

“ That, in declaring on the 28th July last, “ that in the opinion of this House the City of *Ottawa* ought not to be the permanent Seat of the Government of this Province,” this House, without intending any want of respect to the Sovereign, expressed its views and opinions on the subject of the Seat of Government in the ordinary and constitutional exercise of its privileges,” instead thereof.

And which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, that the words “ the fundamental principle of the representative system, and one of the most important advantages resulting from it, is the right of the majority to have their views and opinions prevail in the administration of the country; and it is the duty of this House to repel any attempt which might endanger a principle which for centuries has preserved, in a wise measure of progress, the franchises and liberties of *England*.” That, in declaring on the 28th July last, “ that in the opinion of this House the City of *Ottawa* ought not to be the permanent Seat of Government of this Province,” this House, without intending any want of respect to the Sovereign, expressed its views and opinions on the subject of the Seat of Government in the ordinary and constitutional exercise of its privileges;” be left out, and the words “ we will give our earnest attention to the Question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*; and we feel it our duty to express our devoted attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and our gratitude for the interest she has taken in the welfare of Her *Canadian* subjects, by selecting the City of *Ottawa* as the future Seat of the Provincial Government; but we would, at the same time, respectfully beg leave to submit to Your Excellency, that the Federal Union of all the *North American* Colonies having been mooted by Your Excellency’s Constitutional Advisers to the Imperial Government, and also to the Governments of the other Colonies, which, should such an union take place, might be desirous of having a voice in the selection of a Seat of Government, it is inexpedient at present to take any steps towards the erection of Public Buildings at *Ottawa*,” inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment,

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.

Then, on motion of Mr. *R. W. Scott*, seconded by the Honorable *Sidney Smith*,
 The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 8th February, 1859.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Return from the Registrar of the United Counties of *Lennox* and *Addington*, pursuant to the Act 16 *Vic.* cap. 187, section 9, for the year 1858.—(Appendix No. 10.)

Also, Accounts of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, for the year ending 31st December, 1858.—(Appendix No. 14.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Roblin*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Frontenac*, *Lennox*, and *Addington*.

By Mr. *A. P. McDonald*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Middlesex*.

By Mr. *Simpson*,—The Petition of *William O'Hare* and others, of the County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Papineau*,—The Petition of the Board of Notaries of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *William D. Eberts* and others, of *Chatham*; and the Petition of *Thomas D. Phillipp*s and others.

By Mr. *Dubord*,—The Petition of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*; and the Petition of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*.

The Honorable Mr. *Alley*n, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, laid before the House, by Command of His Excellency the Governor General, Report of the Postmaster General of *Canada*, for the year ending 30th September, 1858.—(Appendix No. 1.)

The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Amendment to the Amendment, which was, on Wednesday, the second instant, proposed to be made to the second paragraph of the Question:—

“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 of the Provincial Parliament; and further to assure His Excellency,—

“That we shall give our earnest attention to the question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*.

“That the Legislature of *Canada* having resolved that a fixed Seat of Government should be selected, and having solicited Our Gracious Queen, by an Address of either House, to exercise Her prerogative in making such selection, —and an Act, moreover, having been passed adopting beforehand the decision of Her Majesty, and appropriating the necessary funds,—We agree with His Excellency that the Act of the Canadian Parliament and the decision of the Queen are binding on the Executive Government of the Province, and that it will be their duty to carry out the understanding which existed at the time when the reference was made; by which the Government will be transferred to *Quebec* for a fixed period, until the necessary arrangements shall have been completed.

“That any Correspondence with Her Majesty's Government which His Excellency may be pleased to lay before us, will receive our most respectful consideration;—and that we are prepared to recognize the selection made by Her Majesty at our own request; and that we shall not fail duly to acknowledge Her gracious compliance with the Address which we ourselves caused to be presented to Her.

“That we have much satisfaction in learning from His Excellency that the Commission for the settlement of the Seigniorial Tenure will shortly close its labours, and that a moderate outlay beyond the appropriation of 1854 will satisfy all reasonable expectations on the part of the *Censitaires*.

“That we agree with His Excellency that the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada* requires revisal and consolidation, and that we shall not fail duly to consider any measure for this purpose which His Excellency may cause to be submitted to us.

“That any Correspondence which His Excellency may be pleased to place in our hands, respecting the possibility of uniting, by some tie of a federal character, the British Colonies in *North America*, will receive our attentive consideration; as will also any Despatches from Her Majesty's Secretary of State, in relation to questions affecting the *Hudson's Bay Company*, and on the subject of the Inter-Colonial Railway.

