currency for the Dominion of Canada, was again considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported without amendment.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that the said Bill be read a third time, on Tuesday next.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax) moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed for the purpose of so amending the first clause, as to provide that the Act shall not take effect until the first day of January, 1872 ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Coffin, Delorme, Dorion, Forbes, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Harrison, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Killam, Kirkpatrick, McDonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Lunenburg), Mills, Oliver, Pearson, Pelletier, Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Sénécal, Smith, Tremblay.—27.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bolton, Bourassa, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Peel), Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cimon, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Grant, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis)l Howe, Jackson, Keeler, Kempt, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Little, Masson (Soulanges), McDougal, (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, McMonies, Merritt, Moffat, Morris, Morison, (Victoria, O.), Morrison (Niagara), Pâquet, Perry, Pickard, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pozer, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (King's, N. B.), Savary, Scatcherd, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Street, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Wallace, Walsh, White, Whitehead, Willson, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County)—90.

The Bill was accordingly ordered for a third reading on Tuesday next.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* delivered the following Message from His Excellency :—

LISGAR,—

The Governor General recommends to the favorable consideration of the House of Commons a series of Resolutions, respecting the admission of British Columbia into Union with Canada.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

OTTAWA, 14th March, 1871.

On motion of Sir *George E. Cartier*, the said Message and Resolutions were referred to the Committee of the Whole to take into consideration a series of Resolutions respecting the admission of British Columbia into Union with Canada.

The Clerk laid before the House,—Return in obedience to the Order of The House of the 16th instant, for an account in detail of all monies received on account of Private Bills in this Parliament, since the 1st July, 1867 ; with the names of the parties the money was received from ; also the names of parties having money returned, if any.

Mr. *Workman* introduced a Bill (No. 65) to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee)

The following Resolutions were adopted:

LEGISLATION.

Senate.

		$ cts.
26.	Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the Senate	43,245 00

House of Commons.

27.	Salaries and Contingencies, per Clerk's Estimate	79,590 00
28.	Salaries and Contingencies, per Sergeant-at-Arms' Estimate	40,268 75

Miscellaneous.

29.	Grant to Parliamentary Library	6,000 00
30.	Printing, Binding and distributing the Laws	10,000 00
31.	Printing, Printing paper and Bookbinding	35,000 00
32.	Contingencies of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery	1,000 00
33.	Miscellaneous Printing	2,000 00

MARINE HOSPITALS.

52.	Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec	21,000 00
53.	Marine Hospitals, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Hospital at St. Catherines, and Maintenance, &c., of Shipwrecked and Sick and Distressed Seamen at the several Ports of the Dominion	18,000 00

PENSIONS.

54.	Samuel Waller, late Clerk, House of Assembly	400 00
55.	L. Gagné, Messenger do do	72 00
56.	John Bright do do	80 00
57.	Mrs. Antrobus	800 00

NEW MILITIA PENSIONS.

58.	Mrs. Caroline McEachern, and four children	292 00
59.	Jane Lakey	146 00
60.	Rhoda Smith	110 00
61.	Janet Alderson	110 00
62.	Margaret McKenzie	80 00
63.	Mary Ann Richey, and two children	336 00
64.	Mary Morrison	80 00
65.	Louise Prud'homme, and two children	130 00
66.	Virginie Charron, and four children	150 00
67.	Paul M. Robbins	146 00
68.	Charles T. Bell	73 00
69.	Alex. Oliphant	109 50
70.	Charles Lugsden	91 25
71.	John White	109 50
72.	Thomas Charters	91 25
73.	Samuel McCrag	109 50
74.	Charles T. Robertson	110 00
75.	Percy G. Routh	400 00
76.	Richard S. King	400 00
77.	George A. McKenzie	73 00
78.	Edward Hilder	146 00
79.	Fergus Schofield	73 00
80.	John Bradley	109 50
81.	Richard Penticost	91 25
82.	James Bryan	109 50
83.	Jacob Stubbs	73 00
84.	Mary Connor	110 00
85.	Mary Hodgins, and three children	191 00
86.	John Martin	110 00
87.	A. E. Marchand	110 00
88.	A. W. Stevenson	110 00

		$ cts.
89.	Mrs. J. Thorburn	150 00
90.	Mrs. P. T. Worthington, and children	378 00
91.	Mrs. J. H. Elliott, and children	130 00
92.	Mrs. George Prentice, and children	400 00
93.	Ellen Kirkpatrick, and three children	266 00

COMPENSATION TO PENSIONERS.

94.	In lieu of land	9,000

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM AND PACKET SERVICE.

Dominion Steamers.

120.	Maintenance of Steamers *Napoleon III, Lady Head* and *Druid*	62,500 00

Subsidies.

121.	Moiety payable to Inman Line between Halifax and Cork	39,541 00
122.	Steam Communications between Quebec and Maritime Provinces	15,000 00
123.	Steam Communication between Prince Edward Island and the Ports of the Dominion	3,000 00
124.	Packet Communication between Pictou and the Magdalen Islands	400 00
125.	Steam Communication between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island	1,000 00
126.	Steam Communication Halifax and St. John via Yarmouth	10,000 00
127.	Communication from St. John to Ports in Basin of Minas	2,000 00

Tug Service, Upper St. Lawrence.

	Between Montreal and Kingston	12,000 00

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OBSERVATORIES.

Observatories.

34.	Observatory, Quebec	2,400 00
35.	do Toronto	4,800 00
36.	do Kingston	500 00
37.	do Montreal	500 00
38.	do Halifax (Revote $750)	1,500 00
39.	do New Brunswick	1,000 00
40.	Repairs and Alterations to Time Ball Apparatus, Quebec	1,000 00
41.	Grant for Meteorological Observatories including Instruments	5,000 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE, AND STATISTICS.

42.	Salaries and contingent expenses of Statistical Office, Halifax	3,890 00
43.	Salaries of 316 Deputy Registrars, Province of Nova Scotia, and allowance for getting Marriage Returns	1,880 00
44.	To meet the possible amount required in the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1872, for the taking of the Census	360,000 00

IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

45.	Salaries of Immigration Agents and Employés	18,212 00
46.	Medical Inspection, Port of Quebec	2,600 00
47.	Quarantine, Grosse Isle	12,000 00
48.	Do St. John, N.B	3,900 00
49.	Do Halifax	4,460 00
50.	Travelling Expenses and Contingencies, Europe and Canada	14,000 00
51.	To meet possible expenses of Immigration	45,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received on Tuesday next, and Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

JAMES COCKBURN,

Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Brousseau*—On Monday next—Adoption of the Sixth Report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Mr. *Gendron*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to abolish the postage on agricultural newspapers published in the several Provinces of the Dominion, in order to encourage the circulation of such newspapers, and to place them within the reach of all farmers who wish to keep themselves well informed of the progress of agriculture.

Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Engineers now employed on the Intercolonial Railway will hereafter act as Inspectors of Fences and Ties ; or whether some other persons will be appointed as such, and if so, what are the names of those persons.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion*—In Committee of the Whole on the Election Bill—The following Resolutions :

1st. That all Public officers and employés receiving a salary from the Dominion Government shall be disqualified to vote at the Election of a member of the House of Commons, and such Public officer or employé who shall vote at an election shall be liable to a fine of $200 and his vote shall be null and void.

2nd. That the following be substituted for subsection three of section two of the Bill :

When a voters' list for a Polling District shall contain the names of more than two hundred Electors, such District shall be divided by the Municipal Council of the City, Town or other local municipality in which such Polling District is situate, in the manner and subject to the appeal provided by section two of chapter thirteen of the Act passed in the 30th year of Her Majesty's reign, so that no subdivision of such Polling District shall contain more than two hundred Electors.

3rd. In the Cities and Towns entitled to elect one or more members of the Province of Quebec, the Governor General shall appoint as Returning Officers only such persons as compose the City or Town Council of such City or Town, and in any County or Riding the Warden or Secretary-Treasurer of such County or Riding. In case of the disqualification of the above parties then it shall be lawful for the Governor General to appoint such other person to act as Returning Officer as he may see fit.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration on and after Tuesday, the 28th instant :—

By the Committee on Banking, etc.

No. 52. To incorporate the Kingston Board of Trade.

No. 65. To incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada.

By the Committee on Private Bills.

No. 46. To naturalize *Poulaski Clark.*

No. 22.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, MONDAY, 20TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Annual Report of the Northern Railway Company of Canada, for the year ending 31st December, 1870.

Also, Return from the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, and the Northumberland and Durham Savings Bank, Cobourg, in obedience to the Order of The House of the 16th instant; for a statement of the rate of interest paid by the different Savings Banks in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, during the last 3 years; with a statement of the sums they have paid to Charitable Institutions during the same period.

Two Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read:—

Of the Board of Trade of the City of Kingston; praying for the repeal of the duty imposed upon Tallow imported into Canada from the United States.

Of *Narcisse Valois*, and others, of the City of Montreal, interested in the Trade of Hides; praying that the Inspection of Hides may be made optional, and that the power of Inspectors as to the additions and deductions they may make, to or from the weight of Hides, under the existing law, may be limited.

Of the Corporation of the United Townships of Belmont and Methuen; of *Robert H. Elliott*, and others, of the Township of Asphodel; and of the Corporation of the Township of Dummer; severally praying that an Act may be passed, to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing a Railway from Peterboro' to Ottawa City, *via* Carlton Place, and to cross the Ottawa River into the Province of Quebec, there to amalgamate with other Railways.

Of *Samuel Waddell*, and others, of the City of Montreal; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Metropolitan Bank.

Of the Quebec Marine and Fire Insurance Company; praying for certain Amendments to their Act of Incorporation.

Mr *Godin*, from the Select Committee on Bills No. 20, to amend section 2 of the Insolvent Act of 1869, and (No. 35) to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869, reported that they had combined the provisions of the same into one Bill (No. 35), with several amendments. To be reprinted, as amended.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, presented,—Return to Address of the 17th ult.; for copies of all correspondence, not marked "separate" on the defence of the Country.—Also, orders in Council, and other papers relating to the mission of the Hon. *Alexander Campbell*, to England; and his Report thereon.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* it was

Resolved, That this House do sit on every Saturday during the remainder of the Session at 3 p.m., as on other days of the week; and that Government measures shall have precedence on such Saturdays; also that on every Thursday, Government measures shall have precedence at half-past seven o'clock, P.M,

The following Bills were severally read a third time, and passed, viz:

No. 19. To authorize the incorporated Village of Trenton, to impose and collect Harbor dues, and for other purposes.—

No. 28. To extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of Harbor Dues by the Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound.

On motion of Mr. *Magill*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a copy of the commission, and of all instructions given to the Commissioners lately appointed to enquire into the subject of Canal enlargement, and for the improvement of our Inland Water Communication; and for all correspondence that may have taken place, between the Government and the said Commission upon these subjects; also the Report of the Commissioners.—

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, the sixth Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, was concurred in.—

Mr. *Bourassa* moved, that The House do now go into Committee of the Whole, to take into consideration the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to create a special fund, to be denominated "The Liquor Inspection Fund."

2. *Resolved*. That there shall be appointed by the Governor, in Montreal, Quebec, Three Rivers, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Halifax, and St. John, N.B., an Inspector, whose duty it shall be to analyse all liquors, whether imported or manufactured on the spot, which shall be sold wholesale or retail, within the limits of his jurisdiction.

3. *Resolved*, That the Inspector so appointed shall receive as salary such allowance as the Governor in Council shall think fit to award him.

4. *Resolved*, That with a view to meet the expenditure to be incurred in virtue of the preceding Resolutions, it is expedient to require from each and every tavern-keeper and manufacturer and retailer of Intoxicating Liquors the payment of a year, which shall form part of the "Liquor Inspection Fund."

5. *Resolved*, That all persons selling, by wholesale or retail, adulterated liquors containing ingredients injurious to health shall, upon a complaint being made before a Justice of the Peace, be punishable by imprisonment for , and by a fine of .

6. *Resolved*, That for his services, the Inspector shall be entitled over and above his salary, to the sum of , in the discretion of the Justice, to be deemed costs, and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be given.

7. *Resolved*, That all penalties imposed in virtue of these Resolutions may be recovered summarily on the information of any person who will prosecute for the same before any two Justices of the Peace near the place where the offence shall have been committed, and shall be payable, one half to the prosecutor (who shall not thereby be rendered incompetent as a witness), with costs, and the other half to Her Majesty.

8. *Resolved*, That all the penalties recoverable in virtue of these Resolutions, and belonging to Her Majesty, shall be paid over to the Receiver General of the Dominion, and shall form part of the "Liquor Inspection Fund."

And objection being taken, that the said Resolutions propose to create an office, and their adoption would entail a burthen upon the people,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

The Order of the Day for resuming the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Harrison's* proposed motion for the second reading of the Bill (No. 29) to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp duties of Premium Notes taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, being read,

Mr. Speaker gave his decision on the point of Order raised on Thursday, the 16th instant, by the Hon. Mr. *Holton*, as follows:—

"The Bill is to remove doubts; and declares that certain Notes shall be deemed to be Promissory Notes within the meaning of the Act, 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 9; and shall be subject to the duties thereby imposed—and it provides that all such Notes heretofore given and not stamped shall be made valid by a double Stamp. There being no appropriation of money proposed, there need be no recommendation from the Crown; and the objection rests on the ground that as it involves an additional charge on the people, the Bill should have originated in Committee of the Whole, and should moreover have been proposed by a Minister.

"It appears to me that the Bill is merely declaratory, and that it involves no new charge except in so far as the double stamp duty may effect that purpose. On looking carefully at the 31st *Vict.*, Cap. 9, I find by Section 7, that the Governor in Council may declare that any kind or class of instruments, as to which doubts exist, shall be chargeable with any and what duty under the Act, and by Sections 10, 11 and 12, provisions are enacted to render valid Notes in the hands of innocent holders and notes passed to third parties.—The provision as to double Stamps in the present Bill is merely an extension of the former Act in its remedial Clauses to the class of Notes here referred to, and which are now declared to be within that Act.—The Bill is one which therefore in my opinion may be properly introduced and proceeded with by a private Member,

"The question generally whether private Members may introduce and proceed upon measures relating to taxation, which was discussed in the course of the argument, is one of very grave importance, and, though not

needful to the decision of the present objections, I think it proper to say a few words upon it to the House ;—instances may undoubtedly be found in the Journals of the English House of Commons of Bills and Motions by private Members to increase taxation, some of which have passed unchallenged, whilst in other cases the indirect assent of a Minister has been deemed sufficient. Recently however (in 1869) a high authority, Sir *Thomas Erskine May*, stated before a Joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament, that 'no private Member is permitted to propose an Imperial tax upon the people—it must proceed *from* a Minister of the Crown or be in *some other form* declared to be necessary for the public service.'

"I think The House may properly accept of this as the correct construction of the Rules regulating the introduction of similar measures. The motion or Bill should either be introduced by a Minister, or if initiated by a private Member (a practice which should not be encouraged) a Minister should assume the responsibility of it by signifying the consent of the Government to its being entertained by The House. If The House agree with me as to the desirability of adopting *this* constitutional restriction, it will become my duty to enforce the observance of the Rule hereafter."

The Bill was then read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next.

The House went into Committee to consider certain Resolutions respecting the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 50,—and also on reducing duties of Excise in the Province of Manitoba.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted :

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend section 7, of the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Vic.*, C. 20, by providing that, parafine wax in a solid state, grease for lubricating purposes and being fluid, lubricating oil made from crude petroleum without being subjected to any process of distillation, tar and other refuse removed from the still without passing through the worm or condenser, and any article produced from such tar or refuse without further process of distillation shall be exempt from any duty of excise.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend section 29, of the Act 33 *Vic.*, cap. 3 (To establish and provide for the Government of the Province of Manitoba), by authorizing the Governor in Council to reduce any or all of the duties of excise, payable on the said Province during the period of three years from the passing of the said Act, under any provisions of the laws of Canada respecting Inland Revenue, which he may see fit to declare applicable to the said Province, to such rates as he may deem expedient in view of the duties of customs payable during that period on like articles imported into the said Province.

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received to-morrow.

The Bill (No. 53) relating to Banks and Banking, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, viz. :—

No. 42. To amend the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.

No. 33. To amend the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada.

No. 44. From the Senate, intituled : " An Act to make further provision for the Government of the North West Territories."

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

PENITENTIARIES.

			$ cts.
129.	Penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario		117,091 27
130.	Rockwood Asylum do		82,754 25
131.	Penitentiary, Halifax, N.S.		21,136 00
132.	do St. John, N. B.		43,170 00
133.	Directors of Penitentiaries		9,000 00
134.	To provide for the estimate of cost of testing system of gratuities payable to Convicts on discharge		2,000 00

Kingston Buildings, &c.

135.	Timber for Cribwork on Water Front, and to raise New Wharf	1,500 00	
136.	Penal Prison and Warden's House, &c.	2,500 00	
137.	Steam Boiler for heating water and Steam cooking range	1,500 00	
			5,500 00

LIGHT HOUSES AND COAST SERVICE.

158.	Construction of Light Houses, Fog Trumpets, &c		79,700 00
	Quebec.		
159.	Salaries of Light House Keepers, &c	23,007 00	
	Maintenance of Light Houses, &c	18,929 00	
			41,936 00
	Between Quebec and Montreal.		
160.	Salaries af Light House Keepers, &c	3,880 00	
	Maintenance, &c., of Light Houses	6,825 00	
	Steamer "Richelieu"	4,050 00	
			14,755 00
	Trinity House, Quebec.		
161.	Salaries and Contingencies		7,925 00
	Trinity House, Montreal.		
162.	Salaries and Contingencies		7,614 00
	Light Houses, &c., above Montreal.		
163.	Salaries and Allowances	24,591 00	
	Maintenance	30,970 00	
			55,561 00
	Nova Scotia.		
164.	Salaries and allowances	28,854 00	
	Maintenance	32,045 00	
			60,899 00
	New Brunswick.		
165.	Salaries and Allowances	11,447 00	
	Maintenance	10,760 00	
	Buoys and Beacons	4,600 00	
			26,807 00
166.	Sable and Seal Islands Humane Establishments		8,000 09
167.	Cape Race Light		500 00

FISHERIES.

168.	Maintenance and repairs of Schooner *La Canadienne*	9,000 00
169.	Salaries and disbursements of Fishery Overseers and Wardens:—	
	Ontario	6,000 00
	Quebec	7,000 00
	New Brunswick	7,000 00
	Nova Scotia	7,000 00
170.	Fishways and Oyster Beds and for Fish Breeding	7,500 00
171.	Additional for the protection of the Fisheries (Marine Police)	70,000 00

CULLING TIMBER

172.	Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the Cullers' Office	73,400 00

STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.

173.	To defray expenses of Steamboat Inspection	8,500 00

INDIANS.

174.	Annual grant to Indians, Quebec	400 00
175.	do do Nova Scotia	3,300 00
176.	do do New Brunswick	3,200 00
177.	To purchase Blankets for aged nnd Infirm Indians, Ontaaio and Quebec	1,200 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

178.	Printing Canada "Gazette"	2,500 00
179.	Postage do	1,200 00
180.	Miscellaneous Printing	5,000 00
181.	Unforseen Expenses: Expenditure thereof to be under Order in Council, and a detailed account thereof to be laid before Parliament during the first fifteen days of the next Session	75,000 00
182.	Expenses connected with ascertaining correct time at Ottawa, and firing of noon gun	400 00
183.	Expenses of investigations relating to Wrecks	1,000 00
184.	Commutation in lieu of remission of duties on articles imported for the use of the Army and Navy, to be apportioned by Order in Council	40,000 00
185.	To provide for examination and classification of Masters and Mates (Mercantile Marine)	6,200 00
186.	To provide one half of the British Share of the Expenditure in reference to Surveys of the Boundary Line between Canada and the United States of America, on the 49th parallel of North Latitude	50,000 00
187.	To provide for purchase and maintenance of Life Boats, Life Preservers, and for rewards for saving life	3,600 00
188.	For opening up communication with North West Territory, Unexpended balance (Revote)	400,000 00

COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

Customs.

	Salaries and contingent expenses of the several Ports, viz.:—		
	In Province of Ontario		164,426 00
	do	Quebec	165,145 25
189.	do	New Brunswick	68,812 75
	do	Nova Scotia	92,702 25
	do	Manitoba and North West	6,500 00
	Salaries and contingent expenses of Inspectors of Ports		9,750 00
190.	Contingencies at Head Office, covering Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Telegraphing, &c., for the several Ports of Entry		15,000 00
191.	To provide for Special Officers and Services		3,000 00

INLAND REVENUE.

192.	Salaries of Outside Officers and Inspectors of Excise	111,000 00
193.	Travelling expenses, rent, fuel, stationery, postage, furniture, &c,,	28,500 00
194.	Preventive Service	3,000 00
195.	To provide for additions to the Outside Service of the Excise Department as may be found necessary	4,900 00

POST OFFICE.

	Ontario and Quebec Mail Service:—		
	Grand Trunk Railway		167,000 00
	Great Western Railway		45,000 00
	Other Railways		50,000 00
	Steamboat Service		40.000 00
	Ocean Mail Service		10,000 00
	Military and Naval Postage refunds		3,000 00
196.	Salaries of Outside Services: Inspectors, Railway Clerks, &c.,		100,000 00
	Payments for ordinary Mail Contract Service		230,000 00
	Miscellaneous		30,000 00
	On Account Money Order Branch		3,000 00
	Post Office Savings Bank		5,000 00
	Nova Scotia Mail Services		90,000 00
	New Brunswick Mail Services		75,000 00
	Manitoba Mail Services		10,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS.

Maintenance and Repairs.

197.	Ontario and Quebec	355,800 00
198.	Nova Scotia Railways	339,000 00
199.	European and North American Railway and Eastern Extension, Working Expenses	165,000 00
200.	Salaries and Contingencies of Canal Officers	27,070 00
201.	Collection of Slide and Boom Dues	12,172 00

MINOR REVENUES.

202. Amount required in connection with Minor Revenues 10,000 00
Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, to-morrow.

The Bill (No. 54) to indemnify the members of the Executive Government and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of Public moneys, in excess of the Parliamentary Grant, incurred in repelling the threatened invasion of the Fenians in 1870, was read the second time, and ordered for a third reading, to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Mr. *Howe*—On Wednesday next—BILL to prolong for a limited time the term allowed for the redemption of rents reserved on certain Indian Lands in the Township of Dundee.

Mr. *Mills*—On Wednesday next—The following Resolution :—

Resolved—That as it is a well settled principle that every person is bound to know the Law, in the opinion of this House, all Orders in Council, Departmental Regulations and Proclamations of a permanent character, having the force of Law, ought to be printed, each year, in the same manner as the Statutes of Canada, so as to be equally available to the people to be subject to them.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Wednesday next—That the House do on Friday go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That it is expedient to provide for the appointment of a Port Warden for the Harbor of Quebec, by the Governor, on the application of the Board of Trade for the said City, with like duties to those performed by the Port Warden for the Harbour of Montreal under the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, 26 *Vict.*, Cap. 52.

2. That it is expedient to provide, that the Council of the Board of Trade for the City of Quebec, may make a Tariff of Fees for the services hereinafter mentioned to be performed by the said Port Warden or his Deputies, subject to approval by the Governor in Council, and to alteration from time to time by the said Council with the like approval ; such fees not to exceed the following rates : viz.,—

For every survey and certificate thereof by the Port Warden and his assistant, of the hatches and cargo of any vessel,—or of the hull, spars and rigging thereof, or the surveying of damaged goods, a fee, including the certificate, not exceeding eight dollars, for each service, and such further sum not exceeding five dollars, as may be payable to shipwrights or other skilled persons employed by him ;—

For every valuation of a vessel for average, and every inspection of a vessel intended to load, a fee to be graduated according to the tonnage of such vessel, but not in any case to exceed ten dollars ;—

For hearing and settling disputes of which the Port Warden is authorized to take cognizance, and for the fees on appeal to the Board of Examiners, a sum to be graduated according to the value of the thing in dispute, but in no case to exceed twenty dollars.

Such fees to be the maximum rates and to include incidental proceedings, certificates and copies, and to be subject to be altered and apportioned as to the particular service and the person by whom it is to be paid, by the Council of the said Board of Trade ; subject to approval by the Governor in Council, who may from time to time reject, modify or alter such fees.

3. That it is expedient to provide, that the Council of the said Board of Trade, may, if they see fit, fix a salary for the Port-Warden to include his remuneration and that of his deputies, and the expenses of his office or otherwise :—and that while such salary is payable, the fees received by him, over and above the amount of such salary, shall be paid over by him to such person as the Council of the said Board may appoint.

Mr. *Tremblay*—On Wednesday next—BILL to provide for taking the Poll at Parliamentary Elections by Ballot.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On concurrence in Estimates.—That the Resolution appropriating the sum of $200,000 for Public Buildings at Halifax be not now concurred in but referred back to Committee of the Whole for the purpose of so amending it as to reduce the same to $66,385.00, which shall be paid to the Province of Nova Scotia being the balance claimed by that Province on open account for money spent on the New Provincial Building since 1st July, 1867, and in which all the required accomodation for the Public Service is already provided.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Wednesday next—That the House will on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the following Resolution,

That it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the now last Session, 33 *Victoria*, cap. 40, respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada by placing at the disposal of the Governor in Council a sum not exceeding $250,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of paying off any claims on the said Bank settled and adjusted under the 4th Section of the said Act, such payment being made on the certificate of the Treasury Board, that there is ample security for the reimbursement of the sum so paid for any claim out of the assets of the Bank.

Mr. *Boulton*—On Wednesday next—That an order of this House do issue to the proper authority to cause to be laid before this House a detailed statement of the settlement by capitalization of the several liabilities of each Province on Pension Lists prior to the Union and which are assumed and paid by the several Governments.

Mr. *Harrison*—On Wednesday next—That the notice required to be given by Standing Committees of the consideration of Private Bills under the 60th Rule, be reduced to three days, for the remainder of the Session.

Mr. *Savary*—On Thursday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether the Government has been furnished by the Local Government of Nova Scotia with a Statement of the particular items of the $66,000 alleged to have been expended by them on the New Public Building at Halifax since the 1st July, 1867: and whether the Government have offered or are willing to pay to the Local Government any money expended by them beyond such amounts as formed part of the liabilities of the Province on the 1st July, 1867, under contracts made prior to that date, it being alleged that the expenses of fitting up and furnishing said Building amounting to between $15,000 and $20,000 incurred since that date independently of pre-existing contracts and liabilities, form part of the amount claimed by the Local Government, and whether the memorial of the Local Government to Her Majesty the Queen has been forwarded through the medium of the Government of Canada praying Her Majesty's intervention and invoking the opinion of the Crown Officers on the respective claims of the two Governments in regard to the said Building, if so, when was their said memorial forwarded, and has any reply been made thereto?

Mr. *Morrison* (Niagara)—On Wednesday next—BILL to amend the Railway Act of 1868 so as to insure equal facilities on Railways heretofore constructed as well as those hereafter to be constructed.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—on Wednesday next—That the House do on Friday next go into Committee of the whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—

That it is expedient to provide, that the loan of one million four hundred and sixty thousand dollars, or three hundred thousand pounds sterling, raised in England, with the guarantee of the Imperial Government for the payment of the interest thereon, under the authority of the Act of Canada, 32 and 33 Vic., Cap. 1, for the purpose of paying a like sum to Hudson's Bay Company, for the purpoees set forth in the said Act,—be made the next charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, after any charge thereon created or to be created thereon, under the Act of Canada passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter 41, for any loan for fortifications; and that further provision be made with respect to the loan first above mentioned in conformity to the requirements of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 32 and 33 Vic. Cap. 101, under which the guarantee of the Imperial Government was given for the payment of the interest on the said loan.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 21ST MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House, General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of Three Rivers, for the year 1870.

Eight Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

On motion of Mr. *O'Connor*, the Petition of *James Dougall*, and others, Members of the Board of Trade, of the Town of Windsor, Province of Ontario, presented this day, was received and read; praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Mr. *Harrison*, from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, reported the Bill (No. 24) to incorporate the Fredericton and Saint Mary's Bridge Company, with amendments.

He also reported, that as there is reason to anticipate an early close of the Session, the Committee recommend that the Notice required to be given under Rule 60, of the consideration of Private Bills by Committees, be reduced to three days.

On motion of Mr. *Harrison*, the Notice required under Rule 60 was reduced to three days for the remainder of the Session.

Mr. *Bown*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the Eighth Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the Petition of *Samuel Waddell* and others, of Montreal; for incorporation of the Metropolitan Bank.

On the Petition of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*, for a continuance of their Charter, and power to increase their Capital stock, the Committee find that no Notice was given; the Petitioners having been under an impression that they could have received the requisite powers under the General Banking Act. As the whole banking system is now under review, by the Legislature, the Committee recommended a suspension of the Rule relative to Notice in this case.

As there is reason to suppose that the Session will shortly close, the Committee recommend that the Notice required to be given, under the 60th Rule, of the consideration of Private Bills by Committees be reduced to three days.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, the 51st Rule was suspended in relation to a Bill to continue in force the Charter of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*, and to make certain amendments thereto.

He then introduced the said Bill (No. 66), which was read the first time and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* presented,—Return in obedience to the Order of the House of the 16th instant; for a tabular statement of the quantity and value of the various kinds of articles imported into British Columbia for the last fiscal year, of which there are available returns; the amount of duty collected upon each, and the amount which would have been collected, had the present Canadian Tariff been in force.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Supplementary Return to an Address of the 27th ult.; for Report of Engineer of Department of Public Works on the application for permission to erect a Railway Bridge across the Lachine Canal on the Line of Wellington Street; and all papers connected therewith.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* presented,—Statement of Fisheries Expenditure on account of Marine Police, for the year 1870.

Hon. Mr. *Dunkin* introduced a Bill (No. 67) to incorporate the Farmers' Bank.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Workman* introduced a Bill (No. 68) to incorporate the Metropolitan Bank.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The following Bills were severally read a third time, and passed, viz :—

No. 32. To establish one uniform currency for the Dominion of Canada.

No. 54. To indemnify the Members of the Executive Government and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of Public Money, in excess of the Parliamentary grant, incurred in repelling the threatened invasion of the Fenians in 1870.

The resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole, yesterday, respecting the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Vic.*, cap. 50, by,—and also on reducing duties of Excise in the Province of Manitoba, were reported; and being read a second time, were agreed to, and are as follows :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to amend section 7, of the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, 31 *Vic.*, C. 20, by providing that, parafine wax in a solid state, grease for lubricating purposes and being fluid, lubricating oil made from crude petroleum without being subjected to any process of distillation, tar and other refuse removed from the still without passing through the worm or condenser, and any article produced from such tar or refuse without further process of distillation shall be exempt from any duty of excise.

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Hon. Mr. *Morris* then introduced a Bill (No. 69) to amend the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, and to alter the duties of Excise chargeable in the Province of Manitoba.—Second reading to-morrow.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on Friday last, the 17th instant, were reported as follow :—

LEGISLATION.

Senate.

	$ cts.
26. Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the Senate	43,245 00

House of Commons.

27. Salaries and Contingencies, per Clerk's Estimate	79,590 00
28. Salaries and Contingencies, per Sergeant at-Arms' Estimate	40,268 75

Miscellaneous.

29. Grant to Parliamentary Library	6,000 00
30. Printing, Binding and distributing the Laws	10,000 00
31. Printing, Printing paper and Bookbinding	35,000 00
32. Contingencies of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery	1,000 00
33. Miscellaneous Printing	2,000 00

MARINE HOSPITALS.

52. Marine and Emigrant Hospital, Quebec	21,000 00
53. Marine Hospitals, New Brunswick and Neva Scotia, Hospital at St. Catherines, and Maintenance, &c., of Shipwrecked and Sick and Distressed Seamen at the several Ports of the Dominion	18,000 00

PENSIONS.

54. Samuel Waller, late Clerk, House of Assembly	400 00
55. L. Gagné, Messenger do	72 00
56. John Bright do do	80 00
57. Mrs. Antrobus	800 00

NEW MILITIA PENSIONS.

		$ cts.
58.	Mrs. Caroline McEachern, and four children	292 00
59.	Jane Lakey	146 00
60.	Rhoda Smith	110 00
61.	Janet Alderson	110 00
62.	Margaret McKenzie	80 00
63.	Mary Ann Richey, and two children	336 00
64.	Mary Morrison	80 00
65.	Louise Prud'homme, and two children	130 00
66.	Virginie Charron, and four children	150 00
67.	Paul M. Robbins	146 00
68.	Charles T. Bell	73 00
69.	Alex. Oliphant	109 50
70.	Charles Lugsden	91 25
71.	John White	109 50
72.	Thomas Charters	91 25
73.	Samuel McCrag	109 50
74.	Charles T. Robertson	110 00
75.	Percy G. Routh	400 00
76.	Richard S. King	400 00
77.	George A. McKenzie	73 00
78.	Edward Hilder	146 00
79.	Fergus Schofield	73 00
80.	John Bradley	109 50
81.	Richard Penticost	91 25
82.	James Bryan	109 50
83.	Jacob Stubbs	73 00
84.	Mary Connor	110 00
85.	Mary Hodgins, and three children	191 00
86.	John Martin	110 00
87.	A. E. Marchand	110 00
88.	A. W. Stevenson	110 00
89.	Mrs. J. Thorburn	150 00
90.	Mrs. P. T. Worthington, and children	378 00
91.	Mrs. J. H. Elliott, and children	130 00
92.	Mrs. George Prentice, and children	400 00
93.	Ellen Kirkpatrick, and three children	266 00

COMPENSATION TO PENSIONERS.

94.	In lieu of land	9,000 00

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM AND PACKET SERVICE.

Dominion Steamers.

120.	Maintenance of Steamers *Napoleon III.*, *Lady Head* and *Druid*	62,500 00

Subsidies.

121.	Moiety payable to Inman Line between Halifax and Cork	39,541 00
122.	Steam Communications between Quebec and Maritime Provinces	15,000 00
123.	Steam Communication between Prince Edward Island and the Ports of the Dominion	3,000 00
124.	Packet Communication between Pictou and the Magdalen Islands	400 00
125.	Steam Communication between New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island	1,000 00
126.	Steam Communication Halifax and St. John via Yarmouth	10,000 00
127.	Communication from St. John to Ports in Basin of Minas	2,000 00

Tug Service, Upper St. Lawrence.

128.	Between Montreal and Kingston	12,000 00

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND OBSERVATORIES.

Observatories.

34.	Observatory, Quebec	2,400 00
35.	Do Toronto	4,800 00
36.	Do Kingston	500 00
37.	Do Montreal	500 00
38.	Do Halifax (Revote $750)	1,500 00
39.	Do New Brunswick	1,000 00
40.	Repairs and Alterations to Time Ball Apparatus, Quebec	1,000 00
41.	Grant for Meteorological Observatories, including Instruments	5,000 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE, AND STATISTICS.

		$ cts.
42.	Salaries and contingent expenses of Statistical Office, Halifax	3,890 00
43.	Salaries of 316 Deputy Registrars, Province of Nova Scotia, and allowance for getting Marriage Returns	1,800 00
44.	To meet the possible amount required in the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1872, for the taking of the Census	360,000 00

IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

45.	Salaries of Immigration Agents and Employés	18,212 00
46.	Medical Inspection, Port of Quebec	2,600 00
47.	Quarantine, Grosse Isle	12,000 00
48.	Do St. John, N.B.	3,900 00
49.	Do Halifax	4,460 00
50.	Travelling Expenses and Contingencies, Europe and Canada	14,000 00
51.	To meet possible expenses of Immigration	45,000 00

Resolutions 26 to 33, inclusive being read a second time, were severally agreed to.
Resolutions 52 to 94, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.
Resolutions 120 to 125, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.
Resolution 126 being read a second time,—and a Debate arising thereon;
Hon. Mr. *Blanchet* moved, that the House do now adjourn.
And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
Resolution 126 was then agreed to.
Resolutions 127 and 128 being read a second time, were severally agreed to.
Resolutions 34 to 43, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.
Resolution 44 being read a second time,
Hon. Mr. *Dunkin* moved, that the amount be reduced to $260,000; which was agreed to.
The said Resolution was then agreed to, as amended.
Resolutions 45 to 51, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, yesterday, were reported; and being read a second time, were agreed to, as follow:—

PENITENTIARIES.

		$ cts.
129.	Penitentiary, Kingston, Ontario	117,091 27
130.	Rockwood Asylum do	82,734 25
131.	Penitentiary, Halifax, N.S.	21,136 00
132.	do St. John, N. B.	43,170 00
133.	Directors of Penitentiaries	9,000 00
134.	To provide for the estimate of cost of testing system of gratuities payable to Convicts on discharge	2,000 00

Kingston Buildings, &c.

135.	Timber for Cribwork on Water Front, and to raise New Wharf	1,500 00	
136.	Penal Prison and Warden's House, &c.	2,500 00	
137.	Steam Boiler for heating water and Steam cooking range	1,500 00	
			5,500 00

LIGHT HOUSES AND COAST SERVICE.

158.	Construction of Light Houses, Fog Trumpets, &c		79,700 00

Quebec.

159.	Salaries of Light House Keepers, &c	23,007 00	
	Maintenance of Light Houses, &c	18,929 00	
			41,936 00

Between Quebec and Montreal.

