

"(c.) Lighthouses, Buoys, Beacons, and Lightships, and such further charges as may be incident to and connected with the services which by 'The British North America Act, 1867,' appertain to the General Government, and as are or may be allowed to the other Provinces."

The Hon. the ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the adoption of this Clause, which he said was taken from "The British North America Act, 1867," and would relieve the Colony of the payment of a certain amount annually in the shape of Salaries.

Hon. Mr. HUMPHREYS—I shall move a recommendation that the maintenance of the Roads by the Dominion Government, be included in this Clause.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—This seems to be a made up clause, it is provided for in "The British North America Act," and the insertion of the clause in these Resolutions looks like setting it before the country for the object of educating them up to what they are expected to ask for.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—It is an essential part of the whole scheme.

Hon. Mr. TRUTCH—I think it is partly provided for by "The British North America Act;" yet it is included in the Terms of the proposed admission of Newfoundland.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—And of all the other Provinces.

Hon. Mr. ROBSON—I do not agree with the Hon. Member for Victoria District. I think the Act of British North America applies to original Provinces, and provision is made for the admission of others. They might be presumed to apply to us, but I think it is proper to ask in an address that these charges should be put in, and that it is as necessary to insert these as it is to insert any clauses. We should make it plain that we desire to have these terms applied to us.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—There is no provision in paragraph (b) for payment of salaries of Judges of Admiralty or District Courts.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—I move to strike out these paragraphs; they are mere verbiage. One word with respect to the Admiralty Court, which ought to be included if the Supreme Court is inserted.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—We have no power, as a Council, to deal with the constitution of the Admiralty Court; nor is this the proper time to enter into any discussion respecting it.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—I say we have every power, and I take this opportunity of saying that the Admiralty Court is badly managed. I have heard it insinuated that the Judges of the Admiralty Courts in this Colony have been influenced by fees to prolong the business of the Court and drag out Admiralty business to its utmost length, instead of pushing it through, as the business of the Common Law Courts is pushed through. There ought to be no fees. Admiralty practice in this Colony is likely, in case of war, to assume enormous proportions. I do not see why a condition should not be inserted to provide us with an Admiralty Court with Judges to be paid by fees.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—Does the Hon. the Attorney-General intend to insert Admiralty Court?

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—We must not arrogate to ourselves powers which we have not; and the insertion of such a clause in the Resolutions which we are now discussing would be entirely out of place, and I would suggest to Hon. Members not to introduce this Resolution now, but let it be brought up as a substantive measure. It cannot be brought up again, if it is decided now.

Hon. Mr. WOOD—I said, and I repeat it, that if the Imperial Government were properly approached this thing might be done, just as if the Crown were properly approached, the Crown Salaries Act might be repealed.

Hon. Mr. DECOSMOS—I think some action ought to be taken. I wish to call attention to the fact that the Canadian Parliament have power to fix the salaries of the Judges in Admiralty, where they are paid by salaries.

Hon. ATTORNEY-GENERAL—Then bring the matter up separately.

Hon. Mr. DRAKE—I would draw the Attorney-General's attention to section 100 of the British North America Act, which includes Admiralty Courts where the Judges are paid by salaries and pensions. It is expressly stated that the terms of the British North America Act shall apply to this Colony; then why not insert it in the words of the Act? Though we are