“That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts for the year just expired will be laid before us as soon as possible.

“ That while we regret, with His Excellency, that the financial and commercial depression which has weighed upon us, in common with our neighbours, has not wholly passed away, it is gratifying to us to learn that, in His Excellency’s opinion, symptoms of amendment have begun to show themselves; and we trust that should Providence bless *Canada* this year with her usually abundant harvest, she will recover her former prosperous condition. The exercise of a sound and rigid economy in every department of the public service will, we hope, again enable us to bring our whole expenditure within the limits required by our Revenue.

“ That we have much satisfaction in learning that an arrangement respecting the debt due to the Imperial Government, and the sinking fund connected with it, of a character highly advantageous to the Province, has been effected in England; and that any papers relating to this matter which are laid before us will receive our serious attention.

“ That any supplies required for Her Majesty’s Service will be cheerfully granted by us.

“ That we beg to assure His Excellency, that every thing will be done with a view to placing the tariff on a satisfactory footing, and that the principle of *ad valorem* duties will be adopted in all cases in which it can be properly and advantageously applied.

“ That we rejoice to learn that the important work of the revision of the Statutes is nearly completed, and that we shall not fail to pass any measure of consolidation which may be found necessary.

“ That we thank His Excellency for having summoned us to meet on the present occasion at the time most convenient to ourselves. And that we are happy to know that His Excellency is of opinion that so much beneficial legislation on important subjects has been dealt with in the last few Sessions that he hopes to congratulate us on our release at a time somewhat earlier than usual.”

And which Amendment was, that all the words after “ That” to the end thereof be left out, in order to insert the words, “ the fundamental principle of the representative system, and one of the most important advantages resulting from it, is the right of the majority to have their views and opinions prevail in the administration of the country; and it is the duty of this House to repel any attempt which might endanger a principle which for centuries has preserved, in a wise measure of progress, the franchises and liberties of England. That, in declaring on the 28th July last, “ that in the opinion of this House the City of *Ottawa* ought not to be the permanent Seat of the Government of this Province,” this House, without intending any want of respect to the Sovereign, expressed its views and opinions on the subject of the Seat of Government in “ the ordinary and constitutional exercise of its privileges;” inserted instead thereof;

And which Amendment to the said proposed Amendment was, that the words, “ the fundamental principle of the representative system, and one of the most important advantages resulting from it, is the right of the majority to have their views and opinions prevail in the administration of the country; and it is the duty of this House to repel any attempt which might endanger a principle which for centuries has preserved, in a wise measure of progress, the franchises and liberties of England. That, in declaring on the 28th July last, “ that in the opinion of this House the City of *Ottawa* ought not to be the permanent Seat of the Government of this Province,” this House, without intending any want of respect to the Sovereign, expressed its views and opinions on the subject of the Seat of Government in the ordinary and constitutional exercise of its privileges,” be left out; and the words “ we will give our earnest attention to the question of the Seat of Government of *Canada*; and we feel it

“ our duty to express our devoted attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and
 “ our gratitude for the interest she has taken in the welfare of Her *Canadian*
 “ subjects, by selecting the City of *Ottawa* as the future Seat of the Provincial
 “ Government; but we would, at the same time, respectfully beg leave to sub-
 “ mit to Your Excellency, that the Federal Union of all the *North American*
 “ Colonies having been mooted by Your Excellency’s Constitutional Advisers to
 “ the Imperial Government, and also to the Governments of the other Colonies,
 “ which, should such an union take place, might be desirous of having a voice
 “ in the selection of a Seat of Government,—it is inexpedient at present to take
 “ any steps towards the erection of Public Buildings at *Ottawa*,” inserted instead
 thereof.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment,

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment; the House divided; and it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the original Question;