160.	Salaries af Light House Keepers, &c	3,880 00	
	Maintenance, &c., of Light Houses	6,825 00	
	Steamer "Richelieu"	4,050 00	
			14,755 00

Trinity House, Quebec.

161.	Salaries and Contingencies	7,925 00

Trinity House, Montreal.

162.	Salaries and Contingencies	7,614 00

Light Houses, &c., above Montreal.

163.	Salaries and Allowances	24,591 00	
	Maintenance	30,970 00	
			55,561 00

			$ cts.
	Nova Scotia.		
164.	Salaries and allowances	28,854 00	
	Maintenance	32,045 00	
			60,899 00
	New Brunswick.		
165.	Salaries and Allowances	11,447 00	
	Maintenance	10,760 00	
	Buoys and Beacons	4,600 00	
			26,807 00
166.	Sable and Seal Islands Humane Establishments		8,000 09
167.	Cape Race Light		500 00
	FISHERIES.		
168.	Maintenance and repairs of Schooner *La Canadienne*		9,000 00
169.	Salaries and disbursements of Fishery Overseers and Wardens:—		
	Ontario		6,000 00
	Quebec		7,000 00
	New Brunswick		7,000 00
	Nova Scotia		7,000 00
170.	Fishways and Oyster Beds and for Fish Breeding		7,500 00
171.	Additional for the protection of the Fisheries (Marine Police)		70,000 00
	CULLING TIMBER		
172.	Salaries and Contingent Expenses of the Cullers' Office		73,400 00
	STEAMBOAT INSPECTION.		
173.	To defray expenses of Steamboat Inspection		8,500 00
	INDIANS.		
174.	Annual grant to Indians, Quebec		400 00
175.	do do Nova Scotia		3,300 00
176.	do do New Brunswick		3,200 00
177.	To purchase Blankets for aged nnd Infirm Indians, Ontario and Quebec		1,200 00
	MISCELLANEOUS.		
178.	Printing Canada "Gazette"		2,500 00
179.	Postage do		1,200 00
180.	Miscellaneous Printing		5,000 00
181.	Unforseen Expenses: Expenditure thereof to be under Order in Council, and a detailed account thereof to be laid before Parliament during the first fifteen days of the next Session		75,000 00
	xpenses connected with ascertaining correct time at Ottawa, and firing of noon gun		400 00
183.	Expenses of investigations relating to Wrecks		1,000 00
184.	Commutation in lieu of remission of duties on articles imported for the use of the Army and Navy, to be apportioned by Order in Council		40,000 00
185.	To provide for examination and classification of Masters and Mates (Mercantile Marine)		6,200 00
186.	To provide one half of the British Share of the Expenditure in reference to Surveys of the Boundary Line between Canada and the United States of America, on the 49th parallel of North Latitude		50,000 00
187.	To provide for purchase and maintenance of Life Boats, Life Preservers, and for rewards for saving life		3,600 00
188.	For openiug up communication with North West Territory, Unexpended balance (Revote)		400,000 00
	COLLECTION OF REVENUES.		
	Customs.		
189.	Salaries and contingent expenses of the several Ports, viz.:—		
	In Province of Ontario		164,426 00
	do Quebec		165,145 25
	do New Brunswick		68,812 75
	do Nova Scotia		92,702 25
	do Manitoba and North West		6,500 00
	Salaries and contingent expenses of Inspectors of Ports		9,750 00
190.	Contingencies at Head Office, covering Printing, Stationery, Advertising, Telegraphing, &c., for the several Ports of Entry		15,000 00
191.	To provide for Special Officers and Services		3,000 00

INLAND REVENUE.

192.	Salaries of Outside Officers and Inspectors of Excise	111,000 00
193.	Travelling expenses, rent, fuel, stationery, postage, furniture, &c,,	28,500 00
194.	Preventive Service	3,000 00
195.	To provide for additions to the Outside Service of the Excise Department as may be found necessary..	4,900 00

POST OFFICE.

196.	*Ontario and Quebec Mail Service*:—	
	Grand Trunk Railway	167,000 00
	Great Western Railway	45,000 00
	Other Railways	50,000 00
	Steamboat Service	40.000 00
	Ocean Mail Service	10,000 00
	Military and Naval Postage refunds	3,000 00
	Salaries of Outside Services: Inspectors, Railway Clerks, &c.,	100,000 00
	Payments for ordinary Mail Contract Service	230,000 00
	Miscellaneous	30,000 00
	On Account Money Order Branch	3,000 00
	Post Office Savings Bank	5,000 00
	Nova Scotia Mail Services	90,000 00
	New Brunswick Mail Services	75,000 00
	Manitoba Mail Services	10,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS.

Maintenance and Repairs.

197.	Ontario and Quebec	355,800 00
198.	Nova Scotia Railways	339,000 00
199.	European and North American Railway and Eastern Extension, Working Expenses	165,000 00
200.	Salaries and Contingencies of Canal Officers	27,070 00
201.	Collection of Slide and Boom Dues	12,172 00

MINOR REVENUES.

202.	Amount required in connection with Minor Revenues	10,000 00

The House went into Committee to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to sell on such terms as may seem fit, Oakville Harbor with the tolls and all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining,

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted ;—

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the Governor in Council to sell, on such terms as may seem fit, Oakville Harbor with the tolls and all the rights and privileges thereunto appertaining.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported ; and being read a second time, was agreed to.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 70) to authorize the sale of Oakville Harbor.—Second reading tomorrow.

The House went into Committee to consider a resolution declaring it expedient to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies (31 *Vic.* C. 48) by more clearly defining the amount and nature of the securities to be deposited by such Companies in certain cases, and by making better provision for the disposal of such securities in case of the Insolvency of a Company or its withdrawal from business in Canada, and to consolidate the said Act and the said amendments into one Act.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported ; and being read a second time, was agreed to.—

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 71) to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies. Second reading to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper*—on Thursday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE on next to consider the folowing Resolution:—

That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting Fishing by Foreign vessels, passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign, and to enact that the proceeds of every sale under the sixth section of the said Act so amended shall be subject to the control of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who shall first pay therefrom all necessary costs and expenses of custody and sale, and that the Governor in Council may from time to time apportion three-fourths, or less, of the net remainder among the officers and crew of any Queen's Ship or Canadian Government vessel from on board of which the seizure was made, as they may think right, reserving for the Government and paying over to the Receiver General at least one-fourth of such net remainder, to form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada; but that the Governor in Council may, nevertheless direct that any goods, vessel or boat, and the tackle, rigging, apparel, furniture, stores and cargo, seized and forfeited under the said Act, as amended, shall be destroyed, or be reserved for the public service; and also to provide that the said sixth section of the said Act, as amended, shall apply to any goods, vessels and boats, and the tackle, rigging, apparel, furniture, stores and cargo already condemned under the said Act, and to the proceeds of the sale thereof remaining to be applied and paid.

Mr, *Bechard*—When the House resolves itself into Committee of the whole upon the Bill to amend the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament,—to amend the Bill by adding after the words "Government of Canada" in the third line of the amended sub-section the words "or of the Government of any of the provinces forming part of the Dominion," and by adding at the end of the first section of the said Bill, the words "except that sub-section 3 of the above cited section shall be amended by striking out the words 'one of the Commissioners appointed under the Act respecting the Intercolonial Railway or' in the third and fourth lines of the said sub-section."

Mr. *Morrison* (Niagara)—On Thursday next—BILL to amend the Railway Act of 1868, so as to insure to all incorporated Express Companies equal facilities on Railways heretofore constructed as well as those hereafter to be constructed.

Hon. Mr. *Blanchet*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY, whether it is the intention of the Government to cause the Civil Service Act to be so amended as to exempt persons in the employment of the Federal Government from the Income Tax imposed by Municipal Corporations.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Lunenburg)—On Thursday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor-General for an account of the total cost of the new Provincial Building at Halifax, giving the dates and amounts of the several payments and the names of parties to whom the payments were made, and with respect to all monies paid after the 1st July, 1867, distinguishing between those sums which were paid on account of contracts entered into by the Nova Scotia Government previous to that date from the sums paid from services or furnishings, supplied that were not subject to such contracts.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration on or after Saturday, the 25th instant:—

By the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

No. 66. To continue in force the Charter of *La Banque Jacques Cartier*, and to make certain amendments thereto.

No. 67. To incorporate the Farmers' Bank.

No. 68. To incorporate the Metropolitan Bank.

No. 24.

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OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Return of the names of Stockholders of the Bank of British North America, on the 1st January, 1871.—

He also informed the House, that the Clerk had received the following Returns in obedience to the Order of the House of the 16th instant, for a statement of the rate of interest paid by the different Savings' Banks in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, during the last three years; with a statement of the sums they have paid to Charitable Institutions during the same period, viz. :—from the Toronto Savings Bank,—the Quebec Provident and Savings Bank,—and *La Caisse d' Economie Notre Dame de Québec.*—

Four Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.—

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *James Collie*, and others, Merchants of Liverpool, Province of Nova Scotia; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Bank of Liverpool.

Of the Sun Insurance Company of Montreal; praying that their Acts of Incorporation may be so amended, that its Life Branch may hereafter be carried on under the name of the Sun Mutual Life Insurance Company of Montreal.—

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the third Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills with amendments, viz :—

No. 27. To incorporate the Dominion Life Association.—

No. 18. To incorporate the Toronto Corn Exchange Association.—

No. 40. To amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank.—

Mr. *Tremblay* introduced a Bill (No. 72) to provide for taking the Poll at Parliamentary Elections by Ballot.—Second reading to-morrow.

Mr. *Workman* introduced a Bill (No. 73) to amend the Act incorporating the Sun Insurance Company of Montreal.—

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole on Friday next, to take into consideration certain Resolutions providing for the appointment of a Port Warden at Quebec.

Also, to consider a Resolution, declaring it expedient to amend the Act 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 40, respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* informed The House, that the subject-matter of the said motion having been submitted to His Excellency, he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of The House.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole on Friday next, to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved—That it is expedient to provide, that the loan of one million four hundred and sixty thousand dollars, or three hundred thousand pounds sterling, raised in England, with the guarantee of the Imperial Government for the payment of the interest thereon, under the authority of the Act of Canada, 32 and 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 1, for the purpose of paying a like sum to Hudson's Bay Company, for the purposes set forth in the said Act,—be made the next charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, after any charge thereon created or to be created thereon, under the Act of Canada passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter 41, for any loan for fortifications; and that further provision be made with respect to the loan first above mentioned in conformity to the requirements of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 32 and 33 *Vic.* Cap. 101, under which the guarantee of the Imperial Government was given for the payment of the interest on the said loan.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* informed The House, that the subject matter of the said motion having been submitted to His Excellency, he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of The House.

Hon. Mr. *Howe* introduced a Bill (No. 74) to prolong for a limited time, the term allowed for the redemption of rents reserved on certain Indian Lands in the Township of Dundee. Second reading to-morrow.

The Bill (No. 57) to amend the Act relating to duties of Customs, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that the said Bill be read a third time to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. *Holton* moved in amendment, that the said Bill be re-committed forthwith for the purpose of so amending the same, as to repeal the duties on Coal, Coke, Wheat and Flour.

Hon. Mr. *Blanchet* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, by adding at the end thereof the words : "and also Salt, Peas and Beans, Rye, Oats, Indian Corn, Buckwheat, and all other grain, Indian meal, Oatmeal and Flour or meal of any other grain."—

And a Debate arising thereon ;

(*The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule* 19.)

The Bill (No. 24) to incorporate the Fredericton and Saint Mary's Bridge Company, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading, to-morrow.

And the question being put on Hon. Mr. *Blanchet*'s proposed amendment : it was agreed to on the following division :

Yeas.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Archambeault, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Blake, Blanchet, Bolton, Bourassa, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Delorme, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Forbes, Fortier, Fortin, Fournier, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Grant, Hagar, Harrison, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Holton, Howe, Irvine, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Killam, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, McMonies, Merritt, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria, O.), Morrison (Niagara), Oliver, Pâquet, Pearson, Pelletier, Pickard, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (King's, N. B.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scatcherd, Simard, Simpson, Smith, Snider, Stirton, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Wallace, White, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—102.

Nays.

Messrs. Ault, Baker, Bertrand, Bown, Cameron (Huron), Campbell, Colby, Crawford (Brockville), Dobbie, Gibbs, Gray, Grover, Jackson, Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Keeler, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Lunenburg), McKeagney, Perry, Pinsonneault, Ross (Dundas), Scriver, Shanly, Street, Webb, Whitehead, Willson.—28.

The question being then put on Hon. Mr. *Holton*'s amendment, as amended,

Mr. *Colby* moved, that all the words after "that" in the said amendment be struck out, and that it be *Resolved*, That it is inexpedient during the present Session of Parliament to make any alteration in the existing duties on Coal, Coke, Wheat, Flour, Salt, Peas and Beans, Barley, Rye, Oats, Indian Corn, Buckwheat, and all other grain, Indian meal, Oatmeal and Flour or meal of any other grain.—

And objection being taken by Hon. Mr. *Holton*, Member for the Electoral District of Chateauguay, that this amendment is out of Order, inasmuch as it proposes to strike out certain words, which The House has already decided shall form part of the question ;

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight ;

Thursday, 23rd March, 1871.

Mr. Speaker decided, that the point of Order was well taken. It seems conclusively so by English authority, And there is good reason for it. The House has pronounced its decision upon the proposition that Salt and other articles shall form part of the question to be submitted to The House, and now The House is asked to say that they shall be struck out of the question.

This would be a contradiction, and is clearly out of Order

And the question being put on Hon. Mr. *Holton's* amendment, as amended,

Mr. *Currier* moved in amendment, that the words " and Pork ", be added at the end of the said amendment, as amended.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

And the question being again put on Hon. Mr. *Holton's* motion ; it was agreed to on the following division.

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Benoit, Blake, Blanchet, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Caron, Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Coupal, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Delorme, Dufresne, Ferris, Forbes, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.) Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Hagar, Harrison, Holton, Irvine, Jones (Halifax),Kempt, Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langlois, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Merritt, Mills, Moffatt, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pearson, Pelletier, Pickard, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Scatcherd, Smith, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tourangeau, Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—83.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Bellerose, Bertrand, Bown, Cameron (Huron), Campbell, Cartier (Sir George E.), Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Daoust, Dobbie, Dunkin, Fortin, Gaucher, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Howe, Jackson, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Keeler, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Perry, Pinsonneault, Robitaille, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tupper, Webb, White, Whitehead, Willson—55.

The House accordingly went into Committee of the Whole again on the said Bill ; and progress having been reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again, at the next sitting of The House, this day.

The House then adjourned at 12.45 A.M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Glengarry)—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for Mr. *S. J. Dawson's* Report on the Red River Expedition, together with any documents submitted by him in reply to the articles which have appeared in *Blackwood's* Magazine and other prints, commenting on the fitting out and progress of the Expeditionary Force.

Hon. Mr. *Blanchet*—On Monday next—That the Honorable the Speaker be instructed, in connection with the other Commissioners appointed in virtue of the Act respecting the internal economy of the House of Commons, to secure for the next Session the services of a sufficient number of Stenographers for the publication in both languages of the the official Debates of this House.

Mr, *Fournier*—On Friday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is by order of the Government that the *Canada Gazette* is no longer sent to the Reverend Curés and to the Registrars in the Province of *Quebec.*

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that the Clerk had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Certificate of the Election and Return of *John White*, Esquire, Member to represent the Electoral District of the East Riding of the County of Hastings, in the room and stead of the Honorable *Robert Read*, summoned to the Senate.

He also laid before The House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the Districts of Quebec and Gaspé.

One Petition was brought up and laid on the table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *Maxime Beaupré*, Merchant of the Parish of St. Michel d'Yamaska; praying for certain Amendments to the Insolvent Act of 1869.

Of *Charles Creed*, M.D., and others, of Pugwash, Province of Nova Scotia; of *William Footner*, and others, of the City of Montreal; and of *W. R. Hibbard*, and others, of the City of Montreal; severally praying for the passing of an Act granting Letters Patent to the Inventor or first Introducer, or to Inventors alone, irrespective of nationality or residence, but in all cases requiring the establishment and continuous operation of the Invention in the Dominion.

Of *Rufus F. Black*, and others, of the District of River Philip, County of Cumberland, Province of Nova Scotia; praying that the Station on the Intercolonial Railroad for the said district may be placed as near as possible the point where it crosses the main road along the River Philip.

Of *William Weld*, of the City of London, Editor of the *Farmer's Advocate*; praying that packages of Seeds sent by mail from one part of the Dominion to another may pass at the same rate of postage as is now charged upon printed matter sent by mail in bulk.

Motion being made that the Petition of *Norman McQuarrie* and others, of Margaw, County of Inverness, and its vicinity praying for aid towards removing the Sand Bar, and otherwise improving the Harbor of Margaw, be received :—

Mr. Speaker decided "that as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of public money it cannot be received."

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the first Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills with amendments, viz :

No. 17. To incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company.

No. 33. To incorporate a Company to construct a Railway from Montreal to Ottawa, to be called "The Montreal Junction and Ottawa City Railway Company."

He also reported that the Committee had considered the Bill (No. 30) to authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make arrangements for the leasing, using, and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies, and are of opinion, that as the Government hold a lien for a large amount upon the Northern Railway, the consent of the Government should be obtained to the consideration of this Bill before any further proceedings are had thereon.—

On motion of Mr. *Killam*, the fifty-first Rule was suspended in relation to a Bill to incorporate the Western Bank.

He then introduced the said Bill (No. 75) which was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Mr. *Workman*, the Order of yesterday referring the Bill (No. 73) to amend the Act incorporating the Sun Insurance Company of Montreal, to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, was rescinded,—and the Bill withdrawn.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Tupper*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, to morrow, to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to amend the Act respecting Fishing by foreign vessels, passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign.

Mr. *Magill* introduced a Bill (No. 76) to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869.—Second reading on Monday next.

Mr. *Simard* introduced a Bill (No. 59) to amend the Act incorporating the Quebec Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. *Irvine* introduced a Bill (No. 77) to make provision for the detention of female convicts in Reformatory Prisons, in the Province of Quebec.—Second reading on Monday next.

Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th ult.; for copies of all correspondence that has taken place between the Dominion and Local Government of the Province of New Brunswick, since 1st July, 1867, relating to unadjusted claims of the Province of New Brunswick, with a statement of such claims; also a statement of the Public Account between the Dominion and the Province of New Brunswick, on the 1st January, 1871.

Mr. *Jones* (Leeds & Grenville) moved, that The House do now adjourn.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said motion was, with leave of The House, withdrawn.

Mr. *Blake* moved, that The House do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*—That the sense of the Houses of the respective Legislatures of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick was taken as to, and formed the basis of the Imperial Legislation under which the said Provinces were federally united into the Dominion of Canada..

2. *Resolved*—That it was by the British North America Act (1867) enacted that it should be lawful for the Queen by and with the advice of the Privy Council on Addresses from the Houses of Parliament of Canada to admit Rupert's Land and the North Western Territory, or either of them, into the Union by the said Act created, on such terms and conditions as the Queen should think fit to approve subject to the provisions of the said Act; and that the Provisions of any such Order in Council should have effect as if they had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

3. *Resolved*—That Addresses have been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of Canada touching the admission of the said Territories into the Union, and Canada has paid large sums, and incurred large liabilities in order to accomplish such admission, and an Order in Council has been made by the Queen for such admission.

4. *Resolved*—That the Parliament of Canada has assumed to exercise jurisdiction over the said Territories and to make provision for the erection of part of the said Territories into the Province of Manitoba, and for the establishment of federal relations between the said Provinces and Canada.

5. *Resolved*—That it has been made to appear to this House that the Canadian Government has requested the Government of the United Kingdom to submit to the Parliament of the United Kingdom a Bill touching the said North Western Territories or some part thereof; and that the Government of the United Kingdom in consequence of such request has proposed to the Canadian Government to submit a Bill a draft of which it has forwarded to the Canadian Government.

6. *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this House the sense of both Houses of the Parliament of Canada should be taken as to and should form the basis of such proposed Legislation.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved in amendment, that all the words after the word "that" in the said motion be left out, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:

1. "This House, after full consideration passed the Act to establish and provide for the Government of the Province of Manitoba.

2. That the said Act, has since received the sanction and approval of the Imperial Government.

3. That for the removal of doubts, as to certain provisions of the said Act, the Government of Canada have requested the Imperial Government to pass an Act in the Imperial Parliament, confirmatory of the said first-mentioned Act.

4. That the Imperial Government have agreed to introduce a Bill to the aforesaid effect, and declaring also the power of this Parliament to create other Provinces in the vast Territory in the North West, now forming part of the Dominion, and to give them Constitutions on the same footing, as to guarantees of permanence, and otherwise with the Constitutions of the old Provinces.—

5. That a draft of the said proposed Act has been communicated to this House.

6. That the provisions of the said draft Act meet the approval of this House, and are in consonance with the will of this House, as expressed in the most formal manner in the said Act, relating to Manitoba."

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after the word "that" be out, and the following inserted instead thereof: "irrespective of the merits of the measure proposed by the Government of Canada to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of confirming certain Canadian Legislation, depriving the Parliament of Canada of certain existing powers, and altering the British North America Act, 1867, this House would be wanting in its duty, if it did not express its decided opinion that no such Imperial Legislation should be asked for by the Government of Canada, except after the details of such proposed Legislation shall have been submitted to both Houses of the Parliament of Canada for their judgment, and addresses of such Houses to the Queen, praying for such Legislation shall have been passed,"

And objection being taken by Mr. *Harrison*, Member for the Electoral Division of the City of Toronto (West), that the amendment is in effect the same as the original motion and so cannot be moved as an amendment to the amendment to the original motion.

And a Debate arising thereon;

At six o'clock, p.m., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at half-past seven o'clock, p.m.

Mr. *Shanly* presented a Petition of the Vaudreuil Railway Company, which was received and read; praying for the passing of an Act to remove all doubts as to the right of the said Company to construct that portion of the line of Railway from Vaudreuil to Ottawa, lying between Hawkesbury and the City of Ottawa; and to suspend in their favor the rules of The House in reference to publication of Notice.

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

Dominion Railways.

		$ cts.
95. Intercolonial Railway		6,000,000 00

And The House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight,

Friday, 24th March, 1871,

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

Dominion Railways.—(Continued.)

96. Nova Scotia Railway		31,100 00
97. European and North American, New Brunswick and Eastern Extension Railways, viz:—		
Increased Accommodation, St. John	157,700 00	
do Pointe Duchêne	48,000 00	
Construction between Painsec and Amherst	8,100 00	
		213,800 00
98. Extension of Railway Terminus to Halifax		150,000 00

Harbors and Piers.

100. (Revote $77,000 00)	326,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again at the next sitting of The House, this day.

The House then adjourned at 1.05 A.M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

In the Votes of yesterday, page 134, the word "*barley*" was omitted by mistake in the English version of Hon. Mr. *Blanchet*'s amendment.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Macdonald* (Glengarry)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General praying him to be pleased to cause to be laid before this House a copy of the Report of Mr. *S. J. Dawson* upon the Red River Expedition of 1870; also, copy of any document submitted by him in reference to the strictures published in England by an officer of the Expeditionary Force.

Mr. *Savary*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to place in the Supplementary Estimates a sum for the erection of a fog whistle at Bryer's Island at the mouth of the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to solicit Tenders for supplies required for the use of the Nova Scotia Railways, or whether they intend following the course hitherto pursued of obtaining the same by private contract.

Mr. *Fortin*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for the petition or petitions presented by *Joseph Bouchette* on his own behalf or on behalf of others, the children and grand children of the late *Joseph Bouchette* in his lifetime Surveyor General of the Province of Lower Canada, now the Province of Quebec, together with all documents and appendices annexed to or accompanying the said petition or petitions.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Monday next—BILL to remove doubts as to the legality of certain marriages therein mentioned.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were posted this day for consideration on or after Monday, the 27th instant (by the *Committee on Banking* and *Commerce*).

No. 75. To incorporate the Western Bank.

No. 59. To amend the Act incorporating the Quebec Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

No. 26.

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OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1871.

Four Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

On motion of Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*, the Petition of *Henry H. Miles*, L.L.D., and D. C. L, author, and others, presented this day, was received and read ; praying that steps may be taken to examine the Canadian Records, sorting and classifying them, with a view to the preparation of a Catalogue, indicating their contents, and ultimately providing in a permanent manner, not only for safe custody, but also convenient reference ; and the said Petition was, on motion of Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt*, referred to the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Town of Peterborough ; praying that the Bill now before Parliament to incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company may become law.

Of the Montreal Board of Trade ; praying that the Bill now before Parliament to authorize the Minister of Public Works to exempt the North Shore Railway Company from the obligation to build drawbridges across navigable rivers, may not become law.

Of Messrs. *Macklem* and *Kirkpatrick*, Tanners, of Chippawa, Province of Ontario ; praying that an export duty be imposed upon Hemlock Bark.

Of Messrs. *Alfred Waddington*, and *William Kersteman* ; praying for an Act of Incorporation, under the name of the Canada Pacific Railway Company.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* presented,—Return to Address of the 2nd instant ; for copies of all regulations made by the Governor in Council relating to the Fisheries ; also a statement of the means adopted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to prevent sawdust and mill rubbish being thrown into any stream frequented by fish and for the enforcement of the penalties of the Fisheries Act against mill-owners and others for injury to the River fisheries ; also a statement of the streams exempted by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries from the penal provisions of the Fisheries Act ; and the evidence by which it is shewn that those exemptions are in the public interest ; also a return shewing how far the Law has been complied with with regard to the construction of fish-ways.

Mr. *Perry*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented the ninth Report of the said Committee, reporting *favorably* on the Petition of *James Collie* and others ; for incorporation of the Bank of Liverpool.

On the Petition of the Quebec Marine and Fire Insurance Company; for certain amendments to their Act of Incorporation, the Committee find the Notice sufficient in point of time, but not sufficiently explicit, as some of the proposed amendments are such as to affect the rights of shareholders;—they therefore recommend the insertion in the Bill, of a Clause requiring the amendments to be submitted to a vote of the shareholders before going into effect,

The Petition of the Sun Insurance Company of Montreal;—prays for such an Amendment of their Act of Incorporation, as to enable them among other things to divide their business into two distinct branches,—and the Committee find that no Notice of the application was given; the promoters, however, have decided to abandon so much of the same as relates to a division of the business, and to ask only a change of their corporate name, to the "Sun Mutual Life Insurance Company of Montreal," and for this, Notice is not required.

The Petition of the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick; for an Act to limit the time within which their Notes shall be redeemable, the Committee find that the Notice, though still going on, is not yet complete; to remedy this, they would suggest that in fixing the time to be limited by the Bill, such a date shall be specified as will give to creditors ample Notice of the limitation.

On the Petition of *James Dougall* and others; for incorporation of the Board of Trade of the Town of Windsor, the Committee find that no Notice was given; but as the said Board has been several years in operation, no private rights could be affected by its Incorporation; they therefore recommended a suspension of the 51st Rule in this case.

On the Petition of the Vaudreuil Railway Company; for the passing of an Act to remove doubts as to their right to construct a certain portion of the line between Vaudreuil and Ottawa, no Notice was given; the Committee find, however, that a bill to this effect was not deemed necessary by the Petitioners, until a Bill now before The House, authorising the construction of a line from Ottawa to Coteau Landing came under their Notice, when they were advised to take this course for the protection of the rights acquired under their Charter and subsequent enactments, under these circumstances, the Committee recommend a suspension of the 51st Rule in this case.

On motion of Mr. *Shanly*, the 51st Rule was suspended in relation to a Bill concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.

He then introduced the said Bill (No. 79), which was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.—

Mr. *Workman* introduced a Bill (No. 73) to amend the Charter of the Sun Insurance Company.—

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* introduced a Bill (No. 31) relating to the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

On motion of Mr. *O'Connor*, the 51st Rule was suspended in relation to a Bill to incorporate the Board of Trade of the Town of Windsor.—

He then introduced the said Bill (No. 80), which was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.—

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.—*(Continued.)*

Lighthouses.

		$ cts.
101	Protection to Little Hope Lighthouse, N. B., (Revote)	5,000 00
102	1. Ottawa Parliament and Departmental Buildings (Revote)	40,000 00
	2. do do Buildings, Library	50,000 00
	3. do do Tower, Railing, Grounds, etc	207,000 00
	4. Post Office, Custom House, and other Public Buildings, Halifax	200,000 00

being proposed, and a Debate arising, and it being Six o'clock.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair at half past Seven, P.M.

(The Order for Private Bills was called under Rule 19.)

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, viz:—

No. 27. To incorporate the Confederation Life Association.

No. 18. To incorporate the Toronto Corn Exchange Association.

No. 40. To amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank.

No. 17. To incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company.—

No. 33. To incorporate the Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company.

The Bill (No. 2) to amend the Act 31 *Victoria*, Chapter 11, intituled "An Act respecting Banks," and also to amend the Act 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 11, intituled "An Act respecting Banks and Banking," was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

The Committee of Supply was then resumed.

Item 4 of Resolution 102 being proposed, viz :
Post Office, Custom House and other Public Buildings, Halifax, ...$200,000 00.
And The House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight.

Saturday, 25th March, 1871.

And Mr. *McDonald*, Member for the Electoral District of Lunenburg, having referred during the Debate to certain facts which the Hon. Mr. *Holton*, Member for the Electoral District of Chateauguay submitted were irrevalent to the question; and the latter gentleman having called upon the Chairman, Mr. *Street*, to leave the Chair, so that Mr. Speaker might decide the point of Order.—The Chairman left the Chair.

The point of Order having been submitted to Mr. Speaker, he declared that under the Rules the Chairman should himself decide points of Order in Committee.

The Committee then resumed, and the Chairman decided, that the Hon. Member for Lunenburg was in Order.
Item 4 of Resolution 102 was then adopted.
Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received on Tuesday next,—and Committee to sit again on Monday next.

The Bill (No. 56) respecting certain Saving's Banks in the Province of Ontario and Quebec, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standiug Committee on Banking and Commerce

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* it was
Resolved, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Monday next.

The House then adjourned at 2.07 A.M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a Return of all correspondence between the Government and the Secretary or President of the Acadia Fire Insurance Company, Halifax, respecting the application of that company for substitution of Dominion Bonds in place of Provincial Debentures lost on board the steamer *City of Boston* in January, 1870.

Mr. *Savary*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of any of the Provinces, or between the Government of Canada and the Attorney General of any of the Provinces respecting the duty or liability of the Dominion or Local Governments to defray the cost of criminal prosecutions.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the subjoined Resolutions, for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the draft of a Bill intended for submission to the Imperial Parliament, and contained in the said Resolutions which will be proposed in the following words, that is to say ;

Resolved.—1. That by a despatch transmitted to the House for its information by His Excellency the Governor General on the 28th of February last, together with the minute of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council approved by His Excelleney the Governor General in Council on the 27th of February last, this House learns that the draft of a Bill has been prepared with a view to its submission to the Imperial Parliament in the following words, that is to say :—

Whereas doubts have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada to establish Provinces in Territories admitted, or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and it is expedient to remove such doubts and to vest such powers in the said Parliament.

Be it enacted, &c,,

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the British North America Act, 1871.

2. The following Acts passed by the said Parliament of Canada, and intituled respectively, "An Act for the Temporary Government of "Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory when united with Canada ;" and, an "Act to amend and continue the Act 32 and 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 3, and to establish and provide for the Government

of the Province of Manitoba," shall be and be deemed to have been valid and effectual for all purposes whatsoever from the date at which they respectively received the assent of the Governor General of the said Dominion of Canada.

3. The Parliament of Canada may from time to time establish new Provinces in the Territories admitted to be part of the said Dominion by an Order in Council of the 23rd June, 1870, or in any other Territories which may hereafter be admitted into and form part of the said Dominion; and the said Parliament may at the time of such establishment make provision for the Administration of any such Provinces, and for the passing of Laws for the peace, order and good government thereof, and for the representation of such Provinces, or any of them in the said Parliament of Canada.

4. The Parliament of Canada may from time to time, with the consent of the Legislature of any Province, now or at any time hereafter forming part of the said Dominion, increase, diminish, or otherwise alter the limits of such Province upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the said Provincial Legislature.

5. The Parliament of Canada may with the like consent, withdraw from any Province any part of the Territory comprised therein, and make Laws for the Administration, peace, order and good government of the Territory so withdrawn until it is established as a Province, or until it is included within the Dominion; and may with the like consent make such provision, as to the said Parliament shall seem expedient relating to the effect and operation of any such withdrawal of Territory with respect to the Province from which such Territory shall have been withdrawn.

6. The two Acts of the Parliament of Canada, mentioned in the second clause of this Act, and any Act of the said Parliament hereafter establishing a Province as aforesaid, shall have effect as if it had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

Resolved, 2.—That this House is of opinion that a measure embodying the provisions contained in the said proposed Bill should be submitted to the Imperial Parliament, and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions.

Hon. *Mr. Morris*—On Tuesday next—COMMITTEE OF WHOLE to consider a Resolution to empower the Government to treat with the Province of Ontario for the lease or sale of the Rockwood Asylum to that Province, any such lease or sale to be subject to the approval of Parliament.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*—On Tuesday next—That the House do on Wednesday next go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution: That it is expedient in amending the Act respecting Insurance Companies, to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Insurance Offices, to be remunerated by fees to be paid by such Companies and to be fixed by order of the Governor in Council not to exceed for any office in any one year.

Mr. *Lapum*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether it is the intention of the Government to pay the Municipalities of the former Province of Upper Canada (now Ontario) the amounts due under the Municipal Loan Fund irrespective of the default of *G. Reiffenstein* now imprisoned in the Penitentiary for having appropriated a portion of those monies.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The following Bills were this day posted for consideration on and after Tuesday, the 28th instant, *viz*:—

By the Committee on Railways, etc.

No. 79 Concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.

By the Committee on Banking, etc.

No. 73 To amend the Charter of the Sun Insurance Company.—
No. 31 Relating to the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick.
No. 80 To incorporate the Board of Trade of the Town of Windsor.—

No. 27.

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 27TH MARCH, 1871.

The following petitions were received and read:

Of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Saint John, Province of New Brunswick; praying that the Usury Laws may be so amended as to legalize all contracts for profit or interest on monetary or mercantile negotiations.

Of *Wemyss M. Simpson*, Attorney for *James S. McMurray*, and others, of the City of Toronto; praying to be permitted to lay before the House, a Petition for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Sault Ste. Marie and Ottawa River Railway Company, notwithstanding the expiration of the time for presenting Petitions for Private Bills.

Of *James S. McMurray*, and others, of the City of Toronto; praying for an Act of Incorporation under the name of the Sault Ste. Marie and Ottawa River Railway Company.

Of the Honorable *John Hamilton*, and others; praying that the Act relating to the Sick and Distressed Mariners Fund may be extended in a modified form to the Province of Ontario.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works, and *George Sterling*, respecting a claim for damages against the Government by the said *Sterling*; said claim arising through the interference of an officer of the Department of Public Works.

Return to Address of the 2nd instant; for all papers and reports since last Session, having reference to the works on the Welland Canal, known as the Lake Erie Level.

Mr. *Forbes* introduced a Bill (No. 82) to incorporate the Bank of Liverpool.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.

Mr. *Bowell* introduced a Bill (No. 83) to remove doubts as to the legality of certain marriages therein mentioned.—Second reading to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 20th instant; for a copy of the Commission, and of all instructions given to the Commissioners lately appointed to enquire into the subject of Canal enlargement; and for the improvement of our Inland Water Communication; and for all correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the said Commission upon these subjects; also the Report of the Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. *Bolton* it was *Ordered*, That an Order of this House do issue to the proper authority to cause to be laid before this House a detailed statement of the settlement by capitalization, of the several liabilities of each Province on pension lists prior to the Union, and which are assumed and paid by the General Government.

On motion of Mr. *Fortin*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for the Petition or Petitions presented by *Joseph Bouchette* on his own behalf or on behalf of others, the children and grand children of the late *Joseph Bouchette* in his lifetime Surveyor General of the Province of Lower Canada, now the Province of Quebec, together with all documents and appendices annexed to or accompanying the said Petition or Petitions.

The Bill (No. 29) to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp duties of Premium Notes taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, was considered in Committee of the Whole; and progress having been reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again, to-morrow.

The Order af the Day being read, for resuming the further consideration of the proposed motion of Mr. *Blake* that The House do now go into Committee to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*—That the sense of the Houses of the respective Legislatures of the Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick was taken as to, and formed the basis of the Imperial Legislation under which the said Provinces were federally united into the Dominion of Canada..

2. *Resolved*—That it was by the British North America Act (1867) enacted that it should be lawful for the Queen by and with the advice of the Privy Council on Addresses from the Houses of Parliament of Canada to admit Rupert's Land and the North Western Territory, or either of them, into the Union by the said Act created, on such terms and conditions as the Queen should think fit to approve subject to the provisions of the said Act; and that the Provisions of any such Order in Council should have effect as if they had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

3. *Resolved*—That Addresses have been passed by both Houses of the Parliament of Canada touching the admission of the said Territories into the Union, and Canada has paid large sums, and incurred large liabilities in order to accomplish such admission, and an Order in Council has been made by the Queen for such admission.

