

LAND CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

Friday, 22nd August, 1862.

Committee met pursuant to notice.

Present :—

Hon. Mr. Dillon Bell,
Mr. Weld,
“ Wells,

Mr. Carleton,
“ C. J. Taylor,
“ Wood.

Minutes of the last three Meetings were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Carleton :

That in the opinion of this Committee a proper course will be the following :—

1. To go through the detailed return of cases, and strike out those claims which on the principle of exclusion (recommended by the Land Claims Commissioner) have been finally settled, or ought not to be again considered.
2. To make a list of all Claimants not coming within the principles of exclusion so recommended.
3. To grant to every such Claimant a right of having his case settled on one of the three courses proposed by the Land Claims Commissioner.
4. To charge such fees as will cover the expenses of investigations.

A discussion arose thereupon.

Committee adjourned until Saturday, 23rd August, at 11 a.m.

Saturday, August 23rd, 1862.

Committee met pursuant to adjournment.

Present :—

Mr. Weld,
Hon. Mr. Dillon Bell,
Mr. Wells,
Major Richardson,

Major Nixon,
Mr. C. J. Taylor,
Mr. Carleton,
Hon. Mr. Wood.

Minutes of last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Committee resumed the consideration of the Resolutions proposed by Mr. Carleton the preceding day, and they being put *seriatim* were agreed to.

Moved by the Hon. Mr. Wood : That in the opinion of this Committee it is not advisable to include amongst the list of cases for reconsideration those, where by reason of the extent of the claim, a certain amount of land has reverted to the Crown.

Mr. Carleton moved in Amendment, to add to the Resolution the words: “But that those words shall not be held to exclude the re-consideration of the maximum.”

And the Question being put, that the words proposed to be added be so added, the Committee divided, when there were—

Aye 1.
Mr. Carleton.

Noes 4.
Mr. Wells,
Major Nixon,
Major Richardson,
Hon. Mr. Wood.

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the Original Question being put, the Committee divided, when there were—

Ayes, 4.
Mr. Wells,
Major Nixon,
Major Richardson,
Hon. Mr. Wood.

Noes, 1.
Mr. Carleton.

So it passed in the Affirmative.

Moved by Mr. Carleton: That any new Act ought to be kept altogether clear of all previous enactments, providing simply the means of holding enquiries as to whether injuries had been suffered from the Government, and what amount of compensation is due and shall be made for such injuries.

The Chairman moved in Amendment: That the consideration of Mr. Carleton's Resolution be postponed.

And the Question being put on the Amendment, it passed in the Affirmative.

The Committee then adjourned till summoned by the Chairman.