Mr. *Archembeault* moved, in amendment to the said proposed Amendment, seconded by Mr. *Coutlée*, That the words “the fundamental principle of the representative system, and one of the most important advantages resulting from it, is the right of the majority to have their views and opinions prevail in the administration of the country; and it is the duty of this House to repel any attempt which might endanger a principle which for centuries has preserved, in a wise measure of progress, the franchises and liberties of *England*. That, in declaring on the 28th July last, “that in the opinion of this House, the City of *Ottawa* ought not to be the permanent Seat of Government of this Province,” this House, without intending any want of respect to the Sovereign, expressed its views and opinions on the subject of the Seat of Government in the ordinary and constitutional exercise of its privileges,” be left out, and the words “the Legislature of *Canada* having resolved that a fixed Seat of Government should be selected, and having solicited Our Gracious Queen, by an Address of either House, to exercise Her prerogative in making such selection,—and an Act, moreover, having been passed, adopting beforehand the decision of Her Majesty, and appropriating the necessary funds,—we agree with His Excellency that the Act of the Canadian Parliament and the decision of the Queen are binding on the Executive Government of the Province, but that we regret that Her Majesty has not been advised to select the City of *Montreal* rather than the City of *Ottawa*, and that we therefore respectfully take the liberty to submit to Your Excellency, that it is the opinion of this House that an Address be presented to Her Majesty to represent that this House humbly prays Her Majesty to reconsider the selection she has been advised to make of a future Capital of *Canada*, and to name *Montreal* as such future Capital,” inserted instead thereof;

And the Question being put on the Amendment to the said proposed Amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs

<i>Archembeault,</i>	<i>Dufresne,</i>	<i>Labelle,</i>	<i>Terrill,</i>
<i>Campbell,</i>	<i>Foster,</i>	<i>Morin,</i>	<i>Turcotte,</i>
<i>Coutlée,</i>	<i>Gill,</i>	<i>Sincennes,</i>	13. <i>Whitney.</i>
<i>Daoust,</i>			

NAYS.

Messieurs

<i>Aikins,</i>	<i>Dionne,</i>	<i>Langevin,</i>	<i>Powell, Walker</i>
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<i>Alleyn,</i>	<i>Dorion,</i>	<i>Lemieux,</i>	<i>Price,</i>
<i>Baby,</i>	<i>Drummond,</i>	<i>Loranger,</i>	<i>Robinson,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dubord,</i>	<i>Macbeth,</i>	<i>Roblin,</i>
<i>Bell,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen. Rose,</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Bellingham,</i>	<i>Fellowes,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Donald A. Ross,</i>	<i>Rymal,</i>
<i>Benjamin,</i>	<i>Ferguson,</i>	<i>Macdonald, John S.</i>	<i>Scott, Richard W.</i>
<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Ferres,</i>	<i>MacLeod,</i>	<i>Scott, William</i>
<i>Bourussa,</i>	<i>Finlayson,</i>	<i>Mattice,</i>	<i>Sherwood,</i>
<i>Brown,</i>	<i>Foley,</i>	<i>McCann,</i>	<i>Short,</i>
<i>Buchanan,</i>	<i>Fournier,</i>	<i>McDonald, A. P.</i>	<i>Sicotte,</i>
<i>Bureau.</i>	<i>Galt,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Simpson,</i>
<i>Burton,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Smith, Sidney</i>
<i>Cameron, Malcolm</i>	<i>Gould,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Curling,</i>	<i>Gowan,</i>	<i>McMicken,</i>	<i>Starnes,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Harcourt,</i>	<i>Meagher,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cayley,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Talbot,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Heuth,</i>	<i>Mowat,</i>	<i>Tassé,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Hébert,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Tctt,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Hogan,</i>	<i>Notman,</i>	<i>Thibaudeau,</i>
<i>Cimon,</i>	<i>Holmes,</i>	<i>Panet,</i>	<i>Wallbridge,</i>
<i>Clark,</i>	<i>Houland,</i>	<i>Papineau,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Connor,</i>	<i>Jobin,</i>	<i>Patrick,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cook,</i>	<i>Laberge,</i>	<i>Piché,</i>	<i>102. Wright.</i>
<i>Daly,</i>	<i>Lacoste,</i>	<i>Playfair,</i>	
<i>Desaulniers,</i>	<i>Laframboise,</i>		

So it passed in the negative.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment to the original Question,

And a further Debate arising thereupon ;

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cauchon*, seconded by Mr. *Dorland*,
The House adjourned.

Wednesday, 9th February, 1859.

MR. SPEAKER laid before the House,—Statement of the average amount of Liabilities and Assets of the City Bank of *Montreal* on the 31st January, 1859.—(Appendix No. 13.)

Also, Statement of the *Quebec* Provident and Savings Bank to the 1st March, 1858.—(Appendix No. 13.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:—

By Mr. *Bell*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*.

By Mr. *Dunkin*,—The Petition of *John Leeming* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Jobin*,—The Petition of the Mechanics' Institute and Library Association of the Village of *Industrie*.

By Mr. *McKellar*,—Five Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Kent*.

By Mr. *Stirton*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of