4. *Resolved*—That the Parliament of Canada has assumed to exercise jurisdiction over the said Territories and to make provision for the erection of part of the said Territories into the Province of Manitoba, and for the establishment of federal relations between the said Provinces and Canada.

5. *Resolved*—That it has been made to appear to this House that the Canadian Government has requested the Government of the United Kingdom to submit to the Parliament of the United Kingdom a Bill touching the said North Western Territories or some part thereof; and that the Government of the United Kingdom in consequence of such request has proposed to the Canadian Government to submit a Bill a draft of which it has forwarded to the Canadian Government.

6. *Resolved*—That in the opinion of this House the sense of both Houses of the Parliament of Canada should be taken as to and should form the basis of such proposed Legislation.

And of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s motion in amendment thereto, and which motion is, that all the words after the word "that" in the said motion be left out, and the following substituted in lieu thereof :

1. "This House, after full consideration passed the Act to establish and provide for the Government of the Province of Manitoba.

2. That the said Act, has since received the sanction and approval of the Imperial Government.

3. That for the removal of doubts, as to certain provisions of the said Act, the Government of Canada have requested the Imperial Government to pass an Act in the Imperial Parliament, confirmatory of the said first-mentioned Act.

4. That the Imperial Government have agreed to introduce a Bill to the aforesaid effect, and declaring also the power of this Parliament to create other Provinces in the vast Territory in the North West, now forming part of the Dominion, and to give them Constitutions on the same footing, as to guarantees of permanence, and otherwise with the Constitutions of the old Provinces.—

5. That a draft of the said proposed Act has been communicated to this House.

6. That the provisions of the said draft Act meet the approval of this House, and are in consonance with the will of this House, as expressed in the most formal manner in the said Act, relating to Manitoba."

And of Hon. Mr. *Dorion*'s amendment, to the proposed amendment, moved by Hon Sir *George E. Cartier*, that all the words after the word "that" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof: "irrespective of the merits of the measure proposed by the Government of Canada to be submitted to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of confirming certain Canadian Legislation, depriving the Parliament of Canada of certain existing powers, and altering the British North America Act, 1867, this House would be wanting in its duty, if it did not express its decided opinion that no such Imperial Legislation should be asked for by the Government of Canada, except after the details of such proposed Legislation shall have been submitted to both Houses of the Parliament of Canada for their judgment, and addresses of such Houses to the Queen, praying for such Legislation shall have been passed,"

And of the objection taken by Mr. *Harrison*, Member for the electoral division of the City of Toronto (West), that the amendment is in effect the same as the original motion, and so cannot be moved as an amendment to the amendment to the original motion.

Mr. Speaker gave his decision, as follows :—

"The amendment proposed by the Hon. Member for Hochelaga proposes to The House a Resolution which is substantially the same as that involved in the original motion ; but it omits considerable matter of recital of both fact and law, and in that respect, I think, the proposition is one which the Hon. Member may propose as an amendment, He may say very properly as he does say, that he has no desire to commit The House to the recitals which form a part of the original motion,

I think the motion is therefore in order.

And the question being put on Hon. Mr. *Dorion's* amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Coupal, Crawford (Leeds), Delorme, Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Grover, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Killam, MacFarlane, Mackenzie, McCullum, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Smith, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Young.—55.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Brousseau, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cimon, Coffin, Colby Costigan, Currier, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Hincks (Sir Francis), Hurdon, Jackson, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria), N. S.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Simard, Simpson, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, Willson, Wright (Ottawa County).—77.

The question being then put on Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier's* amendment; it was agreed to on the following division:—

Yeas:

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Brousseau, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cimon, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Currier, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Hincks (Sir Francis), Hurdon, Jackson, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall, (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria N.S.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Simard, Simpson, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, Wilson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—78.

Nays:

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Coupal, Crawford (Leeds), Delorme, Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Grover, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Killam, MacFarlane, Mackenzie, McCallum, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Mills, Morrison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Smith, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Halimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, and Young.—57.

John White, Esq., Member for the Electoral Division of the South Riding of the County of Hastings, having previously taken the oath, according to Law, took his seat in The House.—

And the question being put on the main motion, as amended:

Hon. Mr. *Holton* moved in amendment, to add the following words: "But this House is of the opinion that no "changes in the provisions of the British North America Act should be sought by the Executive Government "without the previous assent of the Parliament of this Dominion;" which was agreed to on the following division:—

Yeas:

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowell, Bowman, Bown, Brousseau, Burpee, Burton, Cameron (Huron), Carling, Carmichael, Caron, Cartier (Sir Geo. E.), Cartwright, Chauveau, Cheval, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Delorme, Dobbie, Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Ferris, Fortier, Fortin, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Gibbs, Godin, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Hurdon, Jackson, Joly, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Keeler, Kempt, Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Mackenize, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, McMonies, Merritt, Mills, Morris, Morison, (Victoria, O.), Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pearson, Pelletier, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pozer, Ray, Redford Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (King's, N. B.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith, Snider, Stephenson, Stirton, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Wallace, Walsh, Webb, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Willson, Young.—137.

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended; it was agreed to on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Abbot, Archambeault, Ault, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Burton, Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Chauveau, Cheval, Cimon, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Delorme, Dobbie, Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Forbes, Fortier, Fortin, Fournier, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Godin, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Hurdon, Jackson, Joly, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Keeler, Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Lunenburg) McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Pâquet, Pearson, Pelletier, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pozer, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Simard, Simpson, Stephenson, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, Wright (Ottawa County).—99.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Ferris, Galt (Sir Alexander T.) Jones (Halifax), Kempt, MacFarlane, Mackenzie, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Smith, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Young.—38.

Mr. *Blake* moved, that the Bill (No. 10) securing the independence of the Senate, be now read the second time; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bourassa, Bowell, Bowman, Burpee, Carmichael, Cheval, Coupal, Currier, Delorme, Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Geoffrion, Gibbs, Godin, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Killam, Lapum, Little, MacFarlane, Mackenzie, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), Merritt, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross, (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Young.—57.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cimon, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Dufresne, Dunkin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gray, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Middlesex), Massson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Pearson, Perry, Pinsonneault, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (Montreal West), Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Stephenson, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, Willson.—58.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that the Clerk had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Certificates of the Elections and Returns of *Donald A. Smith*, Esq., *Pierre Delorme*, Esq., and *John Schultz*, Esq., for the Electoral Districts of Selkirk, Provancher, and Lisgar, in the Province of Manitoba, respectively; also a copy of the Special Return of *Joseph Dubuc*, Esq., Returning Officer for the Electoral District of Marquette, in the said Province of Manitoba.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of the expenses of the Military School of Instruction at Halifax, detailing the number of persons employed for the same, the rate of pay per day and the total expenditure for the past year, and the number of persons who have taken first and second class certificates during the same time.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return of all correspondence between the Government and the Inspector of River Fisheries for the Province of Nova Scotia relative to the appointment of Inspectors and Warden for the County of Halifax.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin*—On Tuesday next—BILL further to amend the Act respecting the Improvement and Management of the Harbor of Quebec.

Hon. Mr. *McDougall* (Lanark)—On Wednesday next—That the House do on Thursday next resolve itsel into a Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. That it appears from an Order in Council and Memorandum of the 1st of March, 1871, transmitted by His Excellency the Governor General for the information of this House that the system approved by an Order in Council of the 23rd September, 1869, for the survey and sub-division of Townships in the North West Territory, has been materially altered to the disadvantage of intending settlers.

2. That the area of Townships has been reduced from eight miles square to six miles square, and each quarter section or lot from two hundred acres to one hundred and sixty acres.

3. That the allowance for roads which under the former system was added to, and included in the section, thereby leaving the location and direction of roads to the judgment of future settlers (as under the American system) has been limited to one chain in width, and ordered "to be set out and allowed between all Townships and sections" without any reference to their utility or convenience.

4. That the proposed distribution of the 1,400,000 acres appropriated by Act of Parliament "towards the "extinguishment of the Indian Title to the lands in the Province" of Manitoba among all the half breed residents instead of limiting the said grant to and dividing it "among the *children* of the half breed heads of "families residing in the Province at the time of the transfer to Canada" is a violation of the express conditions of the appropriation and contrary to law.

5. That the restriction of the right of *pre-emption* to "surveyed" and unappropriated public lands in Manitoba, while this right is secured by Act of Congress to settlers in the *un*surveyed as well as the surveyed lands of the United States will tend to discourage settlement in that Province, especially in view of its small area its large reserves, its northerly climate, and its distance from the markets of the world.

6. That the exclusion of *Foreigners* from the rights of "pre-emption" and "homestead" in Manitoba, while they are freely admitted to these rights in the States and Territories of the American Republic, is practically to exclude them from the Province, and to contradict and annul the policy approved by the House in voting money to maintain emigration agents in foreign countries.

7. That while the best lands of the Crown in Ontario are offered to settlers at 70 cents per acre, and in Quebec at prices ranging at from 60 to 20 cents per acre, the regulation which fixes the minimum price of public lands in the distant Province of Manitoba at *one dollar* per acre, will discourage emigration to that Province, descriminating, as it does, in favor of the older Provinces, and is in direct opposition to the policy of "free grants" and "cheap lands for settlement," which the people of this Dominion, through their Local Legislatures, have recently and distinctly affirmed.

8. That the assumption of authority by the Executive Government to prescribe oaths to settlers to authorize its agents to administer such oaths, and to declare guilty of perjury all persons who may falsely swear them, is illegal and unconstitutional, inasmuch as the right to prescribe oaths, inflict penalties or extend the criminal law, belongs exclusively to Parliament.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying to provide for the issue of amended regulations for the survey, distribution, settlement and sale of lands in Manitoba, pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

Hon. Mr. *McDougall* (Lanark)—To add at the end of the question of concurrence in the 95th Resolution of the Committee of Supply the following words: "provided that the guage of the said Railway shall not be greater than four feet eight and a half inches," also to add: "the said Railway being constructed with the utmost economy in all its details."

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Bill (No. 82) to incorporate the Bank of Liverpool, was this day posted for consideration on or after Friday next, the 31st instant, by the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

No. 28.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Return of the names of the stockholders of the City Bank of Montreal, on the 1st March, 1871.

Two petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Commmittee on Standing Orders, presented the Tenth Report of the said Committee reporting *favorably* on the following Petitions, viz. :—Of *Alfred Waddington* and *Wm. Kertseman* ; for incorporation of the Canada Pacific Railway Company,—and of *James S. McMurray* and others ; for incorporation of the Sault Ste. Marie and Ottawa River Railway Company.

Mr. *Simpson* introduced a Bill (No. 84) to incorporate the Sault Ste. Marie Railway Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

Hon. Mc *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th instant ; for the Petition or Petitions presented by *Joseph Bouchette* on his own behalf or on behalf of others, the children and grand children of the late *Joseph Bouchette* in his lifetime Surveyor General of the Province of Lower Canada, now the Province of Quebec, together with all documents and appendices annexed to or accompanying the said Petition or Petitions.

He also introduced a Bill (No. 85) further to amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec.—Second reading to-morrow.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go into Committee to consider the following Resolutions :—

Resolved :—1. That by a despatch from the Governor of British Columbia, dated 23rd January, 1871, with other papers laid before this House by message from His Excellency the Governor General, of the 27th February last, this House learns that the Legislative Council of that Colony, in Council assembled, adopted in January last an Address representing to Her Majesty that British Columbia was prepared to enter into union with the Dominion of Canada, upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the said address, which is as follows:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia in Council assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing :—

That, during the last Session of the late Legislative Council, the subject of the admission of the Colony of British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada was taken into consideration, and a Resolution on the subject was agreed to, embodying the terms upon which it was proposed that this Colony should enter the Union;

That, after the close of the Session, Delegates were sent by the Government of this Colony to Canada, to confer with the Government of the Dominion with respect to the admission of British Columbia into the Union upon the terms proposed;

That, after considerable discussion by the Delegates with the Members of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, the Terms and Conditions hereinafter specified were adopted by a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, and were by them reported to the Governor General for his approval;

That such Terms were communicated to the Government of this Colony by the Governor General of Canada, in a Despatch dated July 7th, 1870, and are as follows:—

1. Canada shall be liable for the Debts and Liabilities of British Columbia exisiting at the time of the Union.

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments in advance from the General Government, Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick $27.77), the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

3. The following sums shall be paid by Canada to British Columbia for the support of its Government and Legislature, to wit, an Annual Subsidy of $35,000 and an Annual Grant equal to 80 cents per head of the said population of 60,000, both half-yearly in advance, such Grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population, as may be shewn by each subsequeut decennial census, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such Grant shall thereafter remain, it being understood that the first census be taken in the year 1881.

4. The Dominion will provide an efficient mail service, fortnightly, by steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco, and twice a week between Victoria and Olympia; the vessels to be adapted for the conveyance of freight and passengers.

5. Canada will assume and defray the charges for the following services:—

A. Salary of the Lieutenant Governor;
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C. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;
D. The Postal and Telegraphic Services;
E. Protection and Encouragement of Fisheries;
F. Provision for the Militia;
G. Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons, Shipwrecked Crews, Quarantine and Marine Hospitals, including a Marine Hospital at Victoria;
H. The Geological Survey;
I. The Penitentiary;

And such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the British North America Act of 1867 appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

6. Suitable Pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's Servants in the Colony whose position and emoluments derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada.

7. It is agreed that the existing Customs Tariff and Excise Duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada. When Customs and Excise Duties are, at the time of the Union of British Columbia with Canada, leviable on any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes in British Columbia, or in the other Provinces of the Dominion, those Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes may, from and after the Union, be imported into British Columbia from the Provinces now composing the Dominion, or from either of those Provinces into British Columbia, on proof of payment of the Customs or Excise Duties leviable thereon in the Province of Exportation, and on payment of such further amount (if any) of Customs or Excise Duties as are leviable thereon in the Province of Importation. This arrangement to have no force or effect after the assimilation of the Tariff and Excise Duties of British Columbia with those of the Dominion.

8. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Three Members, and by Six Members in the House of Commons. The representation to be increased under the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867."

9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the naval station at Esquimalt.

10. The provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable to and only affect one and not the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this Minute) be applicable to British Columbia in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

11. The Government of the Dominion undertake to secure the commencement simultaneously, within two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a Railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from such point as may be selected, East of the Rocky Mountains, towards the Pacific, to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the Railway system of Canada; and further, to secure the completion of such Railway within ten years from the date of the Union

And the Government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said Railway, a similar extent of Public Lands along the line of Railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia, not to exceed, however, twenty (20) miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the Public Lands in the North West Territories and the Province of Manitoba. Provided that the quantity of land which may be held under Pre-emption right or by Crown Grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous Public Lands; and provided further, that until the commencement, within two years, as aforesaid, from the date of the Union, of the construction of the said Railway, the Government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further portions of the Public Lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of Pre-emption, requiring actual residence of the Pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed in aid of the construction of the said Railway, the Dominion Government agree to pay to British Columbia from the date of the Union, the sum of $100,000 per annum, in half yearly payments in advance.

12. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for ten years from the date of the compleiion of the works, at the rate of five per centum per annum, on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first class graving dock at Esquimault.

13. The charge of the Indians, and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union.

To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians on application of the Dominion Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

14. The constitution of the Executive Authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia shall, subject to the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," continue as existing at the time of the Union until altered under the authority of the said Act, it being at the same time understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of responsible government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing Constitution of the Legislature by providing that a majority of its Members shall be elective.

The Union shall take effect according to the foregoing terms and conditions on such day as Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of Parliament of Canada, in the terms of the 146th section of the British North America Act, 1867,) and British Columbia may in its address specify the electoral districts for which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

That such terms have proved generally acceptable to the people of this Colony.

That this Council is, therefore, willing to enter into Union with the Dominion of Canada upon such terms, and humbly submit that, under the circumstances, it is expedient that the admission of this Colony into such Union, as aforesaid, should be effected at as early a date as may be found practicable under the provisions of the 146th section of the "British North America Act, 1867."

We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, under the provisions of the 146th section of the "British North America Act, 1867," to admit British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada on the basis of the terms and conditions offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, hereinbefore set forth; and inasmuch as by the said terms British Columbia is empowered in its Address to specify the electoral districts for which the first election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place, we humbly pray that such electoral districts may be declared, under the Order in Council, to be as follows:—

That "New Westminster District," and the "Coast District," as defined in a public notice issued from the Lands and Works Office on the 15th day of December, 1869, by the desire of the Governor, and purporting to be in accordance with the provisions of the 39th clause of the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869," shall constitute one district, to be designated "New Westminster District" and return One Member.

That "Cariboo District," and "Lillooet District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one district, to be designated "Cariboo District," and return One Member.

That "Yale District," and "Kootenay District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one district, to be designated "Yale District," and return One Member.

That those portions of Vancouver Island known as "Victoria District," "Esquimalt District," and "Metchosin District," as defined in the official maps of those districts in the Land Office, Victoria, and which maps are designated respectively, "Victoria District Official Map, 1858," "Esquimalt District Official Map, 1858," and "Metchosin District Official Map, A.D. 1858," shall constitute one district, to be designated "Victoria District," and return Two Members.

And, that all the remainder of Vancouver Island, and all such islands adjacent thereto as were formerly dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island District, shall constitute one District, to be designated "Vancouver Island District," and return One Member.

2. *Resolved*—That the proposed terms and conditions of Union of British Columbia with Canada, as stated in the said Address, are in conformity with those preliminarily agreed upon between delegates from British Columbia and the Members of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and embodied in a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870, which approved Report is as follows:—

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Despatch, dated the 7th May, 1870, from the Governor of British Columbia, together with certain resolutions submitted by the Government of that colony to the Legislative Council thereof—both hereunto annexed—on the subject of the proposed union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada; and after several interviews between them and the Honorable Messrs. *Trutch, Helmcken,* and *Carrall,* the Delegates from British Columbia, and full discussion with them of the various questions connected with that important subject, the Committee now respectfully submit for your Excellency's approval the following terms and conditions to form the basis of a political union between British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada.

1. Canada shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of British Columbia existing at the time of the Union.

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive by half-yearly payments, in advance, from the General Government, interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtebness at the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ($27.77), the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

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8. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by three members, and by six members in the House of Commons. The representation to be increased under the Provisions of the British North America Act, 1867.

9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt.

10. The provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable to, and only affect one and not the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this Minute) be applicable to British Columbia, in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

11. The Government of the Dominion undertake to secure the commencement, simultaneously, within two years from the date of the union, of the construction of a railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from such point as may be selected East of the Rocky Mountains towards the Pacific, to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the railway system of Canada; and, further to secure the completion of such railway within ten years from the date of the Union.

And the Government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction

of the said railway, a similar extent of public lands along the line of railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia, not to exceed, however, twenty (20) miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the public lands in the North West Territories and the Province of Manitoba. Provided that the quantity of land which may be held under pre-emption right or by Crown grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government, shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous lands, and provided further, that until the commencement, within two years as aforesaid from the date of the Union, of the construction of the said railway, the Government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further portion of the public lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of pre-emption, requiring actual residence of the pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed in aid of the construction of the said railway, the Dominion Government agree to pay to British Columbia, from the date of the Union, the sum of $100,000 per annum, in half-yearly payments in advance.

12. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for ten years from the date of the completion of the works at the rate of five per centum per annum on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first-class graving dock at Esquimalt.

13. The charge of the Indians and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government, shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union. To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians, on application of the Dominion Government, and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretay of State for the Colonies

14. The constitution of the Executive authority and of the Legislatnre of British Columbia, shall, subject to the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, continue as existing at the time of the union until altered under the authority of the said Act, it being at the same time understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of responsible government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing constitution of the Legis. lature by providing that a majority of its members shall be elective.

The Union shall take effect, according to the foregoing terms and conditions, on such day as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of the Parliament of Canada in the terms of the 146th section of the British North America Act, 1867), and British Columbia may in its Address specify the electoral districts for which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

(Certified,) WM. H. LEE,
Clerk Privy Council.

3. *Resolved*—That this House concurs in the terms and conditions of Union set forth in the said Address, and approved Report of the Committee of the Privy Council above mentioned; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased, by and with the advise of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, under the 146th clause of "The British North America Act, 1867," to unite British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions above set forth.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment, that all the words after "That" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof: "The proposed terms of Union with British Columbia pledge the Dominion to commence within two years, and complete within ten years the Pacific Railway, the route for which has not been surveyed nor its expense calculated. The said terms also pledge the Government of Canada to a yearly payment to British Columbia of the sum of $100,000 in perpetuity, equal to a capital sum of $2,000,000, for the session of a tract of waste land on the route of the Pacific Railway to aid in its construction, which British Columbia ought to cede without charge in like manner as the lands of Canada are proposed to be ceded for the same purpose. This House is of opinion that Canada should not be pledged to do more than proceed at once with the necessary surveys and, after the route is determined, to prosecute the work at as early a period as the state of the finances will justify."

And a Debate arising thereon, the said Debate was, on motion of Hon. Mr. *Morris* adjourned.

A Message was received from the Senate agreeing to the Bill (No. 26) for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue, with an amendment. (On motion of Hon. Mr. *Morris*, read the first time, second reading to-morrow.)

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Bill (No. 84) to incorporate the Sault Ste Marie Railway Company, was this day posted for consideration on or after Saturday next, the 1st April, *by the Committee* on *Railways, Canals,* &c.

No. 29.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 28TH MARCH, 1871.

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No. 30.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 29TH MARCH, 1871.

Two Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the fourth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 45) to incorporate the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company, with amendments.

Donald A. Smith, Esquire, Member for the Electoral District of Selkirk, in the Province of Manitoba, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, took his seat in The House.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley* presented,—Return to Address of the 16th instant; for a Return shewing the quantity of coal, coke, wheat, corn and other grain, wheat and rye flour and meal, imported into each of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick respectively from the 7th April to the 31st December, 1870, the amount of duty collected on such articles respectively in each Province; also the quantity of such articles on which duties were paid or received which were afterwards shipped from each of said Provinces either in bond or subject to a drawback of such duties, also the quantity of such articles being the produce of any one of the Provinces which was shipped therefrom to each of the other said Provinces between the dates above mentioned, and the Countries from which they are imported.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Supplementary Return to an Address of the 20th instant; for a copy of the Commission, and of all instructions given to the Commissioners lately appointed to enquire into the subject of Canal enlargement, and for the improvement of our inland water communication; and for all correspondence that may have taken place between the Government and the said Commission upon those subjects; also the Report of the Commissioners.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals and Telegraph Lines, presented the second Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 51) to incorporate the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company, with amendments.—

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, to consider the subjoined Resolutions, for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the draft of a Bill intended for submission to the Imperial Parliament, and contained in the said Resolutions which will be proposed in the following words, that is to say;

1. *Resolved.*—That by a despatch transmitted to the House for its information by His Excellency the Governor General on the 28th of February last, together with the minute of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 27th of February last, this House learns that the draft of a Bill has been prepared with a view to its submission to the Imperial Parliament in the following words, that is to say :—

Whereas doubts have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada to establish Provinces in Territories admitted, or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and it is expedient to remove such doubts and to vest such powers in the said Parliament.

Be it enacted, &c,,

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the British North America Act, 1871.

2. The following Acts passed by the said Parliament of Canada, and intituled respectively, "An Act for the Temporary Government of "Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory when united with Canada;" and, an "Act to amend and continue the Act 32 and 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 3, and to establish and provide for the Government of the Province of Manitoba," shall be and be deemed to have been valid and effectual for all purposes whatsoever from the date at which they respectively received the assent of the Governor General of the said Dominion of Canada.

3. The Parliament of Canada may from time to time establish new Provinces in the Territories admitted to be part of the said Dominion by an Order in Council of the 23rd June, 1870, or in any other Territories which may hereafter be admitted into and form part of the said Dominion; and the said Parliament may at the time of such establishment make provision for the Administration of any such Provinces, and for the passing of Laws for the peace, order and good government thereof, and for the representation of such Provinces, or any of them in the said Parliament of Canada.

4. The Parliament of Canada may from time to time, with the consent of the Legislature of any Province, now or at any time hereafter forming part of the said Dominion, increase, diminish, or otherwise alter the limits of such Province upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the said Provincial Legislature.

5. The Parliament of Canada may with the like consent, withdraw from any Province any part of the Territory comprised therein, and make Laws for the Administration, peace, order and good government of the Territory so withdrawn until it is established as a Province, or until it is included within the Dominion; and may with the like consent make such provision, as to the said Parliament shall seem expedient relating to the effect and operation of any such withdrawal of Territory with respect to the Province from which such Territory shall have been withdrawn.

6. The two Acts of the Parliament of Canada, mentioned in the second clause of this Act, and any Act of the said Parliament hereafter establishing a Province as aforesaid, shall have effect as if it had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

2. *Resolved,*—That this House is of opinion that a measure embodying the provisions contained in the said proposed Bill should be submitted to the Imperial Parliament, and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Morris*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, to consider a Resolution to empower the Government to treat with the Province of Ontario for the lease or sale of the Rockwood Asylum to that Province, any such lease or sale to be subject to the approval of Parliament.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient in amending the Act respecting Insurance Companies, to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Insurance Offices, to be remunerated by fees to be paid by such Companies, and to be fixed by Order of the Governor in Council, not to exceed for any office in any one year.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on Thursday last, the 23rd instant, were reported, as follow :—

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.

Dominion Railways.

		$ cts.
95. Intercolonial Railway		6,000,000 00
96. Nova Scotia Railway		31,100 00
97. European and North American, New Brunswick and Eastern Extension Railways, viz :—		
Increased Accommodation, St. John	157,700 00	
do Pointe Duchêne	48,000 00	
Construction between Painsec and Amherst	8,100 00	
		213,800 00
98. Extension of Railway Terminus to Halifax		150,000 00

Harbors and Piers.

100. (Revote $77,000 00)	326,000 00

Resolution 95 being read a second time,—the concurrence thereon, was postponed.—

Resolutions 96, 97, 98 and 100 being read a second time, were severally agreed to.—

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on Friday last, the 24th instant, were reported, as follow:—

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO CAPITAL.—(*Continued.*)

Lighthouses.

		$ cts.
101	Protection to Little Hope Lighthouse, N. B., (Revote)	5,000 00
102	1. Ottawa Parliament and Departmental Buildings (Revote)	40,000 00
	2. do do Buildings, Library	50,000 00
	3. do do Tower, Railing, Grounds, etc	207,000 00
	4. Post Office, Custom House, and other Public Buildings, Halifax	200,000 00

Resolution 101 being read a second time, was agreed to.

Resolution 102 being read a second time, Items 1, 2, and 3 thereof were agreed to.

And the question being put on Item 4, viz:—

Post Office, Custom House, and other Public Buildings, Halifax $200,000 00

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment, that the said Item be not concurred in, but that it be *Resolved*, That the Province of Nova Scotia having recently erected suitable buildings for a Custom House and Post Office at Halifax, it is inexpedient to appropriate a sum of $200,000 for erecting other buildings for the same purpose, until some further attempt shall have been made to effect a settlement with the Government of Nova Scotia in reference to their claim of $66,000 expended since the 1st July, 1867, as will secure to the Dominion Government the possession of the said buildings.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that all the words after "That" in the said motion be left out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof:—"the said item be referred back to the Committee of Supply for the purpose of inserting therein after the word "Halifax" the words: "or for the payment of such amount not exceeding $66,385, as may be awarded by arbitration as justly due to the Province of Nova Scotia, in case the New Province Building is made available for those purposes;" which was agreed to.

The House accordingly went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

102. Post Office, Custom House, and other Public Buildings, Halifax, or for the payment of such amount not exceeding $66,385, as may be awarded by arbitration as justly due to the Province of Nova Scotia, in case the New Province Building is made available for those purposes 200,000 00

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, and being read a second time, was agreed to.

The House went again into Committee of Supply; and progress having been reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again, to-morrow.

The Order of the Day for the third reading of the Bill (No. 24) to incorporate the Fredericton and Saint Mary's Bridge Company, was discharged, and the Bill recommitted to a Committee of the Whole.—The Bill was accordingly recommitted, considered, amended, reported, ond ordered for a third reading, to-morrow.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for the House to go into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions respecting the admission of British Columbia into Union with Canada,—and the motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* in amendment thereto.

And the House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight,

Thursday, 30th March, 1871,

And the Debate continuing,—the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. *Bodwell*, adjourned.

The House then adjourned at 12:50 A. M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Ryan* (Montreal West)—On Friday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for all papers and correspondence relating to a claim of Mrs. *Johnston* against *Grant Seymour*, an employee in the Department of the Minister of Militia.

Mr. *Currier*—On Friday next—To refer the Return to an Address for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and *George Sterling* respecting a claim for damages against the Government by the said *Sterling* to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. to report thereon.

No. 30.

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OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 30TH MARCH, 1871.

The Petition of the Nova Scotia Electric Telegraph Company, was received and read; praying that in the event of an Act of Incorporation being granted to the Dominion Telegraph Company, their rights may be protected.

Motion being made that the Petition of *P. Bellefeuille* and others, of the Town of Sorel, Province of Quebec; praying for compensation to the Municipality of the said Town for the amount of Liquor License monies collected in the said Town, or for a remission of compound interest charged on the amount borrowed by the said Town from the Municipal Loan Fund, be received and read;

Mr. Speaker decided, "that as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of public money, it cannot be received."

Mr. *Morrison* (Niagara) introduced a Bill (No. 86) to amend the Railway Act, 1868, so as to ensure equal facilities to all incorporated Express Companies on Railways heretofore constructed, as well as on those hereafter to be constructed.—Second reading on Saturday next.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* presented,—Return to Address of the 6th instant; for a statement shewing the names of all vessels chartered by or in behalf of the Imperial Government, for the transportation of men and material in the expedition to the North West, in 1870; together with the tonnage, nationality and capacity, length of time employed, and amount paid each per day.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan*, (Montreal,) an Address was voted to His Excellency, for papers and reports having reference to construction of Culvert on Lachine Canal since last Session.—

On motion of Mr. *Macdonald*, (Glengarry,) an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a copy of the Report of Mr. *S. J. Dawson*, upon the Red River Expedition, of 1870; also, copy of any document submitted by him in reference to the strictures published in England by an Officer of the Expeditionary Force.—

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* presented,—Statement of all allowances and gratuities granted under the Act, 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 4, intituled: "An Act for better ensuring the efficiency of the Civil Service of Canada, by providing for the superannuation of persons employed therein, in certain cases."—

Mr. *Cameron* (Huron), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the fifth Report of the said Committee, reported that the Bill (No. 50) to incorporate the Forsythe Iron Mining Company having been before the Committee for consideration, this day, the promoters of the said Bill appeared before them and expressed their intention not to proceed with the same; they therefore recommend that the Fee of $100 be refunded to them.—

On motion of Mr. *Morrison* (Niagara), the Journals of Thursday, the 23rd instant, in relation to the Bill (No. 30) to authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make arrangements for the leasing, using; and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies, were read.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, one of Her Majesty's Privy Council, rose in his place and acquainted The House, that His Excellency the Governor General having been made aware of the provisions of the said Bill, consents to its being taken into consideration by The House.

The Bill (No. 35) to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, read a third time, and passed.—

The Order of the Day, for the second reading of the Bill (No. 11) to annex the Village of Seaforth to the South Riding of the County of Huron, was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, viz:—

No. 45. To incorporate the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company.—

No. 51. To incorporate the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company.

A Message was received from the Senate with the following Bill of their own (No. 87,) intituled: "An Act "to extend to the Province of New Brunswick, the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of "Canada, concerning the Synod of the Church of England, in Canada," to which the concurrence of this House was desired.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Tilley*, read the first time. Second reading to-morrow.—

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the proposed motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions respecting the admission of British Columbia into Union with Canada,—and the motion of Mr. *Mackenzie* in amendment thereto, which is as follows: that all the words after "That" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof: "The proposed terms of Union with British Columbia pledge the Dominion to commence within two years, and complete within ten years the Pacific Railway, the route for which has not been surveyed nor its expense calculated. The said terms also pledge the Government of Canada to a yearly payment to British Columbia of the sum of $100,000 in perpetuity, equal to a capital sum of $2,000,000, for the session of a tract of waste land on the route of the Pacific Railway to aid in its construction, which British Columbia ought to cede without charge in like manner as the lands of Canada are proposed to be ceded for the same purpose. This House is of opinion that Canada should not be pledged to do more than proceed at once with the necessary surveys and, after the route is determined, to prosecute the work at as early a period as the state of the finances will justify."

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax), moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, to insert after the word "purpose," in the amendment, the words following:—"The proposed engagements respecting the said Pacific Railway, would in the opinion of this House, press too heavily on the resources of Canada."

And a Debate arising

And the House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight,

Friday, 31st March, 1871,

And the question being put on Mr. *Jones'* (Halifax) amendment, it was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas:

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Cimon, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Killam, MacDonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morrison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—63.

Nays:

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hagar, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Le Vesconte, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges),

Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McConkey, McDougall, (Three Rivers), McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas) Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith, (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Thompson (Halimand), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County.)—98.

And the question being put on Mr. *Mackenzie*'s amendment,

Mr. *Ross* (Dundas), moved in amendment, to the said proposed amendment, "That in the opinion of this House, the further consideration of the question be postponed for the present Session of Parliament, in order that greater and more careful consideration may be given to a question of such magnitude and importance to the people of this Dominion;" which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas:

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Killam, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), Mackenzie, Magill, McCallum, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison, (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Webb, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—75.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir Geo. E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffat, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—85.

And the question being again put on Mr. *Mackenzie*'s amendment; it was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Cimon, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Paquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—67.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Coffin, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffat, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson and Wright (Ottawa County).—94.

The question being then put on Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s motion,

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment thereto, that it be *Resolved*,—That in view of the engagements already entered into, since the Confederation, and the large expenditure urgently required for Canal and Railway purposes within the Dominion, this House would not be justified in imposing on the people enormous burthens required to construct within ten years a Railway to the Pacific, as proposed by the Resolutions, submitted to this House; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Cimon, Coffin, Colby, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier,

Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Kempt, Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—70.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—91.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s motion was then agreed to on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Abbot, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McGreevy, McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—91.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Cimon, Coffin, Colby, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—70.

The House then went into Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved* :—That by a despatch from the Governor of British Columbia, dated 23rd January, 1871, with other papers laid before this House by message from His Excellency the Governor General, of the 27th February last, this House learns that the Legislative Council of that Colony, in Council assembled, adopted in January last an Address representing to Her Majesty that British Columbia was prepared to enter into union with the Dominion of Canada, upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the said address, which is as follows:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN :

We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia in Council assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing :—

That, during the last Session of the late Legislative Council, the subject of the admission of the Colony of British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada was taken into consideration, and a Resolution on the subject was agreed to, embodying the terms upon which it was proposed that this Colony should enter the Union ;

That, after the close of the Session, Delegates were sent by the Government of this Colony to Canada, to confer with the Government of the Dominion with respect to the admission of British Columbia into the Union upon the terms proposed ;

That, after considerable discussion by the Delegates with the Members of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, the Terms and Conditions hereinafter specified were adopted by a Committee of the Privy Council of Canada, and were by them reported to the Governor General for his approval ;

That such Terms were communicated to the Government of this Colony by the Governor General of Canada, in a Despatch dated July 7th, 1870, and are as follows :—

1. Canada shall be liable for the Debts and Liabilities of British Columbia exisiting at the time of the Union.

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments in advance from the General Government, Interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick $27.77), the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

3. The following sums shall be paid by Canada to British Columbia for the support of its Government and Legislature, to wit, an Annual Subsidy of $35,000 and an Annual Grant equal to 80 cents per head of the said population of 60,000, both half-yearly in advance, such Grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population, as may be shewn by each subsequent decennial census, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such Grant shall thereafter remain, it being understood that the first census be taken in the year 1881.

4. The Dominion will provide an efficient mail service, fortnightly, by steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco, and twice a week between Victoria and Olympia; the vessels to be adapted for the conveyance of freight and passengers.

5. Canada will assume and defray the charges for the following services:—

A. Salary of the Lieutenant Governor;
B. Salaries and Allowances of the Judges of the Superior Courts and the County or District Courts;
C. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;
D. The Postal and Telegraphic Services;
E. Protection and Encouragement of Fisheries;
F. Provision for the Militia;
G. Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons, Shipwrecked Crews, Quarantine and Marine Hospitals, including a Marine Hospital at Victoria;
H. The Geological Survey;
I. The Penitentiary;

And such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the British North America Act of 1867 appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

6. Suitable Pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's Servants in the Colony whose position and emoluments derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada.

7. It is agreed that the existing Customs Tariff and Excise Duties shall continue in force in British Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada. When Customs and Excise Duties are, at the time of the Union of British Columbia with Canada, leviable on any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes in British Columbia, or in the other Provinces of the Dominion, those Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes may, from and after the Union, be imported into British Columbia from the Provinces now composing the Dominion, or from either of those Provinces into British Columbia, on proof of payment of the Customs or Excise Duties leviable thereon in the Province of Exportation, and on payment of such further amount (if any) of Customs or Excise Duties as are leviable thereon in the Province of Importation. This arrangement to have no force or effect after the assimilation of the Tariff and Excise Duties of British Columbia with those of the Dominion.

8. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Three Members, and by Six Members in the House of Commons. The representation to be increased under the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867."

9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the naval station at Esquimalt.

10. The provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable to and only affect one and not the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this Minute) be applicable to British Columbia in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

11. The Government of the Dominion undertake to secure the commencement simultaneously, within two years from the date of Union, of the construction of a Railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, and from such point as may be selected, East of the Rocky Mountains, towards the Pacific, to connect the seaboard of British Columbia with the Railway system of Canada; and further, to secure the completion of such Railway within ten years from the date of the Union

And the Government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said Railway, a similar extent of Public Lands along the line of Railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia, not to exceed, however, twenty (20) miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the Public Lands in the North West Territories and the Province of Manitoba. Provided that the quantity of land which may be held under Pre-emption right or by Crown Grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous Public Lands; and provided further, that until the commencement, within two years, as aforesaid, from the date of the Union, of the construction of the said Railway, the Government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further portions of the Public Lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of Pre-emption, requiring actual residence of the Pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed

in aid of the construction of the said Railway, the Dominion Government agree to pay to British Columbia from the date of the Union, the sum of $100,000 per annum, in half yearly payments in advance.

12. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for ten years from the date of the compleiion of the works, at the rate of five per centum per annum, on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be required for the construction of a first class graving dock at Esquimault.

13. The charge of the Indians, and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union.

To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians on application of the Dominion Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

14. The constitution of the Executive Authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia shall, subject to the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," continue as existing at the time of the Union until altered under the authority of the said Act, it being at the same time understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of responsible government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing Constitution of the Legislature by providing that a majority of its Members shall be elective.

The Union shall take effect according to the foregoing terms and conditions on such day as Her Majesty by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of Parliament of Canada, in the terms of the 146th section of the British North America Act, 1867,) and British Columbia may in its address specify the electoral districts for which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

That such terms have proved generally acceptable to the people of this Colony.

That this Council is, therefore, willing to enter into Union with the Dominion of Canada upon such terms, and humbly submit that, under the circumstances, it is expedient that the admission of this Colony into such Union, as aforesaid, should be effected at as early a date as may be found practicable under the provisions of the 146th section of the "British North America Act, 1867."

We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, under the provisions of the 146th section of the "British North America Act, 1867," to admit British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada on the basis of the terms and conditions offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, hereinbefore set forth; and inasmuch as by the said terms British Columbia is empowered in its Address to specify the electoral districts for which the first election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place, we humbly pray that such electoral districts may be declared, under the Order in Council, to be as follows:—

That "New Westminster District," and the "Coast District," as defined in a public notice issued from the Lands and Works Office on the 15th day of December, 1869, by the desire of the Governor, and purporting to be in accordance with the provisions of the 39th clause of the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869," shall constitute one district, to be designated "New Westminster District" and return One Member.

That "Cariboo District," and "Lillooet District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one district, to be designated "Cariboo District," and return One Member.

That "Yale District," and "Kootenay District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one district, to be designated "Yale District," and return One Member.

That those portions of Vancouver Island known as "Victoria District," "Esquimalt District," and "Metchosin District," as defined in the official maps of those districts in the Land Office, Victoria, and which maps are designated respectively, "Victoria District Official Map, 1858," "Esquimalt District Official Map, 1858," and "Metchosin District Official Map, A.D. 1858," shall constitute one district, to be designated "Victoria District," and return Two Members.

And, that all the remainder of Vancouver Island, and all such islands adjacent thereto as were formerly dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island District, shall constitute one District, to be designated "Vancouver Island District," and return One Member.

2. *Resolved*—That the proposed terms and conditions of Union of British Columbia with Canada, as stated in the said Address, are in conformity with those preliminarily agreed upon between delegates from British Columbia and the Members of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and embodied in a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870, which approved Report is as follows:—

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Despatch, dated the 7th May, 1870, from the Governor of British Columbia, together with certain resolutions submitted by the Government of that colony to the Legislative Council thereof—both hereunto annexed—on the subject of the proposed union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada; and after several interviews between them and the Honorable Messrs. *Trutch*, *Helmcken*, and *Carrall*, the Delegates from British Columbia, and full discussion with them of the various questions connected with that important subject, the Committee now respectfully submit for your Excellency's approval the following terms and conditions to form the basis of a political union between British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada.

1. Canada shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of British Columbia existing at the time of the Union.

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive by half-yearly payments, in advance, from the General Government, interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtebness at the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ($27.77), the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

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6. Suitable pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's servants in the Colony whose position and emoluments derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada.

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The Union shall take effect, according to the foregoing terms and conditions, on such day as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of the Parliament of Canada in the terms of the 146th section of the British North America Act, 1867), and British Columbia may in its Address specify the electoral districts for which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

(Certified,) WM. H. LEE,
Clerk Privy Council.

3. *Resolved*—That this House concurs in the terms and conditions of Union set forth in the said Address, and approved Report of the Committee of the Privy Council above mentioned; and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased, by and with the advise of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, under the 146th clause of "The British North America Act, 1867," to unite British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions above set forth.

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received at the next sitting of The House, this day.—

A Message was received from the Senate with the following Bill of their own (No. 88) intituled "An Act to incorporate the Mutual Life Association of Canada," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Hon. Mr. *McDougall*, (Lanark) read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce:

The House then adjourned at 2:10 A. M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. Robitaille.—In amendment to Section 69 of Bill (No. 63) An Act to amend and consolidate and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada, the Laws respecting the inspection of certain staple articles of Canadian produce:—That after the word "Sounds" in the Second line of said section 69 the words "Submitted for inspection" be inserted; and also that the same words be inserted after the word "hulk" in the fourth line of the said section 69.

Mr. Keeler.—On Saturday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—When will the Lighthouses of Lake Ontario be lighted for purposes of navigation for the present season.

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Bill from the Senate (No. 88) intituled: "An Act to incorporate the Mutual Life Association of Canada," was this day posted for Consideration on or after Tuesday, the 4th of April next, by the Committee on Banking and Commerce.

No. 31.

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No. 32.

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OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 31st MARCH, 1871.

Mr. *Colby* called the attention of The House to the fact, that in the record of the Division upon Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*'s motion, in the Votes and Proceedings of yesterday, his name erroneously appears in the list of "Nays," instead of the "Yeas."—

Mr. *Ross* (Dundas) and Mr. *McCallum* also called attention to the fact that their names appear erroneously in the list of "Yeas" in the same Division, instead of the "Nays."

Five Petitions were brought up and laid on the Table.—

The Petition of Messrs. *Standly, Hargraft* and Company, Salt Manufacturers of the Town of Goderich, was received and read; praying that the protective duty on Salt be re-imposed and continued, until a change is made in the American Tariff.

Motion being made, that the Petition of *Charles Côté*, of the City of Quebec, Contractor; praying for an enquiry in the matter of the non-payment of an amount awarded to him by the Official Arbitrators, be received and read,

Mr. Speaker decided, "that as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of public money, it cannot be received."—

Mr. *Brousseau*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, presented the seventh Report of the said Committee, as follows:—

The Committee recommend that the following documents be printed, viz.:

Return to Address,—Statement of claims made upon the Dominion Government consequent on the insurrection in the North West Territories, &c.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Dominion and Local Government of New Brunswick since 1st July, 1867, relative to unadjusted claims of New Brunswick, with statement of such claims, etc.

Return to an Order of the House of Commons,—Statement of the quantity and value of articles imported into British Columbia for the last fiscal year, and the amount of duties collected upon each, etc.

The Committee also recommend that the following documents be *not* printed, viz.:—

Return, and Supplementary Return to Address,—Report of the Engineer of the Department of Public Works on the application for permission to erect a Railway Bridge across the Lachine Canal.

Return to Address,—Correspondence, etc., relating to the construction of Harbors of Refuge on Lakes Huron and Erie.

Return to Address,—Correspondence, etc., in relation to a Survey connected with the construction of a Harbor of Refuge at Rimouski, etc.

Return (in part) to an Order of the House of Commons,—For certain Statements respecting the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

Fisheries Expenditure on account of Marine Police, for 1870.

Return to Address,—Regulations made by the Governor in Council relative to the Fisheries; also, relative to the sawdust and mill rubbish being thrown into any stream frequented by fish.

Return to Address,—Correspondence between the Department of Public Works and *Geeorge Sterling* respecting a claim for damages arising through the interference of an officer of the Department of Public Works.

Return to Address,—Petitions presented by *Joseph Bouchette*, on his own behalf, and that of others, children and grandchildren of the late *Joseph Bouchette*, in his lifetime Surveyor General of Lower Canada.

Return from certain Savings' Banks of the rate of interest paid by them, with statement of sums they have paid to charitable Institutions.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph lines, presented the third Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, with amendments, viz :—

No. 47. To comprize into one Act the financial affairs of the Great Western Railway Company.

No. 79. Concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.

On motion of Mr. *Kirkpatrick*, the Fee of $100 was ordered to be remitted on the Bill (No. 50) to incorporate the Forsythe Iron Mining Company.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the fifth Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills, with amendments, viz :—

No. 53. Relating to Banks and Banking.

No. 2. To amend the Act 31 *Vic.* Cap. 11 intituled : "An Act respecting Banks," and also to amend the Act 33 *Vic.* Cap. 11 intituled : "An Act respecting Banks and Banking."

No. 67. To incorporate the Farmers' Bank.

No. 68. To incorporate the Metropolitan Bank.

No. 75. To incorporate the Western Bank.

No. 31. Respecting the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick.—

The Bill (No. 57) to amend the Acts relating to duties of Customs, was again considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, and ordered for a third reading, to-morrow.

The amendment made by the Senate to the Bill (No. 26) for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue, was read a second time, and agreed to.—

The following Bills were severally read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, *viz.* :—

No. 61. Respecting Weights and Measures.—

No. 62. To render permissive the use of the Metric system of Weights and Measures.

No. 55. To provide additional facilities for the deposit of savings at interest with the security of Government; and for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.—

No. 58. From the Senate intituled : "An Act to extend to the Province of Manitoba certain of the criminal laws now in force in the other Provinces of the Dominion."—

No. 69. To amend the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, and to alter the duties of Excise chargeable in the Province of Manitoba.

The Bill (No. 63) to amend and consolidate, and to extend to the whole Dominion of Canada, the laws respecting the inspection of certain staple articles of Canadian produce, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Commitee on Banking and Commerce.—

The Bill (No. 74) to prolong for a limited time the term allowed for the redemption of rents reserved on certain Indian lands in the Township of Dundee, was read the second, and a third time, and passed.—

The House went into Committee to consider certain Resolutions, providing for the appointment of a Port Warden at Quebec.—

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolutions were adopted :—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide for the appointment of a Port Warden for the Harbor of Quebec, by the Governor, on the application of the Board of Trade for the said City, with like duties to those performed by the Port Warden for the Harbour of Montreal under the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, 26 *Vict.*, Cap. 52.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the Council of the Board of Trade for the City of Quebec, may make a Tariff of Fees for the services hereinafter mentioned to be performed by the said Port Warden or his Deputies, subject to approval by the Governor in Council, and to alteration from time to time by the said Council with the like approval; such fees not to exceed the following rates : viz.,—

For every survey and certificate thereof by the Port Warden and his assistant, of the hatches and cargo of any vessel, —or of the hull, spars and rigging thereof, or the surveying of damaged goods, a fee, including the certificate, not exceeding eight dollars, for each service, and such further sum not exceeding five dollars, as may be payable to shipwrights or other skilled persons employed by him ;—

For every valuation of a vessel for average, and every inspection of a vessel intended to load, a fee to be graduated according to the tonnage of such vessel, but not in any case to exceed ten dollars ;—

For hearing and settling disputes of which the Port Warden is authorized to take cognizance, and for the fees on appeal to the Board of Examiners, a sum to be graduated according to the value of the thing in dispute, but in no case to exceed twenty dollars.

Such fees to be the maximum rates and to include incidental proceedings, certificates and copies, and to be subject to be altered and apportioned as to the particular service and the person by whom it is to be paid, by the Council of the said Board of Trade ; subject to approval by the Governor in Council, who may from time to time reject, modify or alter such fees.

3. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to provide, that the Council of the said Board of Trade, may, if they see fit, fix a salary for the Port-Warden to include his remuneration and that of his deputies, and the expenses of his office or other- wise :—and that while such salary is payable, the fees received by him, over and above the amount of such salary, shall be paid over by him to such person as the Council of the said Board may appoint.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, and being read a second time were agreed to.—

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 89) to provide for the appointment of a Port Warden for the Harbor of Quebec.—Second reading to-morrow.

The House went into Committee to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to amend the Act 33 *Vict*: Cap. 40, respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada.—

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to amend the Act passed in the now last Session, 33 *Victoria*, cap. 40, respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada by placing at the disposal of the Governor in Council a sum not exceeding $250,000 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purpose of paying off any claims on the said Bank settled and adjusted under the 4th Section of the said Act, such payment being made on the certificate of the Treasury Board, that there is ample security for the reimbursement of the sum so paid for any claim out of the assets of the Bank.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported; and being read a second time, was agreed to.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 90) to amend the Act respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada. Second reading to-morrow.

The House went into Committee to consider the expediency to provide that the loan of $1,460,000 or £300,000 sterling raised in England towards paying the Hudson's Bay Company, &c., be made the next charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.—

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved—That it is expedient to provide, that the loan of one million four hundred and sixty thousand dollars, or three hundred thousand pounds sterling, raised in England, with the guarantee of the Imperial Government for the payment of the interest thereon, under the authority of the Act of Canada, 32 and 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 1, for the purpose of paying a like sum to Hudson's Bay Company, for the purposes set forth in the said Act,—be made the next charge on the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada, after any charge thereon created or to be created thereon, under the Act of Canada passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign, Chapter 41, for any loan for fortifications; and that further provision be made with respect to the loan first above mentioned in conformity to the requirements of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, 32 and 33 *Vic.* Cap. 101, under which the guarantee of the Imperial Government was given for the payment of the interest on the said loan.

Resolution to be reported.

The said resolution was accordingly reported ; and being read a second time, was agreed to.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 91) respecting the loan for the purpose of paying a certain sum to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to make other provisions with respect to the said loan. Second reading to-morrow.

The Order of the Day being read, for The House to go into Committee to consider a Resolution declaring it expedient to amend the Act respecting Fishing by Foreign Vessels, passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign,

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* informed The House, that the subject matter of the said Resolution having been submitted to His Excellency, he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of The House.—

The House then went into Committee.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved—That it is expedient to amend the Act respecting Fishing by Foreign vessels, passed in the thirty-first year of Her Majesty's Reign, and to enact that the proceeds of every sale under the sixth section of the said Act so amended shall be subject to the control of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, who shall first pay therefrom all necessary costs and expenses of custody and sale, and that the Governor in Council may from time to time apportion three-fourths, or less, of the net remainder among the officers and crew of any Queen's Ship or Canadian Government vessel from on board of which the seizure was made, as they may think right, reserving for the Government and paying over to the Receiver General at least one-fourth of such net remainder, to form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada ; but that the Governor in Council may, nevertheless direct that any goods, vessel or boat, and the tackle, rigging, apparel, furniture, stores and cargo, seized and forfeited under the said Act, as amended, shall be destroyed, or be reserved for the public service ; and also to provide that the said sixth section of the said Act, as amended, shall apply to any goods, vessels and boats, and the tackle, rigging, apparel, furniture, stores and cargo already condemned under the said Act, and to the proceeds of the sale thereof remaining to be applied and paid.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported ; and being read a second time was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* then introduced a Bill (No. 92) to further amend the Act respecting fishing by foreign vessels.—Second reading to-morrow.

The Bill (No. 85) further to amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec, was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

The House went into Committee to consider a Resolution to empower the Government to treat with the Province of Ontario for the lease or sale of the Rockwood Asylum to that Province, any such lease or sale to be subject to the approval of Parliament.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to authorize the Government of the Dominion to treat with the Province of Ontario for the lease or sale of the Rockwood Asylum, and the land appurtenant thereto, to that Province, any such lease or sale being, however, subject to the approval of Parliament.

Resolution to be reported.

The said resolution was accordingly reported ; and being read a second time, was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. *Morris* then introduced a Bill (No. 93) to permit of the sale or lease of the Rockwood Asylum.—Second reading to-morrow.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider a Resolution that it is expedient in amending the Act respecting Insurance Companies, to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Insurance Offices.

(*In the Committee.*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved, That it is expedient in amending the Act respecting Insurance Companies, to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Insurance Offices, and to establish certain contributions to be paid by the several Companies for making good the expense to be incurred for such inspection.

Resolution to be reported.

Report to be received to-morrow.

The Order for the second reading of the Bill from the Senate (No. 87) intituled : "An Act to extend to the Province of New Brunswick the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, concerning the Synod of the Church of England, in Canada," was discharged, and the Bill referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.

The Order for the third reading of the Bill (No. 24) to incorporate the Fredericton and Saint Mary's Bridge Company, was discharged, and the Bill re-committed to a Committee of the Whole.

The said Bill was accordingly considered again, amended, reported, amendments agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the second Report of the said Committee, reporting that they have examined the Returns laid before The House respecting the Intercolonial Railway referred to them, and that they have taken evidence thereon, which they beg to submit to The House.

(*For the evidence to this Report see Appendix No. 2.*)

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole, yesterday, respecting the admission of British Columbia into Union with Canada, were reported, (*and being extensive, have already appeared in the Votes on Tuesday last and yesterday.*)

And Resolution 1 being read a second time.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment, to leave out all the words after "That," and insert the following :— "Having regard to the vast importance of the questions involved in the said Resolutions, (including the obligation to construct within ten years the Pacific Railway, the cost of which is estimated to exceed a 100 millions of dollars), time should be afforded to the people and their representatives for consultation before coming to a final decision ; and that the consideration of the said Resolutions should, therefore, be postponed to the next Session."

And a debate arising,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight ;

Saturday, 1st April, 1871,

And the question being put on Mr. *Mackenzie*'s amendment ; it was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Bertrand, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Kempt, Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), Metcalfe, Mills, Morison, (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—68.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir Geo. E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffat, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—85.

Mr. *Cartwright* then moved in amendment, that the said Resolution be re-committed for the purpose of amending Paragraph 11 by inserting the words : "to use their utmost exertions" after the word "further" in line 6 of the said Paragraph ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Bodwell, Cameron (Huron), Cartwright, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), and Mills.—7.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Blanchet, Bourassa, Bowell, Bowman, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Cheval, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, Delorme, Dobbie, Dorion, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortier, Fortin, Fournier, Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Gibbs, Godin, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hagar, Heath, Holmes, Holton, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Joly, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Keeler, Kempt, Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Metcalfe, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria O.), Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Pozer, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stephenson, Stirton, Street, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Walsh, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Willson, Wood, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario W.R.), and Young.—135.

Mr. *Bodwell* then moved in amendment, to leave out all the words after "That" and insert the following: "The proposed terms of Union with British Columbia provide for its representation in the Senate by three Members, and in the House of Commons by six Members, while its population is about 10,000, and such representation in the House of Commons is enormously in excess of the proper number according to population, and is in violation of the fundamental principle of the fact between the Provinces, a principle which ought not to be disturbed without the assent of the Provinces, and that the said Resolutions be referred back to a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of reducing the number of representatives of British Columbia in the House of Commons."

Mr. *Killam* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, to expunge from the said motion the words "the population is about 10,000; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Bowman, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cheval, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Ferris, Fournier, Geoffrion, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Renfrew), Metcalfe, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wells, Whitehead, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—43.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bourassa, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Cayley, Chauveau, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortier, Fortin, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Godin, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney McMillan, Merritt, Mills, Moffat, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Pozer, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wood.—100.

And the question being put on Mr. *Bodwell*'s amendment; it was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bourassa, Bowman, Brown, Burpee, Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—58.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbot, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), and Willson.—87.

Mr. *Blake* then moved, to leave out all the words after "That" and insert the following:—"the proposed sums of Union with British Columbia provide for the payment by the Dominion to British Columbia of a yearly sum of $100,000 in perpetuity (equal to a capital sum of $2,000,000) for the cession of a tract of waste land on the route of the proposed Pacific Railway to aid in its construction, while any such land required for that purpose should be ceded without charge in like manner as the lands of the Dominion are to be so ceded, and that the said Resolutions be re-committed for the purpose of amending the same in accordance with this Resolution:" which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bourassa, Bowman, Brown, Burpee, Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Coupal, Delorme, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Lawson, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—59.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Holmes, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—84.

The said Resolution was then agreed to, on a division,

Resolutions 2 and 3 being read a second time, were severally agreed to on a division.—

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, the said Resolution for an Address to Her Majesty the Queen, was referred to Select Committee, composed of Hon. Messrs. *Tilley*, *Morris*, *Tupper*, *Chauveau*, and Messrs. *Ferguson*, *Savary*, and the Mover.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* then reported the draft of an Address, which was read the first time, and is as follows:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty:

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:—

We Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada in Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:—

That by a despatch from the Governor of British Columbia, dated 23rd January, 1871, with other papers laid before this House by message from His Excellency the Governor General, of the 27th February last, this House learns that the Legislative Council of that Colony, in Council assembled, adopted in January last an Address representing to Your Majesty that British Columbia was prepared to enter into union with the Dominion of Canada, upon the terms and conditions mentioned in the said address, which is as follows:

"*To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.*

"MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN:

"We, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Members of the Legislative Council of British "Columbia in Council assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty for the purpose of representing:—

"That, during the last Session of the late Legislative Council, the subject of the admission of the Colony of "British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada was taken into consideration, and a Resolution on the "subject was agreed to, embodying the terms upon which it was proposed that this Colony should enter the Union;

"That, after the close of the Session, Delegates were sent by the Government of this Colony to Canada, to "confer with the Government of the Dominion with respect to the admission of British Columbia into the Union "upon the terms proposed;

"That, after considerable discussion by the Delegates with the Members of the Government of the Dominion "of Canada, the Terms and Conditions hereinafter specified were adopted by a Committee of the Privy Council of "Canada, and were by them reported to the Governor General for his approval;

"That such Terms were communicated to the Government of this Colony by the Governor General of Canada, "in a Despatch dated July 7th, 1870, and are as follows:—

"1. Canada shall be liable for the Debts and Liabilities of British Columbia exisiting at the time of the Union.

"2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the other Provinces now constituting the "Dominion, shall be entitled to receive, by half-yearly payments in advance from the General Government, Interest "at the rate of five per cent. per annum on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date "of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick $27.77), the "population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

"3. The following sums shall be paid by Canada to British Columbia for the support of its Government "and Legislature, to wit, an Annual Subsidy of $35,000 and an Annual Grant equal to 80 cents per head of the "said population of 60,000, both half-yearly in advance, such Grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented in proportion "to the increase of population, as may be shewn by each subsequent decennial census, until the population amounts "to 400,000, at which rate such Grant shall thereafter remain, it being understood that the first census be taken "in the year 1881.

"4. The Dominion will provide an efficient mail service, fortnightly, by steam communication between "Victoria and San Francisco, and twice a week between Victoria and Olympia; the vessels to be adapted for the "conveyance of freight and passengers.

"5. Canada will assume and defray the charges for the following services:—

"A. Salary of the Lieutenant Governor;

"B. Salaries and Allowances of the Judges of the Superior Courts and the County or District Courts;

"C. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs;

"D. The Postal and Telegraphic Services;

"E. Protection and Encouragement of Fisheries;

"F. Provision for the Militia;

"G. Lighthouses, Buoys, and Beacons, Shipwrecked Crews, Quarantine and Marine Hospitals, including "a Marine Hospital at Victoria;

"H. The Geological Survey;

"I. The Penitentiary;

"And such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the British North "America Act of 1867 appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

"6. Suitable Pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the "Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's Servants in the Colony whose position and emoluments "derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion "of Canada.

"7. It is agreed that the existing Customs Tariff and Excise Duties shall continue in force in British "Columbia until the Railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of Railways in Canada are connected, unless "the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the Tariff and Excise Laws of Canada. When "Customs and Excise Duties are, at the time of the Union of British Columbia with Canada, leviable on any "Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes in British Columbia, or in the other Provinces of the Dominion, those Goods, "Wares, and Merchandizes may, from and after the Union, be imported into British Columbia from the Provinces "now composing the Dominion, or from either of those Provinces into British Columbia, on proof of payment of "the Customs or Excise Duties leviable thereon in the Province of Exportation, and on payment of such further "amount (if any) of Customs or Excise Duties as are leviable thereon in the Province of Importation. This "arrangement to have no force or effect after the assimilation of the Tariff and Excise Duties of British Columbia "with those of the Dominion.

"8. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by Three Members, and by Six "Members in the House of Commons. The representation to be increased under the provisions of the "British "North America Act, 1867.

"9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the "naval station at Esquimalt.

"10. The provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," shall (except those parts thereof which are "in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable to and only affect one and not "the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this "Minute) be applicable to British Columbia in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other "Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally "united by the said Act.

"11. The Government of the Dominion undertake to secure the commencement simultaneously, within two "years from the date of Union, of the construction of a Railway from the Pacific towards the Rocky Mountains, "and from such point as may be selected, East of the Rocky Mountains, towards the Pacific, to connect the "seaboard of British Columbia with the Railway system of Canada; and further, to secure the completion of such "Railway within ten years from the date of the Union.

"And the Government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appro- "priated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of "the said Railway, a similar extent of Public Lands along the line of Railway throughout its entire length in "British Columbia, not to exceed, however, twenty (20) miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated "for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the Public Lands in the North West "Territories and the Province of Manitoba. Provided that the quantity of land which may be held under "Pre-emption right or by Crown Grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be "so conveyed to the Dominion Government shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous Public Lands; "and provided further, that until the commencement, within two years, as aforesaid, from the date of the Union, "of the construction of the said Railway, the Government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further "portions of the Public Lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of Pre-emption, requiring "actual residence of the Pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed "in aid of the construction of the said Railway, the Dominion Government agree to pay to British Columbia from "the date of the Union, the sum of $100,000 per annum, in half yearly payments in advance.

"12. The Dominion Government shall guarantee the interest for ten years from the date of the compleiion of "the works, at the rate of five per centum per annum, on such sum, not exceeding £100,000 sterling, as may be "required for the construction of a first class graving dock at Esquimault.

"13. The charge of the Indians, and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and "benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the "British Columbia Government shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union.

"To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British "Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Govern- "ment to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians on application of the Dominion "Government; and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of "land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

"14. The constitution of the Executive Authority and of the Legislature of British Columbia shall, subject to "the provisions of the "British North America Act, 1867," continue as existing at the time of the Union until "altered under the authority of the said Act, it being at the same time understood that the Government of the "Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of responsible government when desired by the inhabitants of "British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, "under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing Constitution of the Legisla- "ture by providing that a majority of its Members shall be elective.

"The Union shall take effect according to the foregoing terms and conditions on such day as Her Majesty by "and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the "Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of Parliament of Canada, in the terms of the 146th section of the "British North America Act, 1867,) and British Columbia may in its address specify the electoral districts for "which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

"That such terms have proved generally acceptable to the people of this Colony.

"That this Council is, therefore, willing to enter into Union with the Dominion of Canada upon such terms, "and humbly submit that, under the circumstances, it is expedient that the admission of this Colony into such "Union, as aforesaid, should be effected at as early a date as may be found practicable under the provisions of the "146th section of the "British North America Act, 1867."

"We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your "Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, under the provisions of the 146th section of the "British North America "Act, 1867," to admit British Columbia into the Union or Dominion of Canada on the basis of the terms and "conditions offered to this Colony by the Government of the Dominion of Canada, hereinbefore set forth; and "inasmuch as by the said terms British Columbia is empowered in its Address to specify the electoral districts for "which the first election of Members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place, we humbly pray that such "electoral districts may be declared, under the Order in Council, to be as follows:—

"That "New Westminster District," and the "Coast District," as defined in a public notice issued from the "Lands and Works Office on the 15th day of December, 1869, by the desire of the Governor, and purporting to be "in accordance with the provisions of the 39th clause of the "Mineral Ordinance, 1869," shall constitute one "district, to be designated "New Westminster District" and return One Member.

"That "Cariboo District," and "Lillooet District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one "district, to be designated "Cariboo District," and return One Member.

"That "Yale District," and "Kootenay District," as specified in the said public notice, shall constitute one "district, to be designated "Yale District," and return One Member.

"That those portions of Vancouver Island known as "Victoria District," "Esquimalt District," and "Metchosin "District," as defined in the official maps of those districts in the Land Office, Victoria, and which maps are "designated respectively, "Victoria District Official Map, 1858," "Esquimalt District Official Map, 1858," "and "Metchosin District Official Map, A.D. 1858," shall constitute one district, to be designated "Victoria "District," and return Two Members.

"And, that all the remainder of Vancouver Island, and all such islands adjacent thereto as were formerly "dependencies of the late Colony of Vancouver Island District, shall constitute one District, to be designated "Vancouver Island District," and return One Member."

We further humbly represent, that the proposed terms and conditions of Union of British Columbia with Canada, as stated in the said Address, are in conformity with those preliminarily agreed upon between delegates from British Columbia and the Members of the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and embodied in a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870, which approved Report is as follows:—

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the 1st July, 1870.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had under consideration a Despatch, dated the 7th May, 1870, from the Governor of British Columbia, together with certain resolutions submitted by the Government of that colony to the Legislative Council thereof—both hereunto annexed—on the subject of the proposed union of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada; and after several interviews between them and the Honorable Messrs. *Trutch*, *Helmcken*, and *Carrall*, the Delegates from British Columbia, and full discussion with them of the various questions connected with that important subject, the Committee now respectfully submit for your Excellency's approval the following terms and conditions to form the basis of a political union between British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada.

1. Canada shall be liable for the debts and liabilities of British Columbia existing at the time of the Union.

2. British Columbia not having incurred debts equal to those of the other Provinces now constituting the Dominion, shall be entitled to receive by half-yearly payments, in advance, from the General Government, interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, on the difference between the actual amount of its indebtedness at the date of the Union, and the indebtedness per head of the population of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ($27.77), the population of British Columbia being taken at 60,000.

3. The following sums shall be paid by Canada to British Columbia for the support of its Government and Legislature, to wit, an annual subsidy of $35,000, and an annual grant equal to 80 cents per head of the said population of 60,000, both half-yearly in advance, such grant of 80 cents per head to be augmented in proportion to the increase of population, as may be shown by each subsequent decennial census, until the population amounts to 400,000, at which rate such grant shall thereafter remain, it being understood that the first census shall be taken in the year 1881.

4. The Dominion will provide an efficient mail service fortnightly by steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco, and twice a week between Victoria and Olympia, the vessels to be adapted for the conveyance of freight and passengers.

5. Canada will assume and defray the charges for the following services:—

A. Salary of the Lieutenant Governor.
B. Salaries and allowances of the Judges of the Superior Courts and the County or District Courts.
C. The charges in respect to the Department of Customs.
D. The postal and telegraphic services.
E. Protection and encouragement of fisheries.
F. Provision for Militia.
G. Lighthouses, buoys and beacons, shipwrecked crews, quarantine and marine hospitals, including a marine hospital at Victoria.
H. The Geological Survey.
I. The Penitentiary.

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And such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by the British North America Act of 1867, appertain to the general Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces.

6. Suitable pensions, such as shall be approved of by Her Majesty's Government, shall be provided by the Government of the Dominion for those of Her Majesty's servants in the Colony whose position and emoluments derived therefrom would be affected by political changes on the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada.

7. It is agreed that the existing customs tariff, and excise duties, shall continue in force in British Columbia until the railway from the Pacific Coast and the system of railways in Canada are connected, unless the Legislature of British Columbia should sooner decide to accept the tariff and excise laws of Canada. When customs and excise duties are, at the time of the union of British Columbia with Canada leviable on any goods, wares, or merchandizes in British Columbia, or in the other Provinces of the Dominion, these goods, wares, and merchandizes may, from and after the union, be imported into British Columbia from the Provinces now composing the Dominion, or from either of those Provinces into British Columbia, on proof of payment of the customs or excise duties leviable thereon in the Province of exportation, and on payment of such further amount (if any) of customs or excise duties as are leviable thereon in the Province of importation. This arrangement to have no force or effect after the assimilation of the tariff and excise duties of British Columbia with those of the Dominion.

8. British Columbia shall be entitled to be represented in the Senate by three members, and by six members in the House of Commons. The representation to be increased under the Provisions of the British North America Act, 1867.

9. The influence of the Dominion Government will be used to secure the continued maintenance of the Naval Station at Esquimalt.

10. The provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, shall (except those parts thereof which are in terms made, or by reasonable intendment may be held to be specially applicable to, and only affect one and not the whole of the Provinces now comprising the Dominion, and except so far as the same may be varied by this Minute) be applicable to British Columbia, in the same way and to the like extent as they apply to the other Provinces of the Dominion, and as if the Colony of British Columbia had been one of the Provinces originally united by the said Act.

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And the Government of British Columbia agree to convey to the Dominion Government, in trust, to be appropriated in such manner as the Dominion Government may deem advisable in furtherance of the construction of the said railway, a similar extent of public lands along the line of railway throughout its entire length in British Columbia, not to exceed, however, twenty (20) miles on each side of said line, as may be appropriated for the same purpose by the Dominion Government from the public lands in the North West Territories and the Province of Manitoba. Provided that the quantity of land which may be held under pre-emption right or by Crown grant within the limits of the tract of land in British Columbia to be so conveyed to the Dominion Government, shall be made good to the Dominion from contiguous lands, and provided further, that until the commencement, within two years as aforesaid from the date of the Union, of the construction of the said railway, the Government of British Columbia shall not sell or alienate any further portion of the public lands of British Columbia in any other way than under right of pre-emption, requiring actual residence of the pre-emptor on the land claimed by him. In consideration of the land to be so conveyed in aid of the construction of the said railway, the Dominion Government agree to pay to British Columbia, from the date of the Union, the sum of $100,000 per annum, in half-yearly payments in advance.

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13. The charge of the Indians and the trusteeship and management of the lands reserved for their use and benefit, shall be assumed by the Dominion Government, and a policy as liberal as that hitherto pursued by the British Columbia Government, shall be continued by the Dominion Government after the Union. To carry out such policy, tracts of land of such extent as it has hitherto been the practice of the British Columbia Government to appropriate for that purpose, shall from time to time be conveyed by the Local Government to the Dominion Government in trust for the use and benefit of the Indians, on application of the Dominion Government, and in case of disagreement between the two Governments respecting the quantity of such tracts of land to be so granted, the matter shall be referred for the decision of the Secretay of State for the Colonies

14. The constitution of the Executive authority and of the Legislatnre of British Columbia, shall, subject to the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867, continue as existing at the time of the union until altered under the authority of the said Act, it being at the same time understood that the Government of the Dominion will readily consent to the introduction of responsible government when desired by the inhabitants of British Columbia, and it being likewise understood that it is the intention of the Governor of British Columbia, under the authority of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, to amend the existing constitution of the Legislature by providing that a majority of its members shall be elective.

The Union shall take effect, according to the foregoing terms and conditions, on such day as Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, may appoint (on addresses from the Legislature of the Colony of British Columbia, and of the Houses of the Parliament of Canada in the terms of the 146th section of the British North America Act, 1867), and British Columbia may in its Address specify the electoral districts for which the first election of members to serve in the House of Commons shall take place.

(Certified,) WM. H. LEE,
Clerk Privy Council.

We further humbly represent, that we concur in the terms and conditions of Union set forth in the said Address, and approved Report of the Committee of the Privy Council above mentioned; and most respectfully pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Your Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, under the 146th clause of "The British North America Act, of 1867," to unite British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions above set forth."

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, the said Address was ordered to be read the second time, at the next sitting of The House, this day.

The House then adjourned at 1.45. A.M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Brousseau*—On Monday next—Adoption of the 7th Report of the Joint Committee on Printing.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*—To-morrow—That this House do on Monday next go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:—

That it is expedient to provide that the Library of Parliament shall be under the joint control of the Speakers of the two Houses, assisted during each Session by a joint committee of the two Houses, who shall have power to regulate the expenditure of money voted for the purchase of books and other articles; and that the officers and servants of the Library shall be those hereinafter mentioned, with the salaries set opposite to each officer, and that no additions or charges be made in the number of officers and servants or their salaries, except on Resolution of both Houses:—

Librarian	$2,500
Assistant Librarian	1,800
First Library Clerk, under five years' service	800
„ „ over „ „	1,200
Second Library Clerk	800
Messengers, under five years' service	400
„ over „ „	500

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OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 1st APRIL, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the Districts of Montmagny and Terrebonne, for the year 1870.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking & Commerce, presented the sixth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 56) respecting certain Savings Banks in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, with amendments, and the following Bills without amendments, viz :—

No. 82 To incorporate the Bank of Liverpool.

No. 73 To amend the Charter of the Sun Insurance Company.

Mr. *Currier* introduced a Bill (No. 94) to incorporate the Dominion Construction Company.

The said Bill was read the first time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills.—

The Bill (No. 71) to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking & Commerce.

The Resolution adopted in Committee of the Whole, yesterday, to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Insurance Offices, was reported ; and being read a second time, was agreed to, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking & Commerce, and is as follows —

Resolved, That it is expedient in amending the Act respecting Insurance Companies, to provide for the appointment of an Inspector of Insurance Offices, and to establish certain contributions to be paid by the several Companies for making good the expense to be incurred for such inspection.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, The House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole on Monday next, to consider a Resolution on the subject of the Library of Parliament, and the salaries of the Librarian, and other officers and servants.—

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that the Address to Her Majesty the Queen, founded on certain Resolutions respecting the admission of British Columbia into union with Canada, and adopted yesterday, be now read the second time.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment, that it be *Resolved*, That this House is willing to give its best consideration to any reasonable terms of union with British Columbia, is of opinion that the terms embodied in the said Address are so unreasonable, and so unjust to Canada, that this House should not agree thereto ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Bertrand, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Chipman, Coupal, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Godin, Hagar, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McCallum, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—68.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Colby, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—86.

Hon. Sir *A. T. Galt* then moved in amendment, that the said Address be not now read the second time, but that it be read the second time on Monday, and that meantime it be *Resolved*,—That in accepting the terms of union with British Columbia, this House understands that the engagement for the construction of the Pacific Railroad within ten years is subject to the understanding had between the Government of the Dominion and the Commissioners from British Columbia,—that the said Railroad should be constructed through the medium of private Companies, receiving subsidies in money and land, and that it was not intended to pledge the Dominion beyond the application of its money and resources to the loyal and earnest prosecution of the work, without entailing undue and excessive burdens upon the people;—which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Cartwright, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Killam, Kirkpatrick, Langlois, MacFarlane, and Pope.—7.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowell, Bowman, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Huron), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chauveau, Cheval, Chipman, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dobbie, Dorion, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortier, Fortin, Fournier, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Godin, Gray, Grover, Hagar, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Joly, Keeler, Kempt, Lacerte, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Renfrew), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, McMonies, Merritt, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria O.), Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Perry, Pickard, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Scatcherd, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stephenson, Stirton, Street, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Willson, and Young.—126.

The main motion was then agreed to on a division, and the Address accordingly read the second time, and agreed to.—

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency the Governor General, praying him to transmit the Address of this House to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, under the 146th clause of the British North America Act, 1867, to unite British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, on the terms and conditions contained in the said Address; in such a way as to His Excellency may seem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed, and be presented to His Excellency, by such Members of this House, as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, viz.:

No. 47. To comprise into one Act the financial affairs of the Great Western Railway Company.

No. 79. Concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.

No. 68. To incorporate the Metropolitan Bank.

No. 75. To incorporate the Western Bank.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go again into Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. *Holton* moved in amendment, that all the words after "That" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof :—"Inasmuch as it appears by a Return to an Address of this House, dated the 17th February, 1871, that a lot of land bordering on the Lachine Canal in Montreal was purchased by the Government in 1865 for the sum of $25,000 ; that on an application from the Montreal Warehousing Company in March, 1869, to purchase the said lot, Mr. *Sippell*, the Superintendent Engineer, strongly recommended its retention for public uses, and the Government on the 15th April informed the Warehousing Company that their application could not be granted ; that subsequently Mr. *Page*, Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works was required to report on the subject, and he also recommended that the property should not be sold, but be retained for those public uses for which it had been acquired, and that on the 7th February, 1870, the said Warehousing Company applied for a lease of the said lot of land, and the Government did on a Report from the Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, acting for the Minister of Public Works, dated 19th July, 1870, and which Report was apparently unsupported by the recommendation of any professional officer of the Department, agree to lease the said lot to the said Warehousing Company for a term of 21 years at an annual rental of $700, subject to the condition that the lease might be cancelled on three months' notice, and on payment of the value of any buildings that might be erected,—this House is of the opinion that it is the duty of the Government to take immediate steps to resume possession for public uses of the said lot of land ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Carmichael, Cheval, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Fortier, Fournier, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Kempt, Killam, Mackenzie, McDougall (Renfrew), Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Scatcherd, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), White (Halton), Whitehead, Workman, and Young.—38.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir Geo. E.), Cayley, Costigan, Crawford (Leeds), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, Little, Masson (Soulanges), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Merritt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Perry, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Savary, Simard, Simpson, Stephenson, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, and White (East Hastings).—59.

The House then went again into Committee of Supply; and progress having been reported,—the Committee obtained leave to sit again on Monday next.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Hon. Mr. *Chauveau*—On Monday next—That the petition of *F. X. Blanchette*, Esquire, be referred to the Commission on the Internal Economy of the House.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*—On Tuesday next—That the House do resolve itself into Committee of the Whole on Wednesday next, to consider the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That the Railway referred to in the Address to Her Majesty concerning the Union of British Columbia with Canada, adopted by this House on Saturday the 1st April instant, should be constructed and worked by private enterprize, and not by the Dominion Government ; and that the public aid to be given to secure that undertaking should consist of such liberal grants of land, and such subsidy in money, or other aid, not unduly pressing on the industry and resources of the Dominion, as the Parliament of Canada shall hereafter determine.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Has the Collector of Customs in the Province of Manitoba made any return for the year 1870 ; and if such return has been made, how much Revenue has been collected?

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Has the Hudson's Bay Company paid any duties on goods imported into the North-West Territory during the year 1870 ; and if so, how much?

PRIVATE BILLS.

The Bill (No, 94) to incorporate the Dominion Construction Company, was this day posted for consideration on or after Tuesday next, the 4th inst., by the Committee on Private Bills.

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1871.

One Petition was brought up, and laid on the Table.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of the Ontario Salt Company,—of the Victoria Salt Works Company,—of the Dominion Salt Company,—of the Huron Salt Company,—and of *McLean* Salt Works Company ; severally praying that the protective duty on salt be re-imposed and continued, until a change is made in the American tariff.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the fourth Report of the said Committee, reporting that they had amended the Bill (No. 34) to amend the Railway Act of 1868, and that they had also inserted such of the provisions of the Bill (No. 21) to amend the Railway Act, and of the Bill (No. 8) to amend the Railway Act of 1868, and to extend the same, as appeared to them desirable.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented, Return to Address of the 8th ult. ; for a Return of the Tolls collected on the St. Peter's Canal since it was opened for the trade ; also the number of vessels which pass through said canal, the names of such vessels and the tonnage of each, the names of the employés on the said Canal and their respective emoluments ; also the report of the Engineer or Superintendent in charge of the condition of said work.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, viz :—

No. 67. To incorporate the District of Bedford Bank.

No. 82. To incorporate the Bank of Liverpool.

No. 73. To amend the Charter of the Sun Insurance Company.

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, The House went into Committee to consider certain Resolutions, whereon to found an Address to Her Majesty, on the subject of the withdrawal of Garrisons and munitions of war from British North America ;—and progress having been reported, The Committee obtained leave to sit again to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges), an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a statement shewing all sums of money for costs of survey and explorations of the line of the Beauharnois Canal, the amount of the estimate of the probable cost of the said canal made by the Engineers, the amounts expended and paid over and above the estimate of the said Engineers for the final construction of the said canal ; also a statement shewing the

sums of money paid the Seignior of Beauharnois as indemnity for his Seignorial rights, the amount paid as compensation and damages for right of way and cutting through lands, the amounts expended and paid for dredges, wharves, piers, dams, lighthouses, indemnities for injury to property, repairs of public roads, costs of arbitration, compenaation, fees paid to Commissioners, Provincial arbitrators or others employed for the settlement of damages, including their travelling expenses, and board and lodging, fees of advocates and notaries employed, and law costs. The whole to form a Statement shewing fully all sums of money expended and paid, and constituting the cost of the said Beauharnois Canal (on the south side of Coteau Rapids), from the first day of its construction to this day.

Hon. Mr. *Blanchet* moved,—That the Honorable the Speaker be instructed, in connection with the other Commissioners appointed in virtue of the Act respecting the internal economy of the House of Commons, to secure for the next Session the services of a sufficient number of Stenographers for the publication in both languages of the official Debates of this House.

Mr. *Cheval* moved in amendment, to add the following words to the said motion, *viz* :—"the expense thereof to be paid out of the personal indemnity of the Members of Parliament," which was agreed to.—

The question being then put on the main motion, as amended ; it was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Béchard, Benoit, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bowell, Brown, Carmichael, Cheval, Chipman, Colby, Currier, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferguson, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Gray, Huntington, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Killam, Langlois, Little, Macdonald (Middlesex), Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pinsonneault, Pozer, Renaud, Ross (Dundas), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Smith (Westmoreland), Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tupper, Whitehead, Willson, Wood, and Young.—51.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Beaubien, Bellerose, Bertrand, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Bown, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Cimon, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Forbes, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Jackson, Joly, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Lawson, MacDonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, McMonies, Merritt, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Redford, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Snider, Sproat, Stephenson, Stirton, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tremblay, Wallace, Walsh, Webb, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), and Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.)—90.

On motion of Mr. *Ryan* (Montreal), an Address was voted to His Excellency, for all papers and correspondence relating to a claim of Mrs. *Johnston* against *Grant Seymour*, an employee in the Department of the Minister of Militia.—

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, the seventh Report of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, was concurred in.—

Mr. *Oliver* moved, that the Bill (No. 5) to amend the Patent Act of 1869, be now read the second time.

And a Debate arising,—the said Bill was, with leave of The House, withdrawn, and the Order discharged.

Mr. *Colby* moved, that the Bill (No. 64) to repeal the Insolvency Laws now existing in this Dominion, be now read the second time.

And a Debate arising ;

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, moved that the Debate be adjourned till next Thursday week ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Blake, Bolton, Bowell, Bown, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Carmichael, Cartier (Sir George E.), Chipman, Cimon, Costigan, Dobbie, Dunkin, Forbes, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Hincks (Sir Francis), Hurdon, Irvine, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Lacerte, Langevin, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McMonies, Merritt, Metcalfe, Mills, Morris, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Savary, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tupper, Walsh, Wells, Willson, Wood, Workman, and Young.—60.

Nays.

Messrs. Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Béchard, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Cameron (Huron), Caron, Cayley, Cheval, Colby, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Delorme(St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fournier, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Grover, Hagar, Holmes, Holton, Huntington, Jackson, Joly, Keeler, Killam, Kirkpatrick, Langlois, Lapum, MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), McCallum, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McDougall (Three-Rivers), McKeagney, Moffat, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pope, Pouliot, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince-Edward), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Scatcherd, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Stirton, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tourangeau, Tremblay, Wallace, Webb, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, and Wright (Ottawa County).—79.

The said Bill was then read the second time, on a division.—

Mr. *Colby* moved, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole, on next Thursday week.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment, that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole, to-morrow.

Mr. *Currier* moved in amendment, to the said proposed amendment that the said Bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole, forthwith

And a Debate arising;

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight,

Tuesday, 4th April, 1871.

And Mr. *Crawford,* Member for the Electoral District of the South Riding of the County of Leeds, having taken the objection, that a Bill to amend the Insolvency Laws had been already passed by the House of Commons, and was now before the Senate, and having thereupon raised the point of Order, as to whether this Bill to repeal the same Insolvency Laws could now be entertained.

Mr. Speaker ruled, that The House had already passed upon this question, in the Bill now before the Senate, amending the Insolvency Laws, and that no measure could now be entertained at variance with the former one.

The present Bill proposes to repeal all the existing Insolvency Laws, and is therefore wholly at variance with the previous decision of The House. The Bill cannot be proceeded with during the present session.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills with amendments, *viz*:—

No. 17. To incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company. (On motion of Mr *Crawford* (Leeds), amendments read and agreed to.)

No. 33. To incorporate the Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company. (On motion of Mr. *MacDonald* (Glengarry), amendments read, and agreed to).—

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill (No. 83), to remove doubts as to the legality of certain marriages therein mentioned, was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The House then adjourned at 12.56 a.m.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

The Bill (No. 85), further to amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec, was erroneously inserted in the Votes of Friday, the 31st ult. (on page 174), as having been referred to a Committee of the Whole on the following day, whereas the said Bill was referred to the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce.—

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mills*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Governments of Canada and Ontario in reference to the Public Lands within that Province about which no Treaty of reservation to the Indians was made prior to the 1st of July, 1867.

Mr. *Chipman*—On Wednesday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Why the Militia general order of 24th February last does not include a return of *the best and second best shots,* &c., for 1870, in Nova Scotia; and whether *any* return thereof has been made by the D. A. General for that District.

Mr. *Burpee*—On Wednesday next—Order of the House for a statement of all the persons that have been appointed as employees of this House since April, 1868; specifying the date of said appointments, the salaries paid in each case, and also the Province from which such employee is selected.

Mr. *Burpee*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a return shewing all Orders in Council since July 1st, 1867, under which any persons have been appointed to office in the Public Departments at Ottawa, specifying the dates of such appointments and whether for temporary or permanent employment, the salaries at which they were to be paid, and specifying the Provinces from which they were selected; also all Orders in Council providing for increase of salary of any employees of the Public Departments, with the amount of increase in each case.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*—On Wednesday next—BILL to give force and effect within the Province of Manitoba to certain Acts and parts of Acts of the Parliament of Canada.

Mr. *McDonald* (Antigonish)—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF WHOLE to consider the expediency of empowering the Government to transfer to one or more companies such portions of the Government Railways in Nova Scotia as may not form a part of the Intercolonial Railway, on condition that such Company or Companies shall give sufficient guarantee to extend the Railways East and West to such points as may be agreed upon.

No. 34.

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No. 35.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the District of St. Hyacinthe, for the year 1870.

One Petition was brought up and laid on the Table.

Mr. *Cameron* (Huron), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the sixth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill from the Senate (No. 87) intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of New Brunswick the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, concerning the Synod of the Church of England in Canada," without amendment.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* presented,—Return to Address of the 8th ult.; for copies of correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries and the Government of the Province of Ontario, respecting the lands on the Peninsula of Presqu'i Isle, in the Township of Brighton; with the Reports of the late survey, and valuation of said lands.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 8th ult.; for the Report of the Officer sent to make surveys of the Rivers Madawaska and St. John.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, the House resolved to go into Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, to consider the following Rosolution:—

Resolved, That the Railway referred to in the Address to Her Majesty concerning the Union of British Columbia with Canada, adopted by the House on Saturday the 1st April instant, should be constructed and worked by private enterprise, amd not by the Dominion Government; and that the public aid to be given to secure that undertaking should consist of such liberal grants of land, and such subsidy in money. or other aid, not unduly pressing on the industry and resources of the Dominion, as the Parliament of Canada shall hereafter determine.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, without amendment, viz.:—

No. 28. To extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of Harbor dues by the Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound.

No. 54. To indemnify the Members of the Executive Government and others for the unavoidable expenditure of public money, in excess of the Parliamentary grant incurred in repelling the threatened invasion of the Fenians in 1870.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that the Bill (No. 57) to amend the Act relating to duties of Customs, be now read a third time.—

Mr. *Cameron* (Huron), moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of expunging therefrom the word "*salt*," wherever the same occurs in the said Bill.

Mr. *Bowell* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, "That in view of negotiations now pending in Washington between representatives on the part of the British Empire and the United States, touching questions which may lead to a renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty, it is, in the opinion of this House inexpedient to repeal the duties now imposed upon certain articles, enumerated in section two of the Bill, as amended; be it therefore *Resolved*, that the Bill do not now pass, but that it be referred back to the Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of expunging all the words between the word "Coke" and the words "is hereby repealed," in section two of the said Bill;" which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Ault, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Huron), Carling, Crawford (Brockville), Dobbie, Drew, Gaucher, Gibbs, Grant, Grover, Holmes, Hurdon, Keeler, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McCallum, McKeagney, Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Scriver, Shanly, Stephenson, Street, Thompson (Haldimand), Walsh, Webb, White (Halton), Whitehead, and Willson,—38.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Archambeault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carmichael, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Cayley, Cheval, Chipman, Colby, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes, Fortin, Fournier, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Hagar, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Irvine, Jackson, Jones (Halifax), Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria O.), Morrison (Niagara), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Savary, Scatcherd, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Westmoreland), Sproat, Stirton, Sylvain Thompson, (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Wallace, Wells, Wood, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—110.

Mr. *Lawson* then moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred back to the Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of expunging therefrom Clause two; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Ault, Baker, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Huron), Cameron (Inverness), Colby, Crawford (Brockville), Dobbie, Drew, Gaucher, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald, (Lunenburg), Macdonald (Middlesex), McCallum, McKeagney, Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pope, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Scriver, Shanly, Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Walsh, Webb, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Willson.—43.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Archambeault, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Campbell, Carling, Carmichael, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Cayley, Cheval, Chipman, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Daoust, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes, Fortin, Fournier, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Hagar, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Huntington, Irvine, Jones (Halifax), Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Little, MacDonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, McKenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria O.), Morrison (Niagara), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Savary, Scatcherd, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Westmoreland), Stirton, Sylvain, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Wallace, Wells, Wood, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—109.

Mr. *Oliver* then moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of expunging therefrom "Salt, Peas, Beans, Barley, Rye, Oats, Indian Corn, and Buckwheat" in Clause two; which was negatived on a division.

The question being then put on Mr. *Cameron's* (Huron) amendment, it was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Ault, Bertrand, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Huron), Carling, Colby, Crawford (Leeds), Currier, Dobbie, Drew, Gibbs, Grant, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lapum, Lawson, MacDonald (Glengarry), McCallum, Morison (Victoria, O.), O'Connor, Oliver, Pope, Shanly, Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Thompson, (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Walsh, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, and Willson.—37.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Anglin, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carmichael, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Cayley, Cheval, Chipman, Costigan, Coupal, Daoust, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes, Fortin, Fournier, Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Godin, Grover, Hagar, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Huntington, Irvine, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Killam, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, Pâquet, Pelletier, Perry, Pickard, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Redford, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Savary, Scatcherd, Scriver, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Westmoreland), Stirton, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Wallace, Webb, Wells, Wood, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young—114.

The Bill was then read and passed.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Commitee on Banking and Commerce, presented the seventh Report of the said Committee, reporting the following Bills *without amendments*, viz :—

No. 88. From the Senate, intituled : "An Act to incorporate the Mutual Life Association of Canada."

No. 52. To incorporate the Kingston Board of Trade.

No, 80. To incorporate the Board of Trade of the Town of Windsor.

No. 85. Further to amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec.

And the following Bills, *with amendments*, viz :—

No. 59. To amend the Act incorporating the Quebec Marine and Fire Insurance Company.

No. 71. To amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the fifth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 84) to incorporate the Sault St. Marie Railway Company, with amendments.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that Mr. Speaker do now leave the Chair for The House to go again into Committee of supply.

Mr. *Mackenzie* moved in amendment, that all the words after "that" be expunged, and the following inserted instead thereof :—"it appears from the statement made to this House by the Hon. *Charles Tupper*, C. B., President of the Council, that on the 31st day of March last, a Bill was depending in the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia for the Disfranchisement of Dominion Officials at Nova Scotia Elections, and that the vote of the Hon. *James McNabb*, a Member of the said Council was material to the decision on the Bill, and that the said Hon. *Charles Tupper* was desirous that the Bill should be defeated; and that on the said day he received a Telegram from Halifax, as follows: –"Hon. Mr. *McNabb* votes to-day for Disfranchising Bill. Can you "guarantee *Peter* an Office if his father is put right? *A. Wickwire*;"—to which he replied as follows :—"Your "Telegram received. Anything *Hill* engages to do, I will carry out. *Charles Tupper*." And that in pursuance of the said Telegrams in order to secure the vote of the said Hon. *James McNabb*, an Office in the Dominion Service was offered to the said *Peter McNabb*, a son of the said *James McNabb*.

That in the opinion of this House the conduct of the Hon. *Charles Tupper* in proposing so to exercise the patronage of the Dominion Government, as to influence the action of the Local Legislature of Nova Scotia, was a flagrant violation of the laws of public morality; and calculated, if unrebuked by Parliament, to inflict deep disgrace on the Country and its Institutions;" which was negatived on the following division.

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bourassa, Bowman, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cheval, Currier, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Wells, Wood, Workman, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—51.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Cimon, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Dobbie, Drew, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holmes, Howe, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (King's, N. B.), Ryan (Montreal West), Savary, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County.)—93.

The House then went into a Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

CANALS.

		$ cts.	$. cts
	Lachine Canal—		
	1. Waste Weir at head (Revote)	29,000 00	
	2. Culvert River, St. Pierre do	13,000 00	
			42,000 00
	3. Regulating Weir St. Gabriel		20,000 00
	Welland Canal—		
	4. Deepening to Lake Erie Level (Revote $25,000)	25,000 00	
99	5. Waste Weir at Dunville (Revote)	18,000 00	
	6. Removal Banks Deep Cut above water level	200,000 00	
	7. Superintendence and Contingencies	4,000 00	
	8. Extending and deepening Harbor Port Dalhousie, (Revote $10,000)	20,000 00	
	9. do do do Port Colborne	20,000 00	
			287,000 00
	10. *Carillon and Grenville Canal* (Revote $125.000)		275,000 00
			624,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Railway Subsidies chargeable to Provinces.

102½	Western Extension, New Brunswick	10,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

	Slides and Booms, and Works necessary to facilitate the descent of Timber, viz.:—		
	1. St. Maurice River New Works	10,000 00	
	2. do do at mouth	43,000 00	
103	3. Ottawa River	15,300 00	
	4. Dumoine River	18,000 00	
	5. Miscellaneous	15,000 00	
			101,300 00
104.	St. John River, N.B., Little Current and Devil's Nose, Lake Huron		6,000 00

And The House having continued to sit in Committee until 12 of the clock, midnight;

Wednesday, 5th April, 1871.

The following Resolutions were proposed:—

Roads and Bridges.

105.	1. Bridge, Portage du Fort	8,000 00	
	2. Miscellaneous for expenditure on Metapedia Military Road only if required	5,000 00	
			13,000 00
106.	Surveys and Inspection		25,000 00
107.	Arbitrations and Awards		10,000 00
108.	Miscellaneous Works not otherwise provided for		10,000 00
109.	1. Rents, Repairs, Furniture	45,000 00	
	2. Heating Public Buildings, Ottawa	30,000 00	
	3. Rents, Repairs, &c., Custom House, St. John, and other Public Buildings	15,000 00	
			90,000 00

Public Buildings.

110.	1. London Custom House	35,000 00	
	2. Halifax Quarantine Station (Revote, $4,000)	6,000 00	
	3. Ottawa Post Office	40,000 00	
	4. St. John do	50,000 00	
	5. Toronto Custom House and Savings Banks	150,000 00	
	6. Emigration Buildings, Point Levi and Montreal	18,000 00	
	7. Grosse Isle	10,000 00	
	8. Partridge Island, St. John	4,000 00	
			313,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO INCOME—(*Continued.*)

Public Building.—Continued.

		$ cts.	$ cts.
111.	Richibucto Harbor		2,800 00
112.	House Harbor (Revote)		2,000 00
113.	Bathurst Harbor (Revote)		2,000 00
114.	Two Steam Dredges (Revote, $36,000)		52,000 00
115.	Dredging		30,000 00
116.	Dredge Vessel, New Brunswick		2,500 00
117.	Towards completion of Piers, Kincardine, Lake Huron		8,000 00
118.	Rideau Hall Heating Apparatus and Water Supply		8,000 00

Canals.

119.	1. Dwelling Lock Master, Port Robinson Welland Canal	2,000 00	
	2. St. Ann's Lock, improving channel above and below lock.	5,000 00	
	3. Chambly Canal, Lock keeper's houses	1,800 00	
	4. Rideau Canal, increase of water supply (Revote)	5,000 00	
	5. Miscellaneous Works	15,200 00	
			29,000 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again, at the next sitting of the House, this day.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill (No. 19) to authorize the incorporated Village of Trenton to impose and collect Harbor dues, and for other purposes, with amendments. (On motion of Mr *Bown*, amendments read, and agreed to).—

The House then adjourned at 1.15. A. M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Hon. Mr. Morris—To-morrow—That the House do on Thursday next go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolution:

That it is expedient to amend the 19th section of the Act passed in the now last session of Parliament, Chapter 9, respecting Customs and Inland Revenue, by reducing to sixty-three cents per gallon, the duty of excise of sixty-five cents per gallon thereby imposed on spirits manufactured from molasses in bond: and that such reduction of duty shall take effect upon and after the day of in the present year.

No. 35.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 4TH APRIL, 1871.

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No. 36.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1871.

One Petition was brought up and laid on the Table.

The Petition of the Montreal Board of Trade, was received and read; praying for certain amendments to the Bill now before Parliament, respecting Weights and Measures.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 30th ult; for copy of the Report of Mr. *S. J Dawson* upon the Red River Expedition of 1870; also copy of any document submitted by him in reference to the strictures published in England by an officer of the expeditionary force.—

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, The House resolved to go into Committee, to-morrow, to consider a Resolution to amend Section 19 of the Act passed last Session, chaptered 9, respecting Customs and Inland Revenue.—

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* introduced a Bill (No. 95) to extend to the Province of Manitoba, and to British Columbia so soon as it shall become a Province of the Dominion, certain Acts, and parts of Acts of the Parliament of Canada.—Second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* it was *Resolved*, That when this House adjourns on Saturday next, it do stand adjourned until Monday following at one o'clock, P.M., to sit from then to 6 o'clock P.M.

Pierre de Lorme, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Provencher, Province of Manitoba, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, took his seat in The House.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* delivered the following Messages from His Excellency :—

LISGAR.

The Governor General transmits Supplementary Estimates of sums required for the service of the Dominion of Canada for the year ending 30th June, 1871; and in accordance with the provisions of "The British North America Act, 1867," recommends these Estimates to the House of Commons.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 5th April, 1871.

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 5th April, 1871.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the said Messages and Supplementary Estimates were referred to the Committee of Supply.

Hon. Mr. *Morris* presented.—Return of expenditure for Printing and Binding done without tender under authority of the Act respecting the office of Queen's Printer and the Public Printing.

The House resumed the further consideration of Resolution 95, reported from the Committee of Supply on Wednesday last, the 29th ult, and which Resolution is as follows:

95. Intercolonial Railway—$6,000,000.00.

And the question being put that the said Resolution be now read a second time;

Hon. Mr. *McDougall* (Lanark) moved, that the following words be added to the said Resolution:—"Provided that the guage of the said Railway shall not be greater, than four feet, eight inches and a half"; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Abbott, Ault, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowell, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Huron), Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Costigan, Currier, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dobbie, Dorion, Drew, Ferris, Fortier, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Huntington, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Killam, Langlois, Lawson, MacDonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pouliot, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (Montreal West), Rymal, Scatcherd, Scriver, Snider, Sproat, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Willson, Wood, Workman, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young—75.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bourassa, Bown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Daoust, Delorme (Provencher), Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Lapum, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McCallum, McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Smith (Westmoreland), Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, and Webb.—78.

Hon. Mr. *McDougall* (Lanark) again moved, that the following words be added to the said Resolution:—"and the rails to be used on the line of the said Railway, shall be of iron similar to that used in the ordinary Railways of this Country"; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Burpee, Burton, Carmichael, Cartwright, Cheval, Crawford (Brockville), Crawford (Leeds), Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Godin, Grover, Hagar, Holton, Joly, Jones (Halifax), Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), Mackenzie, Magill, McCallum, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Renfrew), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Perry, Pickard, Pozer, Redford, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Shanly, Smith (Westmoreland), Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Haldimand), Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, Whitehead, Wood, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—62.

Nays.

Messrs. Abbott, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Beaubien, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Carling, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Costigan, Currier, Daoust, Delorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Forbes, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Irvine, Jackson, Keeler, Kirkpatrick, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson, (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ryan (Montreal West), Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Sylvain, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, Workman, and Wright (Ottawa County.)—88.

The said Resolution was then read the second time, and agreed to.—

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment*, viz :—

No. 74. To prolong for a certain time, the term allowed for the redemption of rents reserved on Indian lands in the Township of Dundee.

No. 32. To establish one uniform Currency for the Dominion of Canada.

No. 40. To amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank.—

Also, with the following Bills of their own, to which the concurrence of this House was desired, viz :—

No. 96. intituled : "An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to exempt Railway Companies in certain cases, from the obligation to build drawbridges over navigable rivers." (On motion of Hon. Mr. *Langevin*, read the first time.—Second reading to-morrow).

No. 97. intituled : "An Act respecting certain officers of the Trinity House of Quebec." (On motion of Hon. Mr. *Langevin*, read the first time.—Second reading to-morrow).—

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the *Whole*, reported, read a third time, and passed, viz :—

No. 31. Relating to the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick (*amended*).

No. 87. From the Senate, intituled : "An Act to extend to the Province of New Brunswick, the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, concerning the Synod of the Church of England, in Canada."—

No. 83. From the Senate, intituled : "An Act to incorporate the Mutual Life Association of Canada."

No. 52. To incorporate the Kingston Board of Trade.—

No. 80. To incorporate the Board of Trade of the Town of Windsor (*amended*).—

No. 85. Further to amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec.—

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the Bill (No. 59) to amend the Act incorporating the Quebec Marine and Fire Insurance Company, was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn, and the fee payable under Rule 58 ordered to be remitted.—

John Schultz, Esq., Member for the Electoral District of Lisgar, Province of Manitoba, having previously taken the Oath according to Law, took his seat in The House.—

The Bill (No. 84) to incorporate the Sault St. Marie Railway Company, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, the amendment agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, viz. :—

No. 91. Respecting the loan for the purpose of paying a certain sum to the Hudson's Bay Company, and to make other provision with respect to the said loan.

No. 90. To amend the Act respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada.—

No. 92. Further to amend the Act respecting fishing by foreign vessels.

The Bill (No. 53) Relating to Banks and Banking, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments agreed to, read a third time, and passed.—

The House went again into Committee of Supply.

(*In the Committee*).

The following resolutions were adopted :—

MILITIA.

Ordinary.

		$ cts.
138.	Salaries of Military Branch and District Staff	35,440 00
139.	do Brigade Majors, including three Brigade Majors for Manitoba and British Columbia	30,000 00
140.	Allowances for Drill Instruction ; it being impossible to get in all the claims under these heads, before the expiration of the financial year	47,000 00
141.	Military Schools, including the pay of Chief Instructor in Gunnery, and the Superintendent and his Clerk	65,000 00
142.	Ammunition	139,109 00
143.	Clothing	130,000 00
144.	Military Stores and Storage	85,683 00
145.	Public Armories and care of Arms, including the pay of storekeepers and caretakers, storemen, and the rent, fuel, and light of Public Armories ; it being impossible to get in all the claims under these heads before the expiration of the financial year	60,000 00
146.	Drill pay and camp purposes, and all other incidental expenses connected with the Drill and Training of the Militia ; it being impossible to get in all the claims under these heads before the expiration of the financial year	500,000 00
147.	Contingencies and general service not otherwise provided for, including assistance to Rifle Associations and Bands of efficient Corps	75,000 00
148.	Targets	5,000 00
149.	Drill Sheds and Rifle Ranges	20,000 00

Extraordinary.

		$	cts.
150.	Barrack accommodation	12,000	00
151.	Military survey	2,607	00
152.	To meet the expense of any damage to Arms	5,000	00
153.	Gunboats	25,000	00
154.	Care and Maintenance of properties transferred from the Ordnance	12,500	00
155.	For improved Fire Arms (Henri Martini and Snider Rifles) (Revote $40,000)	142,055	00
156.	Ordnance and Equipment for Field Batteries and Garrison Batteries of Artillery.	33,606	00
157.	Pay, Maintenance, and Equipment of two Batteries of Garrison Artillery for Garrison Duty	75,000	00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received, and Committee to sit again, to-morrow.
The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Bowell*—On Saturday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for a statement shewing the quantity of lands set apart as Clergy Reserves out of the (27,857) twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven acres of land surrendered to the Crown by the Mohawk Tribe of Indians in the Township of Tyendinoga, in the County of Hastings, by a deed of trust, dated the 23rd day of December, 1835; the quantity of said lands sold; the amounts of money received in payment therefor, both as principal and interest; the amount now due upon the said lands, both as principal and interest; and the quantity of land remaining unsold specifying the number of lots or parts of lots, and the concessions in which such unsold lots are situated.

Mr. *Costigan.*—On the motion for concurrence on Bill (No. 16) respecting the election of Members of the House of Commons—That the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole House for the purpose of adding as an additional section the following words: In any Province within the Dominion of Canada wherein the system of dual representation is not in force, or may hereafter be abolished, any person holding a seat in the Local Legislature of such Province shall, before being allowed to be put in nomination in such Province as a candidate for election for the House of Commons, produce to the Returning officer a certificate of his resignation of such seat from the officer to whom such resignation is required by the laws of such Province to be made.

No. 36.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 5TH APRIL, 1871.

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No. 37.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 6TH APRIL, 1871.

Motion being made, that the Petition of *Pierre Brochu*, of Lake Matapedia, County of Rimouski; praying for the continuation of the allowance granted to him for services rendered to travellers on the Matapedia Road, be now received and read.

Mr. Speaker decided, "that as the granting of the prayer of this Petition would involve the expenditure of "public money, it cannot be received."

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* presented,—Return to Address of the 8th ult., for a list of all convicts now in the Kingston, St. John and Halifax Penitentiaries, not giving the names of convicts, but initials only, for purposes of distinction, showing the offences for which imprisoned, the Provinces from which they came, the courts at which sentenced, the length of the sentence, alteration (if any) in the sentence, the date when the imprisonment commenced, the sex, nationality, religion and age of the convict, if married or single, conduct since imprisonment, and state of health.

On motion of Mr. *Pope*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return showing the amount distributed under the Seigniorial Act to each Municipality, according to Returns made in 1864; the amount distributed according to Returns made up to the 1st January, 1871; the amount placed to the Credit of the several Municipalities, indebted to the Government on account of the Municipal Loan Fund; and the reasons for any change in the distribution.

Mr. *Cameron* (Huron), from the Select Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented the seventh Report of the said Committee, reported that the Bill (No. 94) to incorporate the Dominion Construction Company proposes to empower the said Company not only to construct, but to enter into contracts for the maintenance, equipment, and working or management of any railway within the Dominion, and that the Bill would more properly come under the consideration of the Railway Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Currier*, the said Bill was then referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, and the notice, already given of the day appointed for consideration, was held sufficient.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the sixth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 30) to authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada, to make arrangements for the leasing, using, and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies, *with amendments*.

He further reported, that the Committee had received a Report from their Clerk on the progress of the Map of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, now in construction under their direction, as part of a series of Maps of the Provinces upon a large scale, for the use of Parliament, and had appointed a Sub-Committee to examine the same, who reported that the work was proceeding satisfactorily, and that the Map in question would probably be completed in about two years, which Report, with the Report of the Clerk, are hereto appended.

The amount required for the prosecution of the work, for the fiscal year, ending 30th June, 1872, will be $1,250 00, for which they beg to recommend that provision be made.

(For the Report of the Sub-Committee, and that of the Clerk of the Committee, see Appendix No. 3.)

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, from the Select Standing Committee on Banking and Commerce, presented the eighth Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 65) to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada, *with amendments.*

On motion of Mr. *Savary* an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of Canada and the Government of any of the Provinces, or between the Government of Canada and the Attorney General of any of the Provinces respecting the duty or liability or the Dominion of Local Governments to defray the cost of criminal prosecutions.

Hon. Mr. *McDougall* (Lanark), moved that The House do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider the following Resolutions :—

1. *Resolved*, That it appears from an Order in Council and Memorandum of the 1st of March, 1871, transmitted by His Excellency the Governor General for the information of this House that the system approved by an Order in Council of the 23rd September, 1869, for the survey and sub-division of Townships in the North West Territory, has been materially altered to the disadvantage of intending settlers.

2. *Resolved*, That the area of Townships has been reduced from eight miles square to six miles square, and each quarter section or lot from two hundred acres to one hundred and sixty acres.

3. *Resolved*, That the allowance for roads which under the former system was added to, and included in the section, thereby leaving the location and direction of roads to the judgment of future settlers (as under the American system) has been limited to one chain in width, and ordered "to be set out and allowed between all Townships and sections" without any reference to their utility or convenience.

4. *Resolved*, That the proposed distribution of the 1,400,000 acres appropriated by Act of Parliament "towards the extinguishment of the Indian Title to the lands in the Province" of Manitoba among all the half breed residents instead of limiting the said grant to and dividing it "among the *children* of the half breed heads of "families residing in the Province at the time of the transfer to Canada" is a violation of the express conditions of the appropriation and contrary to law.

5. *Resolved*, That the restriction of the right of *pre-emption* to "surveyed" and unappropriated public lands in Manitoba, while this right is secured by Act of Congress to settlers in the *un*surveyed as well as the surveyed lands of the United States will tend to discourage settlement in that Province, especially in view of its small area, its large reserves, its northerly climate, and its distance from the markets of the world.

6. *Resolved*, That the exclusion of *Foreigners* from the rights of "pre-emption" and "homestead" in Manitoba, while they are freely admitted to these rights in the States and Territories of the American Republic, is practically to exclude them from the Province, and to contradict and annul the policy approved by the House in voting money to maintain emigration agents in foreign countries.

7. *Resolved*, That while the best lands of the Crown in Ontario are offered to settlers at 70 cents per acre, and in Quebec at prices ranging at from 60 to 20 cents per acre, the regulation which fixes the minimum price of public lands in the distant Province of Manitoba at *one dollar* per acre, will discourage emigration to that Province, descriminating, as it does, in favor of the older Provinces, and is in direct opposition to the policy of "free grants" and "cheap lands for settlement," which the people of this Dominion, through their Local Legislatures, have recently and distinctly affirmed.

8. *Resolved*, That the assumption of authority by the Executive Government to prescribe oaths to settlers to authorize its agents to administer such oaths, and to declare guilty of perjury all persons who may falsely swear them, is illegal and unconstitutional, inasmuch as the right to prescribe oaths, inflict penalties or extend the criminal law, belongs exclusively to Parliament.

9. *Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying to provide for the issue of amended regulations for the survey, distribution, settlement and sale of lands in Manitoba, pursuant to the foregoing Resolutions.

And a Debate arising thereon,—and it being 6 o'clock P.M., Mr. Speaker left the Chair, to resume the same at 7.30 P.M.—

A Message was received from the Senate, with the following Bill of their own (No. 98) intituled : "An Act for more effectually preventing the desertion of Seamen in the Port of Quebec," to which the concurrence of this House was desired. (On motion of Hon. Mr. *Langevin*, read the first time.—Second reading on Saturday next.)—

Also, agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments*, viz. :—

No. 82. To incorporate the Bank of Liverpool. (On motion of Mr. *Killam*, amendments read, and agreed to.)]

No. 27. To incorporate the Confederation Life Association. (On motion of Mr. *Young*, amendments read, and agreed to.)—

Also, agreeing to the Bill (No. 51) to incorporate the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company, *without amendment.*

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return in obedience to the Order of the House of the 8th ult. ; that copies be laid before this House by the proper Officer, of all Correspondence between the Government or Department of Public Works and the Manager and previous Managers of the Government Railways in Nova Scotia, touching the management of and rates of Tariff to be enforced on said Road since 1st July, 1867, with statement of tariff charges now in force, and of any and all changes that have been made in said tariff since date aforesaid, with copies of all reports and detailed statement of accounts of income and expenditure rendered by said manager or managers since said date.

The Bill (No. 16) to make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons, was again considered in Committee of the Whole, and amendments made thereto ; which were reported and read the first time ; and ordered to be read the second time, on Saturday next.—

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill (No. 45) to incorporate the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of Canada, *with amendments.* (On motion of Mr. *Blake,* amendments read and agreed to).—

The Bill (No. 43) to amend the Act regulating the Militia and Defence of the Dominion, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, read a third time, and passed.—

The Bill (No. 93) to permit of the sale or lease of the Rockwood Asylum, was read the second, and a third time, and passed.—

The Bill (No. 97) from the Senate, intituled : "An Act respecting certain officers of the Trinity House of "Quebec," was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The House went into Committee to consider a Resolution to amend section 19 of the Act passed in the last Session of Parliament, Chapter 9, respecting Customs and Inland Revenue, &c.

(*In the Committee*)

The following Resolution was adopted :—

Resolved,—That it is expedient to amend the 19th section of the Act passed in the now last session of Parliament, Chapter 9, respecting Customs and Inland Revenue, by reducing to sixty-three cents per gallon, the duty of excise of sixty-five cents per gallon thereby imposed on spirits manufactured from molasses in bond : and that such reduction of duty shall take effect on and after the 15th day of April, in the present year.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, and agreed to, and referred to the Committee of the Whole on Bill (No. 69) to amend the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, and to alter the duties of excise chargeable in the Province of Manitoba.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* laid before The House, the first Report of the Members on behalf of the House of Commons of the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library, which is as follows :—

That in conformity with an instruction given to them by both Houses during the present Session, the Committee have inquired into the remuneration, classification and duties of the Librarian, and other officers and servants employed in the Library of Parliament, with a view to a re-arrangement of that service, and have prepared a Bill for the re-organization and government of the Joint Library, and of the officers and servants employed therein, which they beg to submit for the consideration of The House.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* informed The House, that His Excellency having been made acquainted with the subject matter of the said Report, recommends it to the consideration of The House.

The said Report was then referred to the Committee of the Whole on the subject of the Library of Parliament, and the salaries af the Librarian and other officers and servants.

The House then went into Committee, and adopted the following Resolution :—

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide that the Library of Parliament shall be under the joint control of the Speakers of the two Houses, assisted during each Session by a joint committee of the two Houses, who shall have power to regulate the expenditure of money voted for the purchase of books and other articles ; and that the officers and servants of the Library shall be those hereinafter mentioned, with the salaries set opposite to each officer, and that no additions or charges be made in the number of officers and servants or their salaries, except on Resolution of both Houses :—

Librarian	$2,500
Assistant Librarian	1,800
First Library Clerk, under five years' service	800
" " over " "	1,200
Second Library Clerk	800
Messengers, under five years' service	400
" over " "	500

which was reported, and agreed to.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, then introduced a Bill (No. 99) in relation to the Library of Parliament—Second reading on Saturday next.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, it was *Resolved*, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until Saturday next.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

The words "to extend to the 1st November, 1872," were erroneously omitted in yesterday's Votes (page 199), from the Resolutions 140, 145, and 146, adopted in Committee of Supply, and the entry should read, as follows:—"*To extend to the 1st November, 1872, it being impossible to get in all the claims under these heads, before the expiration of the financial year.*"

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Mackenzie*—On Saturday next—ORDER OF HOUSE for copies of all claims presented by Mr. *McGreevy*, Contractor for Parliament Building, for work performed and not settled; and also the reports of officers of the Public Works Department on such claim, and their estimate of the contract value of such work, with copies of all other documents connected with such claims.

Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges)—In Committee of the Whole on the Government Resolution respecting the union of British Columbia with Canada, the following amendments:

That the word "small" be inserted after the word "such" in the fourth line, and that the words "not unduly pressing," in the fifth line, be struck out and the followng substituted therefor: "which shall no not involve the imposing of additional taxation."

Mr. *Savary*—On Saturday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—Whether any and what correspondence has taken place between the Local Government of Nova Scotia and the Government of the Dominion of Canada or Her Majesty's Minister of Justice of the Dominion respecting the duty or liability of the Dominion or Local Governments to defray the expenses of criminal prosecutions.

Mr. *Jones* (Halifax)—On the motion for the third reading of the Bill (No. 16) To make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada—The following Resolutions:

That the said Bill in effect provides for the disqualification as voters in Ontario and Quebec of all officers of Customs and Excise, Registrars, Sheriffs, Deputy Sheriffs, Postmasters in Cities and Towns, Deputy Clerks of the Crown, and Judges of the Superior and County Courts.

That the said Bill does not provide for the disqualification as voters of the same classes of Government servants in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

That the principle on which the said disqualification is based is general and should be applied to Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

That the said Bill be referred back to Committee of the Whole with instructions to provide for the disqualification as voters in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick of the same classes as those disqualified in Ontario and Quebec.

No. 37.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, SATURDAY, 8TH APRIL, 1871.

One Petition was brought up and laid on the Table.—

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* presented,—Return to Address of the 27th February last; for all correspondence not already brought down between the Imperial and Canadian Governments, and between the Governments of Canada and any of the Provinces, touching any Acts of the Legislature of Canada, or of any of the Provincial Legislatures.

Mr. Speaker communicated the following letter to The House:—

ST. NORBERT, MANITOBA,
8th March, 1871.

To the Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Commons, of the Dominion of Canada.

I, the undersigned Petititioner, respectfully request that your Honorable House will grant me a Committee to inquire into the Election which took place on the 2nd of March, in the District of Provencher, for the Election of a representative to your most Honorable House.

I claim that I am the proper representative of that District, on the ground, that the person proposing the other Candidate was not a qualified voter, and for other reasons which I can bring before a Committee of your Honorable House, and I protested against the said Election to the Returning Officer immediately after the declaration of the Poll.

And your Petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray.—

WILLIAM DEASE.

Hon. Mr. *Tupper* presented,—Return to Address of the 16th ult.; for copies of all correspondence and documents relating to the establishment of Boards of Examiners for granting certificates of competency to Masters or Mates of sea-going ships, in accordance with the Statute of Canada, 1870, 33 *Victoria*, chapter 17, with a statement shewing the names of the different persons forming part of those Boards of Examiners; and of the seaports where such Boards are established.

Hon. Mr. *Gray*, from the Select Standing Committee on Expiring Laws, presented the following Report:—

The Committee have carefully examined the List of Expiring Laws, and have arrived at the conclusion that it is desirable to continue in force the Acts mentioned in the Bill hereunto annexed.—

He then introduced the Bill (No. 100) to continue for a limited time the Acts therein mentioned.—Second reading on Monday next.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, the Bill (No. 16) to make temporary provision for the election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada, was re-committed to a Committee of the Whole, and further amendments made thereto; which were reported and read the first time.

The question being then put, that the said amendments be now read the second time,

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, to amend the same by providing that in the Province of Quebec the Returning Officer shall be, in the Cities and Towns, one of the Councillors, and in the Counties or Ridings, the Warden or Secretary-Treasurer of such County; and in the other Provinces the several officials who by Law are qualified to act as Returning Officers at the local Elections; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Cheval, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Fortier, Fournier, Godin, Holton, Killam, Macdonald (Glengarry), Mackenzie, McConkey, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, and Young—38.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Cimon, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Daoust, Delorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Ferris, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ryan (King's, N. B.), Savary, Scatcherd, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), and Willson.—90.

Mr. *Tremblay* then moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of amending the same by providing that the votes be taken by ballot; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Béchard, Bertrand, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Cheval, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Godin, Holton, Killam, Mackenzie, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Rymal, Snider, Stirton, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, Whitehead, and Young. —39.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Cameron (Peel), Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chipman, Cimon, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, Daoust, DeLorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morison (Victoria, O.), Morrison (Niagara), Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Savary, Scatcherd, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Thompson (Ontario), Tilley, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—90.

Mr. *Costigan* then moved in amendment, that the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole for the purpose of adding as an additional section the following words: In any Province within the Dominion of Canada wherein the system of dual representation is not in force, or may hereafter be abolished, any person holding a seat in the Local Legislature of such Province shall, before being allowed to be put in nomination in such Province as a candidate for election for the House of Commons, produce to the Returning Officer a certificate of his resignation of such seat from the Officer to whom such resignation is required by the laws of such Province to be made, which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Benoit, Bertrand, Bolton, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Caron, Cayley, Cheval, Cimon, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, Daoust, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Gaudet, Gendron, Godin, Gray, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Langlois, Lapum, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), McConkey, McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Perry, Pickard, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Renaud, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (King's, N. B.), Savary, Shanly, Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, and White (East Hastings)—57.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Baker, Béchard, Bellerose, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bourassa, Bowell, Bowman, Bown, Cameron (Peel), Cartier (Sir George E.), Chipman, Coupal, DeLorme (Provencher), Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Gaucher, Gibbs, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Lacerte, Langevin, Lawson, Little, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McMillan, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Pope, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Scatcherd, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Snider, Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Thompson (Ontario), Tourangeau, Tupper, Webb, White (Halton), Willson, Wood, and Young.—63.

Mr. *Young* then moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole to amend the same, so as to provide, that the polling at all General Elections shall take place on one and the same day, special provisions being made for the cases of Algoma, and the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Cheval, Cimon, Costigan, Currier, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Godin, Holton, Killam, Langlois, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), McConkey, McKeagney, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria O.), Oliver, Paquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Ray, Renaud, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Wright (Ottawa County), and Young.—56.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Cameron (Inverness), Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Crawford (Brockville), Daoust, DeLorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Robitaille, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Webb, White (East Hastings), and Willson.—66.

Mr *Mills* then moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, for the purpose of so amending it, as to provide that at all General Elections of Members to the House of Commons the same polling day should be appointed for all the Elections in each Province, though different days may be appointed for the different Provinces; which was negatived on the the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Cameron (Inverness), Cheval, Cimon, Costigan, Currier, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Godin, Holton, Killam, Langlois, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), McConkey, McKeagney, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Ray, Renaud, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Wright (Ottawa County), and Young.—58.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Crawford (Brockville), Daoust, DeLorme, (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Munroe, O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Robitaille, Ryan (King's, N.B.), Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Webb, White (East Hastings), and Willson.—65.

Mr. *Fournier* then moved in amendment, that the said Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole with a view to amend it by re-enacting section 82 of Chapter 6 of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada, which is as follows:—

No Candidate at any Election shall directly or indirectly, employ any means of corruption by giving any sum of money, office, place, employment, gratuity, reward or any bond, bill or note, or conveyance of land, or any promise of the same, nor shall he, either by himself, or his authorised agents for that purpose, threaten any Elector with losing any office, salary, income, or advantage, with the intent to corrupt or bribe any Elector to vote for such candidate, or to keep back any Elector from voting for any other candidate, nor shall he open and support or cause to be opened and supported at his costs and charges, any house of public entertainment, for the accommodation or treating of the Electors; and if any representative returned to the House of Commons, is proved guilty before the proper Tribunal, of using any of the above means to procure his Election, his Election shall be thereby declared void, and he shall be incapable of being a candidate, or being elected, or returned during that Parliament, which was agreed to.

The House accordingly went again into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, and made a further amendment thereto, which was reported, and read the first time.

And the question being put, that the said amendment be now read the second time;

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment, that the Bill be referred back to a Committee of the Whole, with power to amend the same by providing :—that any permanent public Officer or Employé receiving a salary from the Dominion Government shall be disqualified to vote at the Election of a Member of the House of Commons, and all such Officers or Employés who shall vote at an Election shall be liable to a fine of $200, and their votes shall be null and void.

Mr. *Blake* moved in amendment, to the said proposed amendment to leave out all the words after "That" and insert the following :—the said Bill in effect provides for the disqualification as voters in Ontario and Quebec of all Officers of Customs and Excise, Postmasters in Cities and Towns, and Judges of the Superior and County Courts.

That the said Bill does not provide for the disqualification as voters in Nova Scotia of Government Servants.

That the principle on which the disqualification is based is general, and should be applied to Nova Scotia, where, as in Ontario and Quebec, the voting is open.

That the said Bill be re-committed in order to provide for the disqualification as voters in Nova Scotia of the same classes of Government Servants as are disqualified in Quebec and Ontario ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Burpee, Cheval, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Huntington, Macdonald (Glengarry), Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Metcalf, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R), and Young.—47.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron, (Peel), Campbell, Caron, Cartier, (Sir George E.), Cayley, Chipman, Cimon, Coffin, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, DeLorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Heath, Hincks, (Sir Francis), Howe, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), and Willson.—83.

Mr. *Blake* again moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, to leave out all the words after "That" and insert the following : "the said Bill adopts the existing local rules as to voters and the mode of voting for Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick.

That under the said rules certain classes of Government servants are disqualified in Ontario and Quebec, where the mode of voting is open, while they are qualified in New Brunswick, where the mode of voting is secret.

That the said Bill does not adopt the existing local rules for Nova Scotia, under which certain classes of Government Servants are disqualified, and the mode of voting is secret.

That under thesaid Bill, in Nova Scotia Government Servants will be qualified, and the mode of voting will be open.

That the said Bill be referred back to the Committee of the Whole for the purpose of providing for the adoption of the local rule touching the mode of voting in Nova Scotia, as in the other Provinces ;—which was negatived on a division.

The question being then put on Hon. Mr. *Dorion*'s motion in amendment ; it was negatived on a division.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* again moved in amendment, that the said Bill be re-committed, with power to amend the same, so as to provide that the Contested Elections shall be tried and decided by Courts of Justice, as local Elections in Ontario and New Brunswick, and Municipal Elections in the Province of Quebec are tried ; which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Béchard, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Burpee, Cheval, Chipman, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Holton, Huntington, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Terrebonne), McConkey, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pozer, Renaud, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson, (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wright (Ottawa County), and Young.—50.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Baker, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Cimon, Coffin, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, DeLorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Gray, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Keeler, Killam, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Savary, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), and Willson.—80.

Hon. Mr. *Campbell* moved in amendment, that the said Bill be re-committed for the purpose of adding Clauses, providing for the appointment of Commissioners to revise the lists of electors, as prepared by the local authorities in the Province of Nova Scotia, and giving them power to add to such lists the names of all persons as electors for Members of this House who would have been qualified as electors under the Laws in force in said Province on the 1st day of July, A.D., 1867, and who may have been disfranchised by any subsequent enactment by the Local Legislature of said Province.

Mr. *Blake* moved in amendment to the proposed amendment, to leave out all the words after "That" and insert the following :—" the said Bill be re-committed with instructions to provide, that all persons who are appointed revisors under Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, respecting Elections, shall within a certain time after they have prepared the annual list of electors to vote for Members for the General Assembly of Nova Scotia, prepare a list of Electors for the purpose of Elections for the House of Commons,—adding thereto the names of all Officials and Employés who are qualified to vote under the said Act, but who may have become disqualified by any subsequent Act of the Province of Nova Scotia ; which was agreed to.

Hon. Mr. *Campbell's* motion, as amended, was then agreed to.

The House accordingly went again into Committee of the whole on the said Bill, and made further amendments thereto, which were reported, and agreed to.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved that the Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Drew* moved in amendment, that the said Bill be not now read a third time, but that it be referred back to a Committee of the Whole to expunge sub-section 4 of section 2 and substitute the following therefor :—

4. The Polling sub-divisions or wards in the Province of Ontario shall be the same as those used at the last preceding Election of Members of the Legislative Assembly, and the Returning Officer shall provide a polling place for each of such sub-divisions or wards, in the most central and convenient place for the electors of such sub-divisions or wards ; which was agreed to.

The House accordingly went again into Committee of the Whole on the said Bill, and made further amendments thereto, which were reported and agreed to, and the Bill was then read a third time and passed.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment*, viz :—

No. 79. Concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.

No. 67. To incorporate the Bedford District Bank.

No. 75. To incorporate the Western Bank.

No. 68. To incorporate the Metropolitan Bank.

No. 47. To comprise in one Act the financial affairs of the Great Western Railway Company.

No. 73. To amend the Act incorporating the Sun Insurance Company of Montreal.

Also, agreeing to the Bill (No. 35) to amend the Insolvent Act, of 1869, *with amendments* (on motion of Mr. *Godin*, amendments read, and agreed to.)

Also, agreeing to the amendments made by this House to their Bill (No. 97) intituled : "An Act respecting certain officers of the Trinity House of Quebec," *without amendment.*

The Bill (No. 89) to provide for the appointment of a Port Warden for the Harbor of Quebec, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 70) to authorize the sale of Oakville Harbor, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 71) to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill from the Senate (No. 98) intituled : "An Act for more effectually preventing the desertion of Seamen in the Port of Quebec," was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned until Monday next at 1 P. M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Oliver*—On Monday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of papers relating to a claim made by Dr. *Daws*, for medical services rendered to the late Private *B. Sifton*, No. 4 Company 26th Batt., who contracted fever while in camp during the month of October, 1869.

Mr. *White* (East Hastings)—On Monday next—ENQUIRY OF MINISTRY—1st. Whether the extradition of *Riel* for the murder of *Thomas Scott* has been demanded; if not, why not?

2nd. Whether any steps have been taken to bring to trial the murderers of *Thomas Scott* in the Province of Manitoba; and what instructions, if any, were given to Governor *Archibald* in reference to the bringing to trial of said murderers.

3rd. Whether the Government has any knowledge official, or otherwise, that the Member for the Electoral District of Provencher in the Province of Manitoba, now sitting in this House, was a member of *Riel*'s Council, and also a member of the illegal Court Martial that decreed the death of *Thomas Scott*, a loyalist, who was imprisoned and subsequently murdered on account of his loyalty to the Queen.

Mr. *Stephenson*—On Tuesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence between the Secretary of State for the Provinces, and any party or parties, including officers of the Departments, respecting Lot, 51 front of the Indian Reserve at Port Sarnia, and all valuations of said Lot, or other documents relating thereto.

No. 38.

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OTTAWA, MONDAY, 10TH APRIL, 1871.

1 o'clock P.M.

The following Petitions were received and read :—

Of *John Taylor* of the District of Selkirk, in the Province of Manitoba, Merchant; complaining of the undue election and return of *Donald A. Smith*, Esq., for the District of Selkirk.

Of *William Dease*; complaining of the undue election and return of *Pierre De Lorme*, Esq., for the District of Provencher.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines, presented the seventh Report of the said Committee, reporting the Bill (No. 60) to incorporate the Dominion Telegraph Company, *with amendments.*

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, the said Bill was ordered to be read the second time at the present sitting of the House, this day.

The Bill (No. 30) to authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make agreements for the leasing, using, and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

Hon. Mr. *McDougall*, (Lanark) moved, that it be

Resolved, That *Walter Ross*, Esq., Member of the House of Commons, for the Electoral District of Prince Edward, having stated in his place, that there were rumours, that *Pierre De Lorme*, who on the 15th instant was introduced, and took his seat in this House as Member for Provencher, in the Province of Manitoba, had been concerned in the rebellion against the authority by Law established in the *Hudson's* Bay Territories, which was lately quelled by Her Majesty's Troops, and moreover that he was directly implicated in the murder of one *Thomas Scott*, a British subject, by persons in arms against the authority of the Crown in that Territory, and the said *Pierre De Lorme*, Esq., having stated in his place, that the said charges are utterly unfounded and untrue.

Resolved, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of these allegations, and if the charges should be sustained, to report the proceedings which ought to be taken in order to relieve this House from the disgrace and dishonour of receiving amongst its Members any one guilty of such offences ;—to be composed of Hon. Messrs. *Morris*, *Dorion*, *Cameron* (Peel), and Messrs. *Street*, *Macdonald* (Glengarry), *Blake*, and *Gibbs*.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* objected, that notice of such a motion was required.

Mr. Speaker after citing, "*May*" on the subject, said:—"that it rested with the discretion of The House as to whether notice of this motion should be given or not. If The House believed that this was a case of such urgency that it should at once be entertained and disposed of, the House may say that the absence of notice should not bar progress in the matter, but on the other hand, The House may consider the matter of so grave a character as to require time for consideration. I think it rests with The House."

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* then moved in amendment, that the said matter be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment to the said proposed amendment, that the Member for Provencher having declared from his seat that he had no part whatsoever in the unfortunate events by which the late *Thomas Scott* was put to death by certain parties in the Province of Manitoba, and was only informed of it two days after it had taken place, and further, that he never formed part of *Riel*'s Council; and his statements having been corroborated by the statement of the Hon. Member for Selkirk who stated that although he was in that Province for a long time in the capacity of a Commissioner from the Dominion Government, he never heard it stated, and did not believe that the Hon. Member for Provencher had any part in the said events; and as such statements remain uncontradicted, there is no case made out for a reference to a Committee, and that this House do pass to the next Order of the Day; which was agreed to on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Béchard, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Blanchet, Bolton, Bourassa, Bown, Brousseau, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Campbell, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cayley, Cheval, Chipman, Cimon, Costigan, Coupal, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, Daoust, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferris, Fortier, Fortin, Fournier, Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Gibbs, Godin, Gray, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (King's N. B.), Savary, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Wallace, Webb, and Wright (Ottawa County).—94.

Nays.

Messrs. Ault, Bodwell, Bowell, Bowman, Brown, Burton, Dobbie, Drew, Ferguson, Grover, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald, (Lunenburg), Macdonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Metcalfe, Morison (Victoria O.), Munroe, Oliver, Perry, Pickard, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Rymal, Scatcherd, Schultz, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Walsh, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Willson, Wood, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.,) and Young.—46.

The following Bills were severally read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed, viz:—

No. 65. To incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada.

No. 60. To incorporate the Dominion Telegraph Company.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment*, viz:—

No. 57. To amend the Acts relating to Duties of Customs.

No. 92. Further to amend the Act respecting Fishing by Foreign Vessels.

No. 85. To amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec.

No. 91. Respecting the loan authorized by the Act 32 and 32 *Victoria*, Chapter 1, for the purpose of paying a certain sum to the Hudson's Bay Company.

No. 90. To amend the Act 33 *Victoria*, Chapter 40, respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada.

Also, agreeing to the Bill (No. 53) relating to Banks and Banking, *with amendments*.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to address of the 27th February, last; for copies of any orders or directions made at any time under the Railway Act, as to forms in which the returns thereby required should be made up; and of any orders or directions made under the provision empowering such to be issued for the purpose of obtaining returns of serious accidents occurring in the course of the public traffic upon any railway, whether attended with personal injury or not, in such form and manner as the authorities deem necessary and require for their information, with a view to the public safety; and for copies of any returns made under such last mentioned orders and directions, with a memorandum showing the dates at which each of such returns has been made.

Return to Address of the 27th February, last; for copies of the returns made by each Railway Company under the Railway Act of the late Province of Canada. and the Railway Act, 1868, by which Acts it is provided that each of the Companies affected thereby, shall, in the months of January and July in each year, make under oath a true and particular return of all accidents and casualties (whether to life or property,) which have occurred on the Railway of the Company during the half year next preceding, setting forth,

1st. The causes and natures of such accidents and casualties.

2nd. The points at which they occurred and whether by night or by day.

3rd. The full extent thereof and all particulars of the same; and

4th. Shall also at the same time return a true copy of the existing By-laws of the Company and of their rules and regulations for the management of the Company and their Railway, together with a memorandum shewing the dates at which each of such returns has been made.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill (No. 53) relating to Banks and Banking, were read the first time. Second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. *Fournier*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all correspondence between the Boards of Trade of the several Provinces of the Dominion, and the Federal Government, respecting the inspection of fish and other products; as well as of all other documents relating to the subject.

Mr. *Mills* moved, that the House do now go into Committee of the Whole, to consider the following Resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That by the British North America Act 1867, it is declared that it shall be lawful for the Queen by and with the advice and consent of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, on addresses from the Houses of the Parliament of Canada, to admit Rupert's Land and the North-West Territories, or either of them into the Union, upon such terms and conditions in each case as are in the Addresses expressed, and as the Queen thinks fit to approve *subject to the provisions of the said Act*, and the provision of such Order in Council, so far as the same are not in contravention of the provisions of the said Act are to have the same force and effect as if enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

2. *Resolved*, That the basis upon which the four Provinces now included within the Union and upon which others may be embraced, is a Federal basis, under which form of Union the powers of the Provincial Legislatures are derived from the same high source as those of the Parliament of Canada, and cannot be altered or abridged by that Parliament and it is essential to the maintenance of the Federal system, that the times and conditions of admission into the Union of the remaining Provinces and Territories of British North America, be settled and secured in like manner.

3. *Resolved*, That the North-West Territories and Rupert's Land having been transferred to Canada without any terms and conditions of Government, it is not in the power of this Parliament to Federally unite any Province which may be formed from either of the said Territories to Canada.

4. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this House, any Legislation by the Imperial Parliament, relating to the terms and conditions of the admission of any such Province into the Union, should be based upon Addresses of the two Houses of this Parliament, in the same manner as if the admission were to be had by Order in Council, under the authority of the 146th Section of the British North America Act 1867.

5. *Resolved*, That the respective Legislatures of the Provinces now embraced within the Union having agreed to the same on a federal basis which has been sanctioned by the Imperal Parliament, this House is of opinion that any alteration by the Imperial Legislation of the principle of Representation in the House of Commons recognized and fixed by the 51 and 52 Sections of the British North America Act, 1867, without the consent of the several Provinces that were parties to the compact, would be a violation of a fundamental principle in our constitution, and destructive of the independence and security of the Provincial Governments and Legislatures.

And a Debate arising thereon,—the said Debate was, on motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, adjourned.

On motion of Mr. *Masson* (Soulanges), an address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of all communications and other documents which the Government of the Dominion may have had or received from the Executive Government or the Military authorities of the Province of Manitoba, respecting the conduct of the soldiers or volunteers forming part of the military expedition to the North West, and the acts of mutiny, violence, want of discipline and of obedience to the authorities or to their superior officers.—

Mr. *Currier* moved, that the Return to an Address, for copies of all correspondence between the Department of Public Works and *George Sterling*, respecting a claim for damages against the Government by the said *Sterling*, be referred to a Select Committee, to be composed of Messrs. *Fortin*, *Morrison* (Niagara), *Scatcherd*, Hon. Mr. *Carling*, and the Mover.

Mr. Speaker said, that his attention had already been called to this motion.—He was of opinion "that it does "not appear to be objectionable to refor a claim of this nature to a Select Committee; should their Report "recommend a payment of money, The House will refuse its concurrence, unless the recommendation from the "Crown is announced by a Minister.

"The motion is, I think, in order."

And the question being put on Mr. *Currier*'s motion; it was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Archambeault, Barthe, Beaty, Bellerose, Blanchet, Bown, Burton, Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Costigan, Currier, De Lorme (Provencher), Dunkin, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gibbs, Grant, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), Pope, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Shanly, Simard, Sproat, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Webb, and Wright (Ottawa County).—**44.**

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Baker, Béchard, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowell, Bowman, Brousseau, Brown, Burpee, Cameron (Peel), Campbell, Cayley, Cheval, Cimon, Coupal, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Drew, Dufresne, Ferguson, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Gendron, Gray, Holton, Huntington, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lapum, Lawson, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pouliot, Pozer, Ray, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Scatcherd, Snider, Stephenson, Stirton, Street, Thompson, (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Willson, Wood, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.), and Young.—72.

On motion of Mr. *Burpee*, it was

Ordered, That the Clerk do lay before this House. a statement of all the persons that have been appointed as Employés of this House since April, 1868; specifying the date of said appointments, the salaries paid in each case, and also the Province from which such Employé is selected.

On motion of Mr. *Burpee*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a Return shewing all Orders in Council since July 1st, 1867, under which any persons have boen appointed to office or otherwise appointed in the Public Departments at Ottawa, specifying the dates of such appointments and whether for temporary or permanent employment, the salaries at which they were to be paid, and specifying the Provinces from which they were selected; also all Orders in Council providing for increase of salary of any Employés of the Public Departments, with the amount of increase in each case.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for a statement shewing the quantity of lands set apart as Clergy Reserves out of the (27,857) twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven acres of land surrendered to the Crown by the Mohawk Tribe of Indians in the Township of Tyendinoga, in the County of Hastings, by a deed of trust, dated the 23rd day of December, 1835; the quantity of said lands sold; the amounts of money received in payment therefor, both as principal and interest; the amount now due upon the said lands, both as principal and interest; and the quantity of land remaining unsold; specifying the number of lots or parts of lots, and the concessions in which such unsold lots are situated.

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, it was

Ordered, That a statement be laid before this House, of all claims presented by Mr. *McGreevy*, Contractor for Parliament Building, for work performed and not settled; and also the Reports of Officers of the Public Works Department on such claim, and their estimate of the contract value of such work; with copies of all other documents connected with such claims.

On motion of Mr. *Mills*, an Address was voted to His Excellency, for copies of papers relating to a claim made by Dr. *Daws*, for medical services rendered to the late Private *B. Sifton*, No. 4 Company, 26th Battalion, who contracted fever while in camp during the month of October, 1869.

The Order for The House to go into Committee on the Bill (No. 2) to amend the Act 31 *Vic.*, Cap. 11, intituled "An Act respecting Banks;" and also to amend the Act 33 *Vic.*, Cap. 11, intituled "An Act respecting Banks and Banking," was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The Bill (No. 34) to amend the Railway Act, 1868, in which are embodied certain provisions of Bills Nos. 21 and 8 *(having the same title)*, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, and ordered for a third reading to-morrow.

The Order for The House to go into Committee on the Bill (No. 13) to extend the Law as to the carrying of dangerous weapons was discharged, and the Bill withdrawn.

The Bill (No. 29) to remove doubts as to the liability to Stamp duties on Premium Notes, taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies, was again considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* it was *Resolved*,—That when The House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until One o'clock P.M., to-morrow.

The House resumed the further consideration of Hon. Mr. *McDougall*'s (Lanark) motion, that the House do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions on which to found an Address to His Excellency for the issue of amended regulations for the survey, distribution, settlement, and sale of lands in the Province of Manitoba,

And a Debate arising,—and it being 6 o'clock, P.M., Mr. Speaker adjourned The House, without putting the question.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

In Mr. *Blake*'s amendment to the Bill (No. 16)—"Election of Members, House of Commons," in the Votes of Saturday last, page 211, the word "like" was omitted in line five, before the words "list of Electors."—

The amendment should read as follows:—

Mr. *Blake* moved in amendment to the proposed amendment, to leave out all the words after "That" and insert the following:—"the said Bill be re-committed with instructions to provide, that all persons who are appointed revisors under Chapter 28 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, respecting Elections, shall within a certain time after they have prepared the annual list of electors to vote for Members for the General Assembly of Nova Scotia, prepare a like list of Electors for the purpose of Elections for the House of Commons,—adding thereto the names of all Officials and Employés who are qualified to vote under the said Act, but who may have become disqualified by any subsequent Act of the Province of Nova Scotia; which was agreed to.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS.

Mr. *Pickard*—On Wednesday next—ADDRESS to His Excellency the Governor General for copies of all correspondence relating to the River du Loup Railroad.

Mr. *Perry*—On Wednesday next—That a statement be laid before this House by the proper officer of all sums of money paid last Session to Members of this House for Indemnity and mileage.

Mr. *Young*—On Wednesday next—COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE to consider the following Resolution:

That whereas by a Return laid before this House in accordance with the Act 33rd *Victoria* chap 7 respecting the Public Printing, it appears that the Government has, by Order in Council, given the contract for the Departmental Binding to the Parliamentary and Departmental Printer at high prices, and without submitting the same to public tender as the 6th clause of the Act aforesaid requires, be it therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this House the contract for Departmental Binding should hereafter be let by public tender.

No. 39.

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OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1871.

1 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker informed The House, that the Clerk had received a Return, in obedience to the order of The House of the 8th ult., shewing the actual hours of arrival and departure of all mails at the Post Offices of Montreal, Kingston, Ottawa, Toronto, and Sarnia, and the regulation time for the arrival and departure of such mails, since the 1st October, last.

Mr. Speaker also laid before The House,—General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in the District of Kamouraska, for the year 1870.

Mr. *Brousseau.* from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of the Legislature, presented the eight Report of the said Committee, as follows :—

The Committee recommend that the following documents *be printed, viz. :—*

Return to Address, shewing the quantity of coal, coke, wheat, corn and other grain, &c., imported into each of the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, respectively, &c., &c.

Return to Address, shewing the names of all vessels chartered for the transportation of men and material in the expedition to the North West, in 1870, &c., and amount paid each per day.

Statement of all allowances and gratuities, granted under the Act, providing for the Superannuation of persons employed in the Civil Service.

Return to Address, Correspondence between Imperial and Canadian Governments, touching any Acts of the Legislature of Canada. (*The formal correspondence and copies of the Acts to be omitted.*)

Return to Address, That portion of the Report of Mr. *S. J. Dawson,* which relates to the Red River Expedition of 1870.

Third Annual Report of the Directors of Penitentiaries of the Dominion of Canada, for 1870. (*The Report of the Directors, with those for the Superintendents or Wardens, and the Financial Statements only to be printed.*)

The Committee also recommend that the following documents *be not printed, viz. :—*

Return to Address, Treaties, &c., between the Crown and any of the Tribes of Indians located within the Dominion of Canada ; or between the Hudson's Bay Company and any tribe of Indians, &c.

Return to Address, Papers and Reports, having reference to the Works on the Welland Canal, known as Lake Erie Level.

Return to Address, Statement of Tolls collected on St. Peter's Canal, and the numbers of vessels which have passed through, &c., &c.

Return to Address, Correspondence between the Department of Marine and Fisheries, and the Government of Ontario, respecting the laws on the Peninsular of Presqu' isle, &c.

Return to Address, Report of the Surveys of the Rivers Madawaska and St, John.

Return to Address, List of all convicts now in the Kingston, St. John, and Halifax Penitentiaries, &c.

Return to an Order of the House of Commons, Correspondence between the Government or Department of Public Works, and the Managers of the Government Railways in Nova Scotia, touching the management of, and rates of Tariff of said roads, &c.

Return to Address, Correspondence, &c., relating to the establishment of Boards of Examiners, for granting Certificates to Masters or Mates of sea-going ships, &c.

Return to Address, Correspondence between the Trinity House of Montreal and the Montreal Water Police, or any other person, on the occasion of the Regatta at Lachine last Autumn.

Annual Statements of the affairs of the Montreal City and District Savings' Bank, of the Northumberland and Durham Savings' Bank, and of La Caisse d'Economie de Notre Dame de Québec.

Annual Statements of the affairs of the Northern Railway Company of Canada, and of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company.

Return of the names of the Stockholders of the City Bank of Montreal, and Return of the names of the Stockholders of the Bank of British North America.

Return of the Beaver and Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Return to an Order of the House of Commons of an account of all monies received on account of Private Bills in this Parliament.

General Statement of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials in certain Districts.

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, the said Report was concurred in.

Hon. Mr. *Dunkin* laid before The House,—by command of His Excellency, the Report of the Minister of Agriculture, for the calendar year, 1870.

The Bill (No. 56) respecting certain Savings' Banks in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendment agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 55) to provide additional facilities for the deposit of savings at interest with the security of Government; and for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the Select Committee, to which was referred, Bill (No. 12) to amend an Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's reign, and chaptered '66, respecting Aliens and Naturalization,—and Bill (No. 23) respecting the naturalization of certain Aliens, reported that they had combined the provisions of the said Bills, into one Bill.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, the said Bill was ordered to be considered in Committee of the Whole, at the present sitting of the House, this day.

The Bill (No. 61) respecting Weights and Measures, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 62) to render permissive the use of the Metric system of Weights and Measures, was considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 69) to amend the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, and to alter the duties of Excise chargeable in the Province of Manitoba, was considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, and amendments agreed to.

The said Bill was then recommitted, further amended, reported, amendments agreed to, and the Bill read a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 42) further to amend the Act securing the Independence of Parliament, was considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that the said Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Blake* moved in amendment, that the Bill be recommitted with instructions to provide that after the dissolution of the present Parliament no paid Commissioner for the Intercolonial Railway shall be eligible as a Member of the House of Commons; which was negatived on the following division:

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Benoit, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bourassa, Bowman, Burpee, Cheval, Crawford (Brockville), Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Holton, Huntington, Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Killam, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), McFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pickard, Pouliot, Pozer, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R.) and Young.—54.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Beaty, Bellerose, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Burton, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cimon, Costigan, Currier, Daoust, DeLorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Renaud, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Savary, Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson and Wright (Ottawa County).—71.

Mr. *Blake* again moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed with instructions to provide that after the dissolution of the present Parliament no person holding any employment of profit in the service of the Government of any of the Provinces of the Dominion, such as the offices of Registrar, Sheriff, Prothonotary, and the like, shall be eligible as a Member of the House of Commons; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Barthe, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Cheval, Cimon, Currier, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dobbie, Dorion, Ferris, Fortier, Fournier, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Geoffrion, Godin, Grant, Hagar, Holton, Huntington, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C.R.), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wright (Ottawa County), Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—56.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Burton Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Costigan, Daoust, DeLorme (Provencher), Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Savary, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), and Willson. —71.

Mr. *Blake* again moved in amendment, that the Bill be re-committed with instructions to provide that after the dissolution of the present Parliament no Minister of the Crown in any of the Provincial Governments shall be eligible as a Member of the House of Commons; which was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Ault, Barthe, Blake, Bodwell, Bolton, Bowman, Brousseau, Burpee, Cheval, Cimon, Crawford (Brockville), Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Ferris, Forbes, Fortier, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Huntington, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), McConkey, McMonies, Metcalfe, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pozer, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria N. S.), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Ryan (King's, N. B.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Snider, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Whitehead, Wright (York, Ontario, W. R.), and Young.—59.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Baker, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brown, Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Costigan, Currier, Daoust, Delorme (Provencher), Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Savary, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, Willson and Wright (Ottawa County).—72.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

The Bill from the Senate (No. 44) intituled: "An Act to make further provision for the Government of the North West Territories," was considered in Committee of the Whole, and reported.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that the said Bill be now read a third time.

Mr. *Mills* moved in amendment, that the said Bill be recommitted for the purpose of providing

1. That no person demeaning himself in a peaceable or orderly manner shall ever be molested on account of his mode of worship or his religious sentiments in any of the said Territories, nor shall he in consequence be subjected to any disabilities.

2. That the estates of persons dying intestate shall descend to and be distributed among their children; and the descendants of a deceased child or grand-child shall take the share of their deceased parents in equal parts

among them. And where there are no children then to the next of kin in equal degree; and there shall be no distinction between kindred of the whole blood and of the half blood, saving in all cases to the widow her dower of a third part of the real estate during her natural life, and one third part of the personal estate; which was negatived on a division.

The Bill was then read a third time, and passed.

The Bill from the Senate (No. 58) intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of Manitoba certain of the Criminal Laws now in force in the other Provinces of the Dominion," was considered in Committee of the Whole; and progress having been reported,—the Committee obtained leave to sit again, to-morrow.

The House went into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the draft of a Bill intended for submission to the Imperial Parliament, for the purpose of removing doubts which may have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada, to establish Provinces in Territories admitted, or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and vesting such powers in the said Parliament; and progress having been reported, the Committee obtained leave to sit again tomorrow.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that the House do now go into Committee to consider the following Resolution:—

Resolved, That the Railway referred to in the Address to Her Majesty concerning the Union of British Columbia with Canada, adopted by this House on Saturday the 1st April instant, should be constructed and worked by private enterprize, and not by the Dominion Government; and that the public aid to be given to secure that undertaking should consist of such liberal grants of land, and such subsidy in money, or other aid, not increasing the present rate of taxation, as the Parliament of Canada shall hereafter determine.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* then informed The House, that the subject matter of the said Resolution having been submitted to His Excellency, he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of the House.

Mr. *Mackenzie*, Member for the Electoral District of Lambton, raised the objection that this motion is not in order, inasmuch as The House had already passed upon a motion in terms similar thereto.

Mr. Speaker ruled that his opinion was that if the two Resolutions which have been offered to the House—the Resolution of the Member for Sherbrooke and that of the Honorable Minister of Militia, were precisely the same word for word, it would still be open to The House to consider the motion of the Minister of Militia at this stage. The reason of that is this: The motion of the Honorable Member for Sherbrooke was offered by way of amendment as an alternative proposition to The House. The House had its option to adopt either the main motion, which was to read the Address a second time there and then, or to adopt the motion of the Honorable Member for Sherbrooke, which was to postpone the reading of that Address to a future day and to resolve certain things. The House in negativing the motion of the Honorable Member for Sherbrooke, has not passed upon the Resolution contained in that motion. It has simply chosen to say "we will now read the Address a second time, and we will not pass upon the Resolution contained in the motion of the Honorable Member for Sherbrooke." Because that motion was moved by way of amendment, not as a proposition *per se*, standing alone as a question for The House to say yea or nay to, but was offered as an alternative proposition by way of amendment, and being so offered it has not been so pressed upon that The House has concluded upon it and may not afterwards consider the subject matter of it. I think we have only to consider the form used in the House of Commons in England in putting questions to see what is the effect of the vote on the motion proposed by the Honorable Member for Sherbrooke. Had the question been put as it would have been put in England that all the words proposed to be omitted "stand part of the question, that is, that the main motion should be voted upon yea or nay, The House would then not have passed upon the alternative proposition. Therefore according to my view, if the two motions had been precisely the same, it would have been still open to The House now to consider and pass upon the motion of the Honorable Minister of Militia. But there are, I observe, important variances between the two motions. I would particularly allude to the one referred to by the Honorable Member for Sherbrooke, that his motion proposed to pronounce an opinion upon the understanding of the two contracting parties, apart from and irrespective of the written evidence altogether; This motion does not do that. With regard to the former motion The House might well hesitate in coming to a decision upon a question so difficult to decide upon as that; whilst it may or may not hesitate about pronouncing upon its own future action, which is what is proposed by the present motion. Therefore for these reasons I think the motion is in order.

The House then went into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the Railway referred to in the Address to Her Majesty concerning the Union of British Columbia with Canada, adopted by this House on Saturday the 1st April instant, should be constructed and worked by private enterprise, amd not by the Dominion Government; and that the public aid to be given to secure that undertaking should consist of such liberal grants of land, and such subsidy in money, or other aid, not increasing the present rate of taxation as the Parliament of Canada shall hereafter determine.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, and read the first time.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that the said Resolution be read the second time.

Hon. Mr. *Dorion* moved in amendment, that the said Resolution be referred back to the Committee of the Whole with a view to amend the same by adding thereto the following words: "and not otherwise; and that an humble address, embodying this Resolution, be presented to Her Majesty, praying that she may be pleased to consider said Address as part of the one voted by this House on the 1st of April, instant, and the above Resolution as one of the conditions to be incorporated in any Order in Council for the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion of Canada, under the provisions of the British North America Act, 1867;"—which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Anglin, Bertrand, Blake, Bodwell, Bowman, Brown, Cheval, Cimon, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Drew, Fortier, Fournier, Geoffrion, Godin, Hagar, Holton, Huntington, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, Mills, Morison (Victoria O.), Oliver, Pâquet, Pelletier, Pouliot, Pozer, Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Stirton, Thompson (Ontario), Tremblay, Wallace, White (Halton), Whitehead, Wood, and Young.—42.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, DeLorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Killam, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald, (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Munroe, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ryan (King's N. B.), Schultz, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (East Hastings), Willson, and Wright (Ottawa County).—79.

Mr. *Tremblay* then moved in amendment, to expunge all the words after "1st of April instant," and to substitute therefor the following: "shall be entrusted to Private Companies who shall incur all the necessary disbursements, receiving as compensation such lands as the Government may deem it advisable to grant to them on the line of the road, or in the neighborhood thereof;" which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Cheval, Cimon, Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Fortier, Fournier, Godin, Huntington, Pelletier, Pozer and Tremblay.—11.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Ault, Baker, Barthe, Beaty, Bellerose, Benoit, Bertrand, Blake, Blanchet, Bodwell, Bowell, Bowman, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, De Lorme (Provencher), Dobbie, Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Fortin, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Gibbs, Grant, Gray, Grover, Hagar, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Killam, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), McDonald (Middlesex), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Lanark), McDougall (Three Rivers), McMillan, Mills, Moffatt, Morris, Munroe, Oliver, Pâquet, Perry, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pouliot, Ray, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington C.R.), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Schultz, Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Stirton, Street, Thompson, (Ontario), Tilley, Tourangeau Tupper, Walsh, Webb, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Willson, Wood, Wright (Ottawa County) and Young.—106.

The said resolution was then read the second time, and agreed to on a division.

The Order of the Day for the second reading of the amendments made by the Senate to the Bill (No. 53) relating to Banks and Banking, being read,

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, the first of the said amendments being read the second time as follows: Page 1 line 15 After "to" insert "any of" and after "Act" insert "except those contained in Sections forty-five to fifty-four both inclusive;" was amended by striking out after the word "sections" the words forty-five to fifty-four," and inserting therefor the words: "four, thirty-nine to fifty-four both inclusive, and sixty to sixty-eight, inclusive;" which was agreed to.

The second amendment, viz: Page 3, line 18 After "President" insert "or Vice President," being read the second time, was agreed to.

The third amendment, viz: Page 5 line 39 after "Bank" insert "at any office of transfer," being read the second time,

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, it was *Resolved*, That this House doth disagree with the Senate in the said amendment.

The fourth amendment, viz: Page 5 line 41 leave out "the chief" and insert "such," being read the second time,

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, it was *Resolved*, That this House doth disagree with the Senate in the said amendment.

The fifth to the twelfth amendment, inclusive, being severally read the second time, were agreed to, and are as follows:

Page 7. line 5 Leave out "an" and insert "any."

Page 7 line 6 Leave out "any" and insert "the."
Page 7 line 14 leave out "an" and insert "any" and leave out "any" and insert "the."
Page 8 line 14 After "him" insert "for at least thirty days before the time of meeting."
Page 14 line 17 Leave out "due or."
Page 15 line 46 Leave out from the second "paid" to "due" in line 47, and insert "when."
Page 16 line 17 Leave out "United States" and insert "Foreign."
Page 21 line 36 After "aforesaid" insert "and *La Banque du Peuple* to the extent hereinafter mentioned."
The Thirteenth amendment being read the second time, as follows:
Page 22 line 3 After "reduced" insert "Clause A."
"Clause A. All the provisions of this Act, except those contained in sections one, two, and three, five, "six, seven, twenty-seven, twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, thirty-two, thirty-three, thirty-five, thirty-six, thirty-"seven, fifty-seven, fifty-eight, fifty-nine, sixty-three, seventy, seventy-two, seventy-three and seventy-four, and "so much of section twenty-eight, as is declared not to apply to Banks *en commandite* shall apply from and "after the first day of July next to *La Banque du Peuple* provided that wherever the word "Directors" is used "in any of the sections which apply to the said Bank it shall be read and construed as meaning the principal "partners or members of the corporation of the said Bank: and so much of the Act incorporating the said Bank "or of any Act amending or continuing it, as may be inconstant with any section of this Act applying to the "said Bank, or which makes any provision in any matter provided for by the said sections other than such as is "hereby made, is hereby repealed."

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* the said amendment, was amended as follows:—In Clause A, line 1, strike out the words "all the" and insert: "sections four, thirty-nine to eighty-four both inclusive, sixty, sixty-"one, sixty-two, sixty-four, to sixty-eight, both inclusive, shall apply to *La Banque du Peuple*, from and after the "passing of this Act, and all the other;" which was agreed to.

The fourteenth amendment being read the second time, was agreed to, as follows:—Page 22, line 11, after "America" insert "and '*La Banque du Peuple.*'"

The fifteenth amendment being read the second time, was agreed to, as follows:—In the Schedule of the Bill leave out "*La Banque du Peuple.*"

The Bill from the Senate (No. 96) intituled, "An Act to authorize the Governor in Council to exempt Railway Companies in certain cases from the obligation to build drawbridges over navigable Rivers, was read the second time, and referred to the Select Standing Committee on Railways, Canals, and Telegraph Lines.

The Bill (No. 99) in relation to the Library of Parliament, was read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendment agreed to, read a third time and passed.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* moved, that the House do now go again into Committee of Supply.

Mr. *Rymal* moved in amendment, that all the words after "that" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof: "this House regrets that the Government of the day have done nothing towards procuring the punishment of the murderers of *Thomas Scott*; and that an humble address be presented to His Excellency, praying that he will take such steps and make such representations as may be best calculated to bring those men to justice."

And a Debate arising,—and The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight,

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And the question being put on Mr. *Rymal's* motion; it was negatived on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Ault, Blake, Bowell, Brown, Burpee, Burton, Dobbie, Drew, Ferguson, Ferris, Jones (Leeds and Grenville), Killam, Little, Macdonald (Glengarry), MacFarlane, Mackenzie, Magill, McConkey, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Mills, Morison (Victoria, O.), Munroe, Oliver, Pickard, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Rymal, Scatcherd, Schultz, Snider, Stirton, Wallace, Wells, White (Halton), White (East Hastings), Wood, Wright (York, Ontario, W.R), and Young.—40.

Nays.

Messrs. Anglin, Archambeault, Baker, Barthe, Bellerose, Benoit, Blanchet, Bourassa, Bown, Brousseau, Cameron (Inverness), Caron, Cartier, (Sir George E.), Cheval, Cimon, Costigan, DeLorme (Provencher), Delorme (St. Hyacinthe), Dorion, Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes, Fortier, Fortin, Fournier, Gaucher, Gaudet, Geoffrion, Gendron, Gibbs, Godin, Grant, Gray, Hincks, (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Hurdon, Jackson, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, McDonald (Antigonish), McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, McMillan, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Pâquet, Pinsonneault, Pope, Pozer, Renaud, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Simard, Simpson, Smith (Selkirk), Sproat, Stephenson, Tilley, Tourangeau, Tremblay, Tupper, Walsh, Webb, and Wright (Ottawa County).—75.

The House then went again into Committee of Supply.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

(Chargeable to Income.)

		$ cts	$ cts.
203.	1. Penitentiary, near Montreal	120,000 00	
	2. Surveys and Inspections	10,000 00	
	3. Rebuilding East Pier, Port Dalhousie, Welland Canal (Revote) (the unnexpended balance to be carried forward to the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1872)	13,400 00	
	4. Mabou Harbor (to be extended to 30th June, 1872, as in the above vote)	12,000 00	
	5. Lighthouse, Cape Jourimain	500 00	
	6. Removal of Snow, Public Buildings, Ottawa	2,000 00	
	7. Rent, Custom House Buildings, St. John, N.B.	3,150 00	
	8. Dredge Vessel, New Brunswick	2,500 00	
			163,550 00

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

204.	1 To pay Four Civil Servants of the Military Branch, Department of Milita and Defence, the increase which would have acorued under the old Civil Service Act, for the year 1867-68	160 00	
	2 To pay Clerk in Paymaster's Office, Halifax, Nova Scotia, to 30th November, 1870, at $800 Canadian currency, per annum	333 33	
			493 33

LEGISLATION.

205.	To pay the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company, for balance due to them for the extra train run on that road during the last Session of Parliament	799 98

ARTS, AGRICULTURE, AND STATISTICS.

206.	To meet expenses in connection with the taking of the Census, in anticipation of the Vote for 1871-72, the unexpended balance to be carried forward	100,000, 00

OCEAN AND RIVER STEAM SERVICE.

207.	1. To pay amount required for repairs and outfit of Steamers *Napoleon* and *Druid*	7,600 00	
	2. Maintenance of Dominion Steamers, occaaioned while doing Marine Police Duty	12,000 00	
			19,600 00

MILITIA.

Extraordinary.

208.	1. Barrack Accommodation, to meet the probable estimate of repairs, &c., of buildings vacated by Imperial troops	12,000 00	
	2. Pay, Maintenance, and Equipment of Two Batteries of Garrison Artillery, from 1st May to 30th June, 1871	12,500 00	
	3. To re-imburse the Imperial Government for Stores supplied to Nova Scotia by Imperial Government before Confederation, £135 13s. 11d. Sterling	660 38	
			25,160 38

LIGHTHOUSES AND COAST SERVICE.

Quebec.

	1. Keepers Dwelling and Buildings in connection with Fog Whistle, South Point, Anticosti	$3,000 00	
	Erecting Oil Stores, &c., at Lighthouses, and other requirements, and outfit for the completion of Light Ship, &c	9,500 00	
	Maintenance of New Lights, for year ending 30th June, 1871	6,180 00	
			18,680 00

Above Montreal.

209.	2. Maintenance of New Lights, for year ending 30th June, 1871	800 00	

Nova Scotia.

	3. Buildings, &c., for Fog Whistle, Cranberry Island	1,500 00	

New Brunswick.

	4. To complete Light, at Cox's Point, Grand Lake: Beacon Block, St. Andrews; Beacons at Fox's Island; and Observatory at St. John	1,850 00	
			22,830 00

FISHERIES.

		$ cts.	$ cts.
	To cover expenditure required for Fishery Services, as under :—		
	1.—Ontario 500 00		
210.	2.—New Brunswick 2,000 00		
211.	3.—Nova Scotia 3,000 00		
		5,500 00	
	Additional for the protection of the Fisheries (Marine Police), to 30th June, 1871, in advance of the Vote for 1871-72..	16,000 00	
			21,500 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

212.	To pay Dame Angelique Leduc, widow of the late J. Bte. Normand, for damages to certain property held by her, occasioned by the construction of the Dam at the head of the Beauharnois Canal	187 00	
213.	To pay the representatives of the late Mrs. T. D. McGee, the equivalent to one year's Pension formerly paid to her	1,200 00	
214.	To pay the widow of the late Henry Traill, formerly a guard of the Kingston Penitentiary, who was murdered, whilst in execution of his duties, by two convicts, Smith and Mann...	1,000 00	
215.	To pay Mrs. Moylan, widow of the late G. T. Moylan, Railway Mail Clerk, who died from injuries received from a fall from a Post Office car on the Grand Trunk Railway, between Grafton and Cobourg, whilst in execution of his duties.....	600 00	
216.	To pay balance of expenses of the Civil Service Commission.....	3,269 53	
217.	To pay the family of the late Captain O'Brien, of the Schooner *Ocean Traveller*, lost in October last, whilst on the Sable Island Humane Establishment Service.....	600 00	
218.	To pay the families of the crew of the *Ocean Traveller*.....	1,000 00	
119.	To re-imburse Messrs. Gibbons, Burchill, and Connell, of Sydney, Cape Breton, expenses incurred by them in procuring medical aid for three men employed in the month of December, 1869, in carrying supplies to Flint Island Lighthouse, but who were carried out to sea, and suffered exposure for nine days	350 00	
220.	To pay the three menmentioned in the above vote, two of whom were so severely frost-bitten, that their limbs had to be amputated, and who are consequently cripples for life.....	600 00	
221.	To pay the Customs Department amount paid by the Collector, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for Boatmen's services, in connection with the Board of Health, Halifax, for half year ended 31st December, 1867.....	1,104 00	
222.	To pay the estimated cost of removing depreciated Coin in the Province of Nova Scotia (the unexpended balance of the Vote to be caaried forward to 1871–72)	40,000 00	
223.	To provide for compensation to sufferers by the Insurrection in Rupert's Land in 1869–70, claims for loss of property, or for imprisonment, or for forced emigration from the Territory, to be proved before the Recorder of Manitoba, or any Commissioners appointed for that purpose by the Governor, and afterwards referred to the Treasury Board, and approved by Order in Council (the unexpended balance to be held over till 1871–72)	40,000 00	
224.	To pay Messrs. Gooderham & Worts, of Toronto, refund of duties paid by them on Whisky shipped to Halifax prior to Confederation, but which remained in Bond until after the Union.....	2,309 34	
225.	To pay costs and damages awarded by Sheriffs' Jury in the case of Kinnear Bros. *v.* Robinson, Collector of Customs, St. John, N.B.....	8,436 41	
226.	To pay the estimated expenses of the Canal Commission	10,000 00	
227.	To pay amount further required in connection with the North-West Territories	200,000 00	

COLLECTION OF REVENUE.

Customs.

228.	1 To pay the Contingencies of the Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1868...	2,032 58	

		$ cts	$ cts.
228.	2 To pay the salaries of Preventive Officers and expenses at Port Hawkesbery, Nova Scotia, for the three years, 1867–68, 1868–69, 1869–70	661 16	
	3 To pay the salary of the Seizing Officer, Canada Creek, Port of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, from 1st July 1867, to 30th June, 1871, at $40 per annum	160 00	
	4 To pay the salary of the Preventive Officer, Tusket Wedge, NovaScotia, for 1868-9, and 1869-70, at $60 per annum	120 00	
			2,973 74
	Inland Revenue.		
229.	1 To pay the cost of Standard Weights and Measures, and other expenses consequent on assimilation of Weights and Measures (the unexpended balance to be carried forward to the fiscal year, 1871–72)	50,000 00	
	2 To pay Collectors allowances, N. S. and N. B., on duties collected by them, estimated at	2,700 00	
			52,700 00
	Post Office.		
230.	To pay for Mail Service in the Province of Manitoba, and for payment to the United States PostOffice of Transit Rates for the conveyance of closed mails to and from Manitoba		6,000 00
	Public Works.		
231.	1. European and North American Railway Extension, Working Expenses	8,000 00	
	2. Maintenance, Salaries of Staff, &c., for the month of June, 1871	15,000 00	
			23,000 00
	SURVEYS IN MANITOBA.		
232.	To meet the expenses of the above service for the current year (the balance to be carried forward to 1871–72)		100,000 00
	PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.		
	(Chargeable to Capital.)		
233.	Survey and location of Pacific Railway (balance unexpended to be carried on to 1871–72)		250,000
234.	1. Towards the construction of a new Post Office, Montreal	40,000 00	
	2. Towards raising the banks of the Welland Canal	200,000 00	
	3. Towards enlargement of Grenville Canal Locks	150,000 00	
	4. Towards improving channel of River St. Lawrence, between Kingston and Montreal	100,000 00	
	5. Completion of survey of Sault Ste. Marie Canal	10,000 00	
			500,000 00
	(Chargeable to Income.)		
235.	Bridge over the Rideau Canal, at Wellington Village (the local authorities furnishing an equal amount)	6,000 00	
	(Public Buildings.)		
236.	New Post Office, Montreal, cost of site	150,000 00	
237.	Toronto, Quebec, and London Post Offices (revote)	120,000 00	
238.	Toronto and Kingston Immigrant Sheds	5,500 00	
239.	Public Buildings generally	20,000 00	
240.	Removal of snow, Public Buildings, Ottawa	2,000 00	
	HARBORS AND PIERS.		
241.	1. Harbor of Refuge, Liverpool, N.S., estimated cost $80,000	25,000 00	
	2. Quaco, N.B., Harbor of Refuge	13,500 00	
	3. Pier, Maitland, Shubiniecadie River, N.S. (Local authorities furnishing $3,000 00)	3,000 00	

		$ cts.	$ cts.	
241.	4. Margaretville, N.S., repairs of pier	1,650 00		
	5. Digby, N.S., completion and repairs of pier	1,650 00		
	6. Port Hood, Cape Breton, repairs of pier	1,650 00		
	7. MacNairs Cove, Harbor	11,000 00		
	8. Arisaig, repairs to pier	2,200 00		
	9. Amherst Harbor (Magdalen Islands)	2,500 00		
	10. Cap de Chatte	800 00		
	11. Riviére du Loup en haut (Local authorities furnishing an equal amount)	4,000 00		
	12. Presqu'ile Harbor, Lake Ontario	10,000 00		
			76,950 00	

LEGISLATION.

242.	To pay costs of Maps for Railway Committee	1,250 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

243	To meet possible amount required for the Census beyond the limits of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick	50,000 00

IMMIGRATION AND QUARANTINE.

244.	Towards obtaining and disseminating information, and meeting other requirements of Immigration Agencies	7,500 00

PENITENTIARIES.

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	2. Lights, near and at Saguenay	1,000 00		
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COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

Inland Revenue.

	$ cts.
253. To pay Collectors in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, allowances on duties collected by them estimated at	2,700 00

Post Office.

254. To pay for Steamboat Mail Service on the Upper Lakes, between Collingwood and Fort William	12,500 00

Resolutions to be reported.

Report to be received,—and Committee to sit again at the next sitting of The House this day.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz.:*—
No. 84. To incorporate the Sault Saint Marie Railway and Bridge Company.
No. 93. To authorize the sale or lease of the Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario.
No. 43. To extend the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada.
Also, agreeing to the Bill (No. 31) relating to the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick, *with amendments.*
(On motion of Hon. Mr. *Tilley* amendments read, and agreed to.)

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, it was *Resolved*, That when this House adjourns, it do stand adjourned till 2 P. M. this day.

The House then adjourned at 2.45 A. M.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

Mr. *Oliver's* name should have been inserted in the Votes of yesterday, page 216, instead of Mr. *Mills* as the Mover of the Address for copies of papers relating to a claim made by Dr. *Davis*, for medical services rendered to the late Private *B. Sipton*, No. 4 Company, 26th Battalion, who contracted fever while in camp during the month of October, 1869.

No. 40.

OTTAWA, TUESDAY, 11TH APRIL, 1871.

4th Session, 1st Parliament, 34 Victoria, 1871.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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No. 41.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, WEDNESDAY, 12TH APRIL, 1871.

2 o'clock P.M.

Hon. Mr. *Tilley*, from the Select Standing Committee on Public Accounts, presented the third Report of the said Committee, as follows:—

The Committee have taken further evidence in reference to the Intercolonial Railway expenditure, which, together with the evidence concerning the Public Debt and other matters connected with the Public Accounts, they report for the information of the House

(*For the evidence, etc., see Appendix to the Journals* No. 2.)

On motion of Mr. *Beaty*, the Fee on the Bill (No, 18) to incorporate the Toronto Corn Exchange Association, was ordered to be re-mitted.

The following Message was received from His Excellency:—

LISGAR.

The Governor General has received the Address to the Queen which the House of Commons has passed praying that Her Majesty "will be graciously pleased, by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy "Council, under the 146th Clause of the British North America Act, 1867, to unite British Columbia with the "Dominion of Canada on the terms and conditions contained in the said Address," and informs The House that in accordance with their desire no time shall be lost in transmitting the Address to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies in order that it may be laid at the foot of the Throne

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 11th April, 1871.

On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, a Message was sent to the Senate, to acquaint their Honors that this House hath agreed to their amendments to the Bill (No. 53) relating to Banks and Banking, with the exception of the following, to which they have made amendments, viz:—

(*In the Amendments.*)

1st. Page 21, line 3

13th. Page 1, line 15.

Page 1, line 11 after "Sections" leave out "Forty-five to Fifty-four," and insert "Four, thirty-nine to fifty-four, both inclusive, and sixty to sixty eight."

Page 3, line 14 leave out the words "All the" and insert "Sections four, thirty-nine "to fifty-four, both inclusive, sixty, sixty-one, sixty-two, and sixty four to sixty-eight both "inclusive, shall apply to *La Bnaque du Peuple* from and after the passing of this Act and "all the other.

And that they have disagreed to the following amendments, viz :—

(*In the Amendments.*)

3rd. Page 5 line 39.	Page 1, line 18, after "Bank" insert "at any office of transfer."
4th. Page 5, line 41.	Page 2, line 1, leave out "the Chief" and insert "such."

Mr. *Blake* moved, that Petitions have been presented to, and received by this House against the Election and return of *Donald A. Smith*, Esq., the sitting Member for Selkirk, and of *Pierre de Lorme*, Esq., the sitting Member for Provencher.

That no provision has been made for the trial of Controverted Elections in Manitoba.

That the expense and delay involved in trials of the said Elections, to be regulated and commenced at Ottawa, after the beginning of the ensuing and last Session of the present Parliament, would render such trials abortive.

That in order to prevent a failure of justice, provision should be made rendering it possible to take the evidence in the matter of the said Controverted Elections on the spot and during the recess of Parliament.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved in amendment, that all the words after "that" be left out, and the following inserted instead thereof: "The Petitions against the Election and Return of *Donald A. Smith, Esq.*, and *Pierre De Lorme, Esq.*, be referred to the Select Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections, with instructions to meet without delay, and report to The House the procedure to be adopted with regard to the said Petitions, in order that the rights of all parties concerned may be duly protected;" which was agreed to, on a division.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* presented,—Return to Address of the 6th instant; for a Return showing the amount distributed under the Seigniorial Act to each Municipality according to Returns made in 1864. The amount distributed according to Returns made up to 1st January, 1871. The amount placed to the credit of the several Municipalities indebted to the Government on account of the Municipal Loan Fund.—The reasons for any change in the distribution.

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on the 4th instant, were reported, read a second time, and agreed to, and are as follows:

CANALS.

		$ cts.	$. cts
	Lachine Canal—		
	1. Supply Weir at head (Revote)	29,000 00	
	2. Culvert River, St. Pierre do	13,000 00	
			42,000 00
	3. Regulating Weir St. Gabriel		20,000 00
	Welland Canal—		
	4. Deepening to Lake Erie Level (Revote $25,000) . . .	25,000 00	
99	5. Waste Weir at Dunville (Revote)	18,000 00	
	6. Removal Banks Deep Cut above water level . . .	200,000 00	
	7. Superintendence and Contingencies	4,000 00	
	8. Extending and deepening Harbor Port Dalhousie, (Revote $10,000)	20,000 00	
	9. do do do Port Colborne . .	20,000 00	
			287,000 00
	10. *Carillon and Grenville Canal* (Revote $125,000)		275,000 00
			624,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

Railway Subsidies chargeable to Provinces.

102½	Western Extension, New Brunswick	10,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.

	Slides and Booms, and Works necessary to facilitate the descent of Timber, viz. :—		
	1. St. Maurice River New Works..	10,000 00	
	2. do do at mouth	43,000 00	
103	3. Ottawa River	15,300 00	
	4. Dumoine River.	18,000 00	
	5. Miscellaneous	15,000 00	
			101,300 00
104.	St. John River. N.B., Little Current and Devil's Nose, Lake Huron . . .		6,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS CHARGEABLE TO INCOME.—*Continued.*

Roads and Bridges.

		$ cts.	$ cts.
105.	1. Bridge, Portage du Fort	8,000 00	
	2. Miscellaneous for expenditure on Metapedia Military Road only if required.	5,000 00	
			13,000 00
106.	Surveys and Inspection		25,000 00
107.	Arbitrations and Awards		10,000 00
108.	Miscellaneous Works not otherwise provided for		10,000 00
109.	1. Rents, Repairs, Furniture	45,000 00	
	2. Heating Public Buildings, Ottawa	30,000 00	
	3. Rents, Repairs, &c., Custom House, St. John, and other Public Buildings	15,000 00	
			90,000 00

Public Buildings.

110.	1. London Custom House	35,000 00	
	2. Halifax Quarantine Station (Revote, $4,000)	6,000 00	
	3. Ottawa Post Office	40,000 00	
	4. St. John do	50,000 00	
	5. Toronto Custom House and Savings Banks	150,000 00	
	6. Emigration Buildings, Point Levi and Montreal	18,000 00	
	7. Grosse Isle	10,000 00	
	8. Partridge Island, St. John.	4,000 00	
			313,000 00
111.	Richibucto Harbor		2,800 00
112.	House Harbor (Revote)		2,000 00
113.	Bathurst Harbor (Revote)		2,000 00
114.	Two Steam Dredges (Revote, $36,000)		52,000 00
115.	Dredging.		30,000 00
116.	Dredge Vessel, New Brunswick		2,500 00
117.	Towards completion of Piers, Kincardine, Lake Huron		8,000 00
118.	Rideau Hall Heating Apparatus and Water Supply		8,000 00

Canals.

119.	1. Dwelling Lock Master, Port Robinson Welland Canal	2,000 00	
	2. St. Ann's Lock, improving channel above and below Lock	5,000 00	
	3. Chambly Canal, Lock keeper's houses	1,800 00	
	4. Rideau Canal, increase of water supply (Revote)	5,000 00	
	5. Miscellaneous Works	15,200 00	
			29,000 00

The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply on the 5th instant, were reported, as follows:—

MILITIA.

Ordinary.

138.	Salaries of Military Branch and District Staff	35,440 00
139.	do Brigade Majors, including three Brigade Majors for Manitoba and British Columbia	30,000 00
140.	Allowances for Drill instruction: to extend to 1st November, 1872; it being impossible to get in all the claims under these heads, before the expiration of the financial year	47,000 00
141.	Military Schools, including the pay of Chief Instructor in Gunnery, and the Superintendent and his Clerk	65,000 00
142.	Ammunition	139,109 00
143.	Clothing	130,000 00
144.	Military Stores and Storage	85,683 00
145.	Public Armories, and care of Arms, including the pay of storekeepers and caretakers, storemen, and the rent, fuel, and light of Public Armories: to extend to 1st November, 1872; it being impossible to get in all the claims under these heads before the expiration of the financial year	60,000 00
146.	Drill pay and camp purposes, and all other incidental expenses connected with the Drill and Training of the Militia; to extend to 1st November, 1872: it being impossible to get in all the claims under these heads before the expiration of the financial year	500,000 00
147.	Contingencies and general service not otherwise provided for, including assistance to Rifle Associations and Bands of efficient Corps	75,000 00
148.	Targets	5,000 00
149.	Drill Sheds and Rifle Ranges	20,000 00

MILITIA—*(Continued).*

Extraordinary.

		$	cts.
150.	Barrack accommodation	12,000	00
151.	Military survey	2,607	00
152.	To meet the expense of any damage to Arms	5,000	00
153.	Gunboats	25,000	00
154.	Care and Maintenance of properties transferred from the Ordnance	12,500	00
155.	For improved Fire Arms (Henri Martini and Snider Rifles) (Revote $40,000)	142,055	00
156.	Ordnance and Equipment for Field Batteries and Garrison Batteries of Artillery.	33,606	00
157.	Pay, Maintenance, and Equipment of two Batteries of Garrison Artillery for Garrison Duty	75,000	00

Resolutions 138 to 155, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

Resolution 156 being read a second time; was agreed to on the following division:—

Yeas.

Messrs. Archambeault, Ault, Barthe, Bellerose, Blanchet, Bowell, Bown, Brousseau, Brown, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cartwright, Costigan, Currier, DeLorme (Provencher) Drew, Dufresne, Dunkin, Ferguson, Forbes, Fortin, Galt (Sir Alexander T.), Gaucher, Gaudet, Gendron, Gibbs, Grover, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Howe, Hurdon, Keeler, Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, Lapum, Lawson, McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), Moffatt, Morris, Perry, Ray, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Victoria, N.S.), Ryan (King's, N.B.), Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Stephenson, Street, Tilley, Tupper, Walsh, White (East Hastings), Willson. and Wright (Ottawa County).—63.

Nays.

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The Resolutions adopted in Committee of Supply, yesterday, were reported as follows:—

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

	(Chargeable to Income.)	$	cts	$	cts.
203.	1. Penitentiary, near Montreal	120,000	00		
	2. Surveys and Inspections	10,000	00		
	3. Rebuilding East Pier, Port Dalhousie, Welland Canal (Revote) (the unexpended balance to be carried forward to the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1872)	13,400	00		
	4. Mabou Harbor (to be extended to 30th June, 1872, as in the above vote)	12,000	00		
	5. Lighthouse, Cape Jourimain	500	00		
	6. Removal of Snow, Public Buildings, Ottawa	2,000	00		
	7. Rent, Custom House Buildings, St. John, N.B.	3,150	00		
	8. Dredge Vessel, New Brunswick	2,500	00		
				163,550	00

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

204.	1 To pay Four Civil Servants of the Military Branch, Department of Milita and Defence, the increase which would have acorued under the old Civil Service Act, for the year 1867-68	160	00		
	2 To pay Clerk in Paymaster's Office, Halifax, Nova Scotia, to 30th November, 1870, at $800 Canadian currency, per annum	333	33		
				493	33

		$ cts	$ cts.
	Legislation.		
205.	To pay the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company, for balance due to them for the extra train run on that road during the last Session of Parliament		799 98
	Arts, Agriculture, and Statistics.		
206.	To meet expenses in connection with the taking of the Census, in anticipation of the Vote for 1871-72, the unexpended balance to be carried forward		100,000, 00
	Ocean and River Steam Service.		
207.	1. To pay amount required for repairs and outfit of Steamers *Napoleon* and *Druid*	7,600 00	
	2. Maintenance of Dominion Steamers, occaaioned while doing Marine Police Duty	12,000 00	
			19,600 00
	Militia.		
	Extraordinary.		
208.	1. Barrack Accommodation, to meet the probable estimate of repairs, &c., of buildings vacated by Imperial troops	12,000 00	
	2. Pay, Maintenance, and Equipment of Two Batteries of Garrison Artillery, from 1st May to 30th June, 1871	12,500 00	
	3. To re-imburse the Imperial Government for Stores supplied to Nova Scotia by Imperial Government before Confederation, £135 13s. 11d. Sterling	660 38	
			25,160 38
	Lighthouses and Coast Service.		
	Quebec.		
	1. Keepers Dwelling and Buildings in connection with Fog Whistle, South Point, Anticosti $3,000 00		
	Erecting Oil Stores, &c., at Lighthouses, and other requirements, and outfit for the completion of Light Ship, &c 9,500 00		
	Maintenance of New Lights, for year ending 30th June, 1871 6,180 00		
		18,680 00	
	Above Montreal.		
209.	2. Maintenance of New Lights, for year ending 30th June, 1871	800 00	
	Nova Scotia.		
	3. Buildings, &c., for Fog Whistle, Cranberry Island	1,500 00	
	New Brunswick.		
	4. To complete Light, at Cox's Point, Grand Lake: Beacon Block, St. Andrews; Beacons at Fox's Island; and Observatory at St. John	1,850 00	
			22,830 00
	Fisheries.		
	To cover expenditure required for Fishery Services, as under:—		
210.	1.—Ontario 500 00		
	2.—New Brunswick 2,000 00		
	3.—Nova Scotia 3,000 00		
		5,500 00	
211.	Additional for the protection of the Fisheries (Marine Police), to 30th June, 1871, in advance of the Vote for 1871-72	16,000 00	
			21,500 00
	Miscellaneous.		
212.	To pay Dame Angelique Leduc, widow of the late J. Bte. Normand, for damages to certain property held by her, occasioned by the construction of the Dam at the head of the Beauharnois Canal	187 00	
213.	To pay the representatives of the late Mrs. T. D. McGee, the equivalent to one year's Pension formerly paid to her	1,200 00	
214.	To pay the widow of the late Henry Traill, formerly a guard of the Kingston Penitentiary, who was murdered, whilst in execution of his duties, by two convicts, Smith and Mann	1,000 00	

MISCELLANEOUS—*(Continued).*

		$ cts.	$ cts.
215.	To pay Mrs. Moylan, widow of the late G. T. Moylan, Railway Mail Clerk, who died from injuries received from a fall from a Post Office car on the Grand Trunk Railway, between Grafton and Cobourg, whilst in execution of his duties.....	600 00	
216.	To pay balance of expenses of the Civil Service Commission.....	3,269 53	
217.	To pay the family of the late Captain O'Brien, of the Schooner *Ocean Traveller*, lost in October last, whilst on the Sable Island Humane Establishment Service.....	600 00	
218.	To pay the families of the crew of the *Ocean Traveller*.....	1,000 00	
119.	To re-imburse Messrs. Gibbons, Burchill, and Connell, of Sydney, Cape Breton, expenses incurred by them in procuring medical aid for three men employed in the month of December, 1869, in carrying supplies to Flint Island Light-house, but who were carried out to sea, and suffered exposure for nine days	350 00	
220.	To pay the three menmentioned in the above vote, two of whom were so severely frost-bitten, that their limbs had to be amputated, and who are consequently cripples for life.....	600 00	
221.	To pay the Customs Department amount paid by the Collector, Halifax, Nova Scotia, for Boatmen's services, in connection with the Board of Health, Halifax, for half year ended 31st December, 1867.....	1,104 00	
222.	To pay the estimated cost of removing depreciated Coin in the Province of Nova Scotia (the unexpended balance of the Vote to be carried forward to 1871–72)	40,000 00	
223.	To provide for compensation to sufferers by the Insurrection in Rupert's Land in 1869–70, claims for loss of property, or for imprisonment, or for forced emigration from the Territory, to be proved before the Recorder of Manitoba, or any Commissioners appointed for that purpose by the Governor, and afterwards referred to the Treasury Board, and approved by Order in Council (the unexpended balance to be held over till 1871–72)	40,000 00	
224.	To pay Messrs. Gooderham & Worts, of Toronto, refund of duties paid by them on Whisky shipped to Halifax prior to Confederation, but which remained in Bond until after the Union.....	2,309 34	
225.	To pay costs and damages awarded by Sheriffs' Jury in the case of Kinnear Bros. *v.* Robinson, Collector of Customs, St. John, N.B.....	8,436 41	
226.	To pay the estimated expenses of the Canal Commission	10,000 00	
227.	To pay amount further required in connection with the North-West Territories	200,000 00	

COLLECTION OF REVENUE.

Customs.

228.	1 To pay the Contingencies of the Port of Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1868...	2,032 58	
	2 To pay the salaries of Preventive Officers and expenses at Port Hawkesbury, Nova Scotia, for the three years, 1867–68, 1868–69, 1869–70.....	661 16	
	3 To pay the salary of the Seizing Officer, Canada Creek, Port of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, from 1st July 1867, to 30th June, 1871, at $40 per annum.....	160 00	
	4 To pay the salary of the Preventive Officer, Tusket Wedge, NovaScotia, for 1868-9, and 1869-70, at $60 per annum	120 00	
			2,973 74

Inland Revenue.

229.	1 To pay the cost of Standard Weights and Measures, and other expenses consequent on assimilation of Weights and Measures (the unexpended balance to be carried forward to the fiscal year, 1871–72)	50,000 00	
	2 To pay Collectors allowances, N. S. and N. B., on duties collected by them, estimated at.....	2,700 00	
			52,700 00

COLLECTION OF REVENUE.—*Continued.*

		$ cts.	$ cts.
	Post Office.		
230.	To pay for Mail Service in the Province of Manitoba, and for payment to the United States PostOffice of Transit Rates for the conveyance of closed mails to and from Manitoba		6,000 00
	Public Works.		
231.	1. European and North American Railway Extension, Working Expenses	8,000 00	
	2. Maintenance, Salaries of Staff, &c, for the month of June, 1871	15,000 00	
			23,000 00

SURVEYS IN MANITOBA.

232.	To meet the expenses of the above service for the current year (the balance to be carried forward to 1871–72)		100,000 00

PUBLIC WORKS AND BUILDINGS.

(Chargeable to Capital.)

233.	Survey of Pacific Railway (balance unexpended to be carried on to 1871–72)		250,000 00
234.	1. Towards the construction of a new Post Office, Montreal	40,000 00	
	2. Towards raising the banks of the Welland Canal	200,000 00	
	3. Towards enlargement of Grenville Canal Locks	150,000 00	
	4. Towards improving channel of River St. Lawrence, between Kingston and Montreal	100,000 00	
	5. Completion of survey of Sault Ste. Marie Canal	10,000 00	
			500,000 00

(Chargeable to Income.)

235.	Bridge over the Rideau Canal, at Wellington Village (the local authorities furnishing an equal amount)	6,000 00	

(Public Buildings.)

236.	New Post Office, Montreal, cost of site	150,000 00
237.	Toronto, Quebec, and London Post Offices (revote)	120,000 00
238.	Toronto and Kingston Immigrant Sheds	5,500 00
239.	Public Buildings generally	20,000 00
240.	Removal of snow, Public Buildings, Ottawa	2,000 00

HARBORS AND PIERS.

241.	1. Harbor of Refuge, Liverpool, N.S., estimated cost $80,000	25,000 00	
	2. Quaco, N.B., Harbor of Refuge	13,500 00	
	3. Pier, Maitland, Shubiniecadie River, N.S. (Local authorities furnishing $3,000 00)	3,000 00	
	4. Margaretville, N.S., repairs of pier	1,650 00	
	5. Digby, N.S., completion and repairs of pier	1,650 00	
	6. Port Hood, Cape Breton, repairs of pier	1,650 00	
	7. MacNairs Cove, Harbor	11,000 00	
	8. Arisaig, repairs to pier	2,200 00	
	9. Amherst Harbor (Magdalen Islands)	2,500 00	
	10. Cap de Chatte	800 00	
	11. Riviére du Loup en haut (Local authorities furnishing an equal amount)	4,000 00	
	12. Presqu'ile Harbor, Lake Ontario	10,000 00	
			76,950 00

LEGISLATION.

242.	To pay costs of Maps for Railway Committee	1,250 00

ARTS, AGRICULTURE AND STATISTICS.

		$ cts.	$ cts.
243	To meet possible amount required for the Census beyond the limits of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick		50,000 00

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COLLECTION OF REVENUES.

Inland Revenue.

253.	To pay Collectors in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, allowances on duties collected by them estimated at		2,700 00

Post Office.

254.	To pay for Steamboat Mail Service on the Upper Lakes, between Collingwood and Fort William		12,500 00

Resolution 203 to 222, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

Resolution 223 being read a second time,

Mr. *Bowell* moved, that the following proviso be added to the said Resolution :—" Provided that this House in voting $40,000 to provide for compensation 'to sufferers by the insurrection in Rupert's Land in 1869-70, claims for loss of property, or for imprisonment, or for forced emigration from the Territory,' does so upon the understanding that steps shall be taken by the Government of Canada, by Address to the Queen, or otherwise, to bring to trial those persons who were in any way connected with, or accessory to the cold blooded murder, for his outspoken loyalty to the Queen, of Thomas Scott, lately a resident of this Province and an emigrant thence to the Nor' West ;" which was negatived on the following division :—

Yeas.

Messrs. Bowell, Cartwright, Drew, Holmes, Hurdon, Jones (Leeds & Grenville), Macdonald (Glengarry), McDonald (Middlesex), Mackenzie, McDougall (Lanark), McMonies, Oliver, Perry, Ross (Dundas), Ross (Prince Edward), Ross (Wellington, C. R.), Smith (Selkirk), Snider, Stephenson, Walsh, Wells, White (East Hastings), Willson and Wood.—24.

Nays.

Messrs. Archambeault, Barthe, Bellerose, Benoit, Bourassa, Brousseau, Cameron (Inverness), Cameron (Peel), Caron, Cartier (Sir George E.), Cimon, Costigan, Crawford (Brockville), Currier, Daoust, DeLorme (Provencher), Dufresne, Dunkin, Forbes, Fortin, Gaucher, Gendron, Godin, Gray, Heath, Hincks (Sir Francis), Holton, Howe, Keeler Lacerte, Langevin, Langlois, McDonald (Lunenburg), Masson (Soulanges), Masson (Terrebonne), McDougall (Three Rivers), McKeagney, Moffatt, Morris, Morrison (Niagara), O'Connor, Pinsonneault, Pope, Ray, Robitaille, Ross (Champlain), Ross (Victoria, N. S.), Shanly, Simard, Simpson, Street, Tilley, Tourangeau, and Tupper.—54.

The said Resolution was then agreed to.

Resolution 224 to 232, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

Resolution 233 being read a second time :—the said Resolution was amended, by expunging therefrom the words "and location," and then agreed to.

Resolution 234 to 240, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

And The House having continued to sit until 12 of the clock, midnight,

Thursday, 13th April, 1871.

Resolution 241 to 254, inclusive, being read a second time, were severally agreed to.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the amendments made by this House to their amendments to the Bill (No. 53) relating to Banks and Banking, *without amendment.*

Also, agreeing to the following Bills *without amendment*, viz :—

No. 30. To authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make agreements for the leasing, using and working of the lines of Railway of other Companies.

No. 60. To incorporate the Dominion Telegraph Company.

No. 29. To make provision for validating certain Premium Notes, taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.

Also, agreeing to the following Bills, *with amendments*, viz :—

No. 65. To incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada. (On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, amendments read, and agreed to.)

No. 16. To make temporary provision for the Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada. (On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, amendments read, and agreed to.)

No. 24. To incorporate the Fredericton and Saint Mary's Bridge Company. (On motion of Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, amendments read, and agreed to.)

Mr. *Street*, from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library of Parliament, presented the Second Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

The Committee are gratified in being able to state that building operations here have been resumed upon the structure intended for the reception of the Library, and that they have received from the Board of Works an assurance that the edifice shall be completed with the least possible delay.

At this juncture the Committee feel it to be incumbent upon them to direct the attention of Government to the importance of making adequate provision for the heating and ventilating of the new Library. In the present temporary apartments, serious inconvenience has been felt and much injury to the Books occasioned by the unsatisfactory method for supplying warmth and fresh air to the rooms wherein the books are deposited. These complaints are undoubtedly attributable, in great measure, to the fact that the apartments were originally intended for a different purpose, and that it has been found impossible, in many instances, to place the shelving for Books at a suitable distance from the hot-air registers.

Nevertheless the Committee are of opinion that every possible precaution should be taken in the important particulars of heating and ventilation, in order to avoid all causes for dissatisfaction in the new and permanent Building.

The Bill now before Parliament for the re-organization of the Library Department having made no provision for the mode of paying the grant for the purchase of books, the Committee would recommend that untill they shall have framed new regulations upon the subject, the grant shall be drawn, as at present, by the clerks of the Two Houses, and payments made therefrom through the Accountant of the Senate.

The Committee, by a rule of their own, approved by both Houses in 1867, are debarred from making any recomendations for the pecuniary encouragement of Canadian publications. By the operation of this rule, they have been deprived of the advantage of possessing spare copies of Canadian works of merit and special interest to present to Foreign Libraries, in return for valuable donations received from them.

They would accordingly beg to direct the attention of Government to this matter, and to request that from time to time a sufficient number of copies of all Canadian Works of general utility or special value, may be placed in the hands of the Librarian for distribution to Public Libraries abroad, with which exchanges are effected by the Library of Parliament.

The Committee have received an application from the widow of Mr. Hamel, the well known artist of Quebec, for the purchase of certain portraits of eminent historical personages, connected with Canada. They deputed to a Sub-Committee the duty of deciding upon this question, and pursuant to their report, they recommend that the portraits of *Champlain*, *Charlevoix*, *Lévis*, *Montcalm* and *Wolfe* be purchased for the Parliament Picture Gallery, at a price not exteeding sixty dollars a piece, the cost of the same to be defrayed, in equal proportions, out of the contingencies of each House.

The Committee have examined and deliberated upon a petition referred to them by your Honorable House, from Dr. *H. H. Miles*, and others, Canadian authors and persons interested in literary investigations. It prayed that steps might be taken to examine into the condition of all Canadian Archives, wheresoever at present deposited, with a view to their future arrangement, classification, and the preparation of a catalogue, indicating their contents; and ultimately of making permanent provision for their safe custody and accessibility to the public. The Committee agreed in the opinion that the object aimed at by the petitioners would be best promoted by the Executive Government, in the first instance, taking the initiative therein. They have accordingly directed their Secretary to forward the petition to the Honorable *Christopher Dunkin*, the Minister of Statistics, &c., with a request that he would bestow his most careful attention to the subject, and further the same so far as he may deem it to be jnst and expedient.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* moved, that The House do now go into Committee of the Whole, to consider a Resolution, respectiug the purchase of a Statute of Her Majesty, and busts of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* then informed the House, that the subject matter of the said Resolution having submitted to His Excellency, he was pleased to recommend the same to the consideration of The House.

The House then went into Committee.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolution was adopted:—

Resolved, That the authority of this House be given for the purchase by the Joint Committee of the two Houses of Parliament for the Library at such price as they may deem reasonable of Mr. *Marshall Wood*'s Statute of Her Majesty, and busts of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and for the charging of price against the appropriation for unforeseen expenses for the current year.

Resolution to be reported.

The said Resolution was accordingly reported, and agreed to.

The House went again into Committee of Ways and Means.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year ending 30th June, 1871, (including certain sums which may be partly expended in the financial year ending 30th June, 1872), the sum of $1,099,263. 71 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

2. *Resolved*, That towards making good the Supply granted to Her Majesty for the financial year ending 30th June, 1872, the sum of $16,399,856.10 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of Canada.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, and agreed to,—and Committee to sit again at the next sitting of The House, this day.

Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks* then introduced a Bill (No. 101) for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending respectively the 30th June, 1871, and the 30th June, 1872; and for other purposes relating to the Public Service.—Second reading at the next sitting of The House, this day.

The Bill from the Senate (No. 58) intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of Manitoba certain of the "Criminal Laws now in force in the other Provinces of the Dominion," was again considered in Committee of the Whole, amended, reported, amendments agreed to, read a third time, and passed.

The House went again into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the draft of a Bill intended for submission to the Imperial Parliament, for the purpose of removing doubts which may have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada, to establish Provinces in Territories admitted, or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and vesting such powers in the said Parliament.

(In the Committee.)

The following Resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Resolved.*—That by a Despatch transmitted to the House for its information by His Excellency the Governor General on the 28th of February last, together with the Minute of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 26th day of February last, this House learns that the draft of a Bill has been prepared with a view to its submission to the Imperial Parliament in the following words, that is to say:—

Whereas doubts have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada to establish Provinces in Territories admitted, or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and it is expedient to remove such doubs and to vest such powers in the said Parliament.

Be it enacted, &c.

Short title of Act. 1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the British North America Act, 1871.

Confirmation of Act of Parliament of Canada. 2. The following Acts passed by the said Parliament of Canada, and intituled respectively, "An Act for the Temporary Government of Rupert's Land and the North Western Territory "when united with Canada;" and, an "Act to amend and continue the Act 32 and 33 *Vic.*, cap. "3, and to establish and provide for the Government of the Province of Manitoba," shall be and be deemed to have been valid and effectual for all purposes whatsoever from the date at which they respectively received the assent of the Governor General of the said Dominion of Canada.

Power to Parliament of Canada to establish new Provinces and to give them representation in the Parliament. 3. The Parliament of Canada may from time to time establish new Provinces in the Territories admitted to be part of the said Dominion by an Order in Council of the 23rd June, 1870, or in any other Territories which may hereafter be admitted into and form part of the said Dominion; and the said Parliament may at the time of such establishment make provision for the Administration of any such Provinces, and for the passing of Laws for the peace, order and good government thereof, and for the representation of such Provinces, or any of them in the said Parliament of Canada.

Alteration of limits of Provinces. 4. The Parliament of Canada may from time to time, with the consent of the Legislature of any Province, now or at any time hereafter forming part of the said Dominion, increase, diminish, or otherwise alter the limits of such Province upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the said Provincial Legislature.

Parliament of Canada may withdraw part of Territory of any Province and Legislate therefor. 5. The Parliament of Canada may with the like consent, witndraw from any Province any part of the Territory comprised therein, and make Laws for the Administration, peace, order and good government of the Territory so withdrawn until it is established as a Province, or until it is included within some other Province; and may with the like consent make such provision as to the said Parliament shall seem expedient relating to the effect and operation of any such withdrawal of Territory with respect to the Province from which such Territory shall have been withdrawn.

6. The Act of the Parliament of Canada, secondly, mentioned in the second clause of this Act, in so far as it relates to the Province of Manitoba, and any Act of the said Parliament hereafter establishing a Province as aforesaid, shall have effect as if it had been enacted by the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, subject always to the right of the Legislature of Manitoba from time to time to alter the provisions of the Act secondly mentioned in the said Clause, as respects the qualification of Electors and Members of the Legislative Assembly, and to make Laws respecting Elections.

Resolutions to be reported.

The said Resolutions were accordingly reported, and agreed to, referred to a Select Committee composed of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* and Hon. Messrs. *Holton*, *Tilley*, *Dunkin* and *Tupper*, to draft an Address embodying the same.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, from the said Committee, then reported the draft of an Address to Her Majesty, which wos read a second time, and agreed to, and ordered to be engraved; and a Message was ordered to be sent to the Senate, requesting their Honors will unite with this House in the said Address.—

The Bill (No. 95) to extend to the Province of Manitoba, and to British Columbia, so soon as it shall become a Province of the Dominion, certain Acts and parts of Acts of the Parliament of Canada, was read the second, and a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 34) to amend the Railway Act, 1868, was read a third time, and passed.

The Bills (Nos. 12 and 23) to amend the Act 31st *Vic.*, cap. 66, respecting Aliens and Naturalization. the provisions of which were combined into one Bill, were considered in Committee of the Whole, reported, read a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 77) to make provision for the detention of female convicts in Reformatory Prisons in the Province of Quebec, was read the second, and a third time, and passed.

The Bill (No. 100) to continue for a limited time, the Acts therein mentioned, was read the second and a third time, and passed.

The House then adjourned at 1.50 a. m.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

No. 41.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, THURSDAY, 13TH APRIL, 1871.

Mr. Speaker laid before The House,—Statement, in obedience to the Order of The House of the 10th instant, giving the names of all persons that have been appointed as permanent Employees of this House since April, 1868; specifying the date of said appointments, the salaries paid in each case, and also the Province from which such Employee is selected.—

Also, General Statement and Return of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the District of Arthabaska, for the year 1870.

Mr. Speaker also reported to The House, that he had taxed the costs in the matter of the Controverted Election for the Electoral district of Hochelaga at $128.70 in favor of *Louis Bélanger*, Commissioner,—that *Joseph Lanouette*, the Petitioner in this case, is the party liable to pay the above costs,—and that *Louis Bélanger*, the Commissioner, is the party entitled to receive the same.

Mr. Speaker further reported to the House, that he had taxed the costs in the said matter of the Controverted Election for the Electoral District of of Hochelaga, at $936.85, in favor of the sitting Member, against the Petitioner,—that *Joseph Lanouette*, the Petitioner in this case, is the party liable to pay the said costs,—and that the Hon. *A. A. Dorion*, the sitting Member, is the party entitled to receive the same.

Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* laid before The House,—by command of His Excellency, Third Annual Report of the Directors of Penitentiaries of the Dominion of Canada, for the year 1870.

Hon. Mr. *Langevin* presented,—Return to Address of the 30th ult; for all papers and Reports having reference to construction of culvert on Lachine Canal since last session.

Return to Address of the 8th ult; for copies of Engineer's Reports and all correspondence with Hamilton and Port Dover Plank and Stone Road Company, since the last Return; also statement shewing amount paid by such Company on account of purchase money, and amount still due.

Return to Address of the 9th ult; for a return of all tenders and other papers connected with letting the contract for the construction of a new Post Office in the City of Toronto.—

Hon. Mr. *Howe* presented,—Return to Address of the 6th instant; for copies of all correspondence between the Government of the Dominion of Canada, and the Government of any of the Provinces, or between the Government of Canada and the Attorney General of any of the Provinces respecting the duty or liability of the Dominion or local Governments to defray the cost of criminal prosecutions.—

—*treet* moved, that the second Report of the Joint Committee on the Library of Parliament be now

on. Mr. *Holton* moved in amendment, that the following words be added to the said motion, "provided he 6th paragraph of the said Report be so amended, as to read as follows:—

They would accordingly beg to direct the attention of Government to this matter, and to request that from ne to time a sufficient number of copies of all Canadian works of general utility or special value, not exceeding ifty of any separate work, may be placed in the hands of the Librarian for distribution to Public Libraries abroad, with which exchanges are effected by the Library of Parliament;"—which was agreed to.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment, viz:*

No. 71. To amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies.

No. 70. To authorize the sale of Oakville Harbor.

No. 89. To provide for the appointment of a Port Warden for the Harbor of Quebec.

Also, agreeing to the amendments made by this House to the Bill of their own (No. 58) intituled: "An Act to extend to the Province of Manitoba certain of the Criminal Laws now in force in the other Provinces of the Dominion," *without amendment.*

On motion of Hon Sir *George E. Cartier* it was *Resolved*, That when this House adjourns this day, it do stand adjourned until to-morrow at 1 o'clock, P.M.

On motion of Hon. Mr. *Holton*, the Orders of the Day were called.

The House resumed the further consideration of Hon. Mr. *McDougall's* (Lanark) proposed motion, that The House do now go into Committee of the Whole, to consider certain Resolutions on which to found an Address to His Excellency, praying for the issue of amended regulations for the survey, distribution, settlement, and sale of lands in the Province of Manitoba, etc.

Mr. *Ferguson* moved in amendment, "that the condition of 'settlement and otherwise' to be imposed upon the Indian Lands as contemplated under the provisions of the 'Manitoba Act,' section 31, shall be the same as those imposed, or that may be imposed in the case of pre-emption or homestead rights;" which was negatived on a division.

The said Order was then discharged.—

Mr. Speaker laid before The House the following letter:—

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Ottawa, April 12th, 1871.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that His Excellency the Governor General will proceed to the Senate Chamber to prorogue the Session of the Dominion Parliament on Friday the 14th instant, at 3 oclock, P.M.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient, humble servant,
F. TURVILLE,
Governor's Secretary.

The Honorable,
The Speaker of the House of Commons, &c., &c., &c.

The Order for the second reading of the following Bills, was discharged, and the Bills withdrawn, viz:—

No. 9. To extend the right of appeal in criminal cases.

No. 72. To provide for taking the Poll at Election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada by ballot.

No. 76. To amend the Insolvent Act of 1869.

No. 86. To amend the Railway Act, 1868, so as to ensure equal facilities to all incorporated Express Companies on Railways heretofore constructed, as well as on those hereafter to be constructed.

The Order, for resuming the adjourned Debate on Mr. *Bodwell's* proposed motion, that the House do now go into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions on the subject of Railways under Government management, was discharged.

The Order, for the House to go again into Committee of the Whole to consider certain Resolutions whereon to found an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the withdrawal of garrisons, and munitions of war from British North America, being read,

On motion of Mr. *Cartwright*, the said motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

The Bill (No. 101) for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required to defray certain expenses of the Public Service, for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1871, and the 30th of June, 1872, was read the second time.—To be read a third time, to-morrow.

The House then adjourned.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

ERRATUM.

In the Resolutions adopted in Committee of the Whole, yesterday, (page 241) for an Address to Her Majesty on the subject of the draft of a Bill intended for submission to the Imperial Parliament, the second Resolution was erroneously omitted, and is as follows :

2. *Resolved*, That this House is of opinion that a measure embodying the provisions contained in the said proposed Bill should be submitted to the Imperial Parliament, and that an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty in conformity with the foregoing Resolutions.

No. 42.

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THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

OTTAWA, FRIDAY, 14TH APRIL, 1871.

1 o'clock P.M.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Address to Her Majesty praying that she will be graciously pleased by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council to submit a Bill to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of removing doubts which may have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada to establish Provinces in Territories admitted or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada, and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and vesting such powers in the said Parliament; by filling up the blank with "Senate and."

Also, that they have passed an Address to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council, to submit a Bill to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of removing doubts which may have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada to establish Provinces in Territories admitted, or which may hereafter be admitted into the Dominion of Canada and to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament and vesting such powers in the said Parliament, to which Address they desire the concurrence of this House.

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier*, a Message was sent to the Senate, informing their Honors that this House hath agreed to their Address to His Excellency, praying that he will be pleased to transmit the Joint Address of both Houses to Her Majesty, praying that she will be graciously pleased by and with the advice of Her Most Honorable Privy Council to submit a Bill to the Imperial Parliament for the purpose of removing doubts which may have been entertained respecting the powers of the Parliament of Canada to establish Provinces in Territories admitted or which may be hereafter admitted into the Dominion of Canada, to provide for the representation of such Provinces in the said Parliament, and vesting such powers in the said Parliament, in such a way as to His Excellency may seem fit, in order that the same may be laid at the foot of the Throne, by filling up the blank with the words "and Commons"

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill (No. 56) respecting certain Savings Banks in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, *with amendments*. (On motion of Hon. Sir *Francis Hincks*, amendments read, and agreed to.).

Also, agreeing to the Bill (No. 99) in relation to the Library of Parliament, *without amendment*.

The Bill (No. 101) for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required to defray certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1871, and the 30th June, 1872, was read a third time, and passed.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the Bill (No. 62) to render permissive the use of the Metric system of Weights and Measures, *with amendments*. (On motion of Hon. Mr. *Morris*, amendments read, and agreed to).

On motion of Hon. Sir *George E. Cartier* it was *Resolved* That Mr. Speaker be authorized to direct the Accountant of this House to pay to the Members lately elected for Manitoba, and who have attended the deliberations of this House the full Sessional allowance, deduction however being made at the usual rate of the number of days of their non-attendance during the Session.

A Message was received from the Senate, agreeing to the following Bills, *without amendment*, viz. :

No. 12. To amend the Act passed in the 31st year of Her Majesty's Reign, and chaptered 66, respecting Aliens and Naturalization.

No. 34. To amend the Railway Act 1868.

No. 42. To amend the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.

No. 55. To provide additional facilities for the deposit of savings at interest with the security of Government; and for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.

No. 69. To amend the Inland Revenue Act of 1868, and to alter the duties of Excise chargeable in the Province of Manitoba.

No. 77. To make provision for the detention of female convicts in Reformatory Prisons in the Province of Quebec.

No. 95. To extend to the Province of Manitoba, and to British Columbia, so soon as it shall become a Province of the Dominion, certain Acts and parts of Acts of the Parliament of Canada.

No. 100. To continue for a limited time the Acts therein mentioned.

No. 101. For granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1871, and the 30th June, 1872.

Hon. Mr. *McDougall* (Lanark) from the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library of Parliament; presented the third Report of the said Committee, which is as follows :—

That certain works of art having been brought to this country by an eminent English sculptor, Mr. *Marshall Wood*, the Committee were convened to consider the expediency of purchasing the same for Parliament, pursuant to the following Resolution, which was yesterday agreed upon by your Honorable House: *Resolved* that the authority of this House be given for the purchase by the Joint Library Committee, at such price as they may deem reasonable, of Mr. *Marshall Wood*'s statue of Her Majesty, and busts of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and for charging the price against the appropriation for unforseen expenses for the current year.

That the offer of Mr. *Marshall Wood*, to place at the disposal of Parliament, the statue and busts, aforesaid, be accepted, on the terms mentioned in Mr. *Wood*'s letter to the Secretary of State for the Dominion, dated April, 1871, viz: for the Statue in marble, of the Queen, two thousand guineas, and for the busts of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, one hundred guineas each. It being expressly understood, however, that in the case of the statue of the Queen (which was accidently injured in moving it into the Senate Chamber) the right arm must be replaced, in a thoroughly artistic and satisfactory manner, in marble of the same quality; and any other defects arising from the accident to the statue be made good; that the repair shall be completed within twelve months from this date, and that two hundred guineas be retained until the completion of the work.

A Message was received from His Excellency the Governor General, by *R. Kimber*, Esq., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, desiring the attendance of The House in the Senate Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker, with the Members present, went to the Senate Chamber, where His Excellency was pleased, in Her Majesty's name, to give the Royal Assent to the following Bills, viz. :—

An Act for the prevention of corrupt practices in relation to the collection of the Revenue.

An Act to establish one Uniform Currency for the Dominion of Canada.

An Act to prolong, for a certain time, the term allowed for the redemption of rents reserved on certain Indian lands in the Township of Dundee.

An Act to extend the provisions of the Act authorizing the imposition and collection of Harbor Dues by the Corporation of the Town Owen Sound.

An Act to indemnify the Members of the Executive Government, and others, for the unavoidable expenditure of Public Money, in excess of the Parliamentary Grant, incurred in repelling the threatened invasion of the Fenians in 1870.

An Act to amend and explain the Act to amend the Charter of the Ontario Bank.

An Act to incorporate the Ontario and Quebec Railway Company.

An Act to incorporate the Mutual Life Association of Canada.

An Act to make further provision for the government of the North West Territories.

An Act for more effectually preventing the desertion of Seamen in the Port of Quebec.

An Act to amend the Act thirty-third *Victoria*, chapter forty, respecting the settlement of the affairs of the Bank of Upper Canada.

An Act respecting the Loan authorized by the Act 32 and 33 *Vict.*, cap. 1, for the purpose of paying a certain sum to the Hudson's Bay Company.

An Act further to amend the Acts respecting the improvement and management of the Harbor of Quebec.

An Act further to amend the Act respecting fishing by foreign vessels.

An Act to amend the Acts relating to Duties of Customs.

An Act to incorporate the Sault St. Mary Railway and Bridge Company.

An Act respecting certain officers of the Trinity House of Quebec.

An Act to incorporate the Isolated Risk Fire Insurance Company of Canada.
An Act to incorporate the Montreal and City of Ottawa Junction Railway Company.
An Act to amend the Insolvent Act of 1869.
An Act to incorporate "The Confederation Life Association."
An Act to amend the Census Act.
An Act to incorporate the Kingston and Pembroke Railway Company.
An Act to extend to the Province of New Brunswick, the operation of the Act of the Legislature of the late Province of Canada, concerning the Synod of the Church of England, in Canada.
An Act concerning the Vaudreuil Railway Company.
An Act to incorporate the Western Bank.
An Act to incorporate the Metropolitan Bank.
An Act to comprise in one Act the Financial Affairs of the Great Western Railway Company.
An Act to Incorporate the Bedford District Bank.
An Act to amend the Act incorporating the Sun Insurance Company of Montreal.
An Act to incorporate the Bank of Liverpool.
An Act to authorize the incorporated Village of Trenton to impose and collect Harbor Dues, and for other purposes.
An Act relating to the Commercial Bank of New Brunswick.
An Act to incorporate the Dominion Telegraph Company.
An Act to authorize the Northern Railway Company of Canada to make agreements for the leasing, using and working of the Lines of Railway of other Companies.
An Act to provide for the appointment of a Port Warden for the Harbor of Quebec.
An Act to make provision for validating certain Premium Notes taken or held by Mutual Fire Insurance Companies.
An Act to amend the Act respecting Insurance Companies.
An Act to authorize the sale of the Oakville Harbor.
An Act to extend to the Province of Manitoba certain of the Criminal Laws now in force in the other Provinces of the Dominion.
An Act to incorporate the Frederickton and Saint Mary's Bridge Company.
An Act in relation to the Library of Parliament.
An Act to authorize the sale or lease of the Rockwood Asylum to the Province of Ontario.
An Act relating to Banks and Banking.
An Act to incorpoaate the Mutual Insurance Company of Canada.
An Act to extend the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion of Canada.
An Act to make temporary provision for the election of Members to serve in the House of Commons of Canada.
An Act to amend the Act further securing the Independence of Parliament.
An Act to provide additional facilities for depositing Savings at interest with the Security of the Government, and for the issue and redemption of Dominion Notes.
An Act to amend the Inland Revenue Act, 1868, and to alter the duties of Excise chargeable in the Province of Manitoba.
An Act to amend the Act 31st *Victoria*, Chapter 66, respecting Aliens and Naturalization.
An Act respecting the force and effect of the Acts of the Parliament of Canada, in and in relation to the Province of Manitoba, and the Colony of British Columbia when it becomes a Province of the Dominion.
An Act to continue for a limited time the Acts herein mentioned.
An Act to make provision for the detention of female convicts in Reformatory prisons, in the Province of Quebec; and for other purposes, relating to prisons in that Province.
An Act to enable Railway Companies, to provide the necessary accommodation for the increasing traffic over their railways; and to amend *The Railway Act* 1868.
An Act respecting certain Savings Banks in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.
An Act to render permissive the use of the Metric or Decimal system of Weights and Measures.

The Speaker of the House of Commons then said:
May it please your Excellency: The Commons of Canada have voted the monies required for the Public Service.
In their name I present a Bill, intituled: "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required to defray certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending, respectively the 30th June 1871; and the 30th June, 1872," to which I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.
To this Bill the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—
In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill.
His Excellency was then pleased to address the two Houses in the following Speech:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate

Gentlemen of the House of Commons—

In releasing you from further attendence in Parliament, I beg leave to express my warm acknowledgements for the diligence with which you have applied yourselves to the discharge of your public duties.
The Session has been brief, but work of importance has been accomplished, and I may congratulate you on the prospect which is foreshadowed, that in the future, the Sessions of the Parliament of the Dominion will not make the inconvenient demands on the time of the Members which they have done in the past.

The arrival in Ottawa, of the Representatives elected to serve for the Province of Manitoba, and their taking their seats in Parliament, mark signally the completion of the Union of that Province with the Dominion.

The Criminal, Militia and other Statute Laws, not in their nature inapplicable to Manitoba, have been extended to that Province.

The regulations for the Survey and granting of lands in Manitoba were modelled on a system tested by experience, and will, by their liberality, offer a free home to all, without restriction, who desire to settle in the country and avail themselves of the advantages held out to them.

It shall be one of my earliest cares during the recess to take steps to negotiate, on equitable principles, with the Indian tribes in Manitoba and the North West Territory, in order to quiet their titles to lands.

The Session which we are now closing has witnessed the consummation of the union of Manitoba, and the adoption of the necessary initial measures to facilitate and ensure the admission of British Columbia into the Dominion.

The Addresses passed by the Senate and House of Commons have been sent forward to the Colonial Secretary for submission to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and I trust Parliament will, at its next Session, have the satisfaction of viewing as an accomplished fact the union of all Her Majesty's Continental Possessions in North America, an object of which the attainment, even the most sanguine advocates of Confederation did not anticipate for many years to come.

I cherish the expectation that the result of the Census will demonstrate that the several Provinces of the Dominion have made a rapid advance in population and in all the elements of material prosperity during the last decade.

The fisheries question is still under the consideration of the Joint High Commission at Washington, and I am confident that every effort is being made to secure such a result as will meet the reasonable expectations of the Canadian people, and tend to the preservation of lasting amity and good feeling between Great Britain and the United States.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

I tender you my thanks for the readiness with which you have granted the supplies for the present year.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :

We have abundant cause for rejoicing at the present moment in the favourable state of the revenue and the thriving condition of many branches of the national industry. I gratefully acknowledge the loyalty of the people, and the spirit of order and respect for the law, which prevail in every part of the country, and I pray, with all humility that these blessings may be of long continuance, and that He, from whom all good proceeds, may vouchsafe to look with favour on this Dominion.

The Parliament of the Dominion of Canada was then prorogued to Thursday, the 25th May, next.

JAMES COCKBURN,
Speaker.

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