

The House proceeded, accordingly, to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Bellerose* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*, and the question being proposed,

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 of the Provincial Parliament, and further to assure His Excellency that we are grateful to His Excellency for the expression of his desire to avail himself of our advice in carrying on the Government, and his hope that we shall find in the magnificent buildings erected in the City chosen by Her Majesty as the Seat of Government, increased facilities for the despatch of public business, while they will prove adequate to the great future of this country.

2. That we learn with satisfaction that immediately after the termination of the last Session of Parliament, His Excellency convened, by instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a Council of Trade, including representatives from the different Provinces of *British North America*; and that we thank His Excellency for having directed the proceedings of this body to be laid before us.

3. That we shall consider, with the attention their importance deserves, the papers relating to the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States of America*, and to the negotiations on the subject of our commercial relations with that Country, whenever His Excellency shall cause them to be laid before us.

4. That we share with His Excellency the conviction that it has now become still more imperative to open, by an extension of the trade of the country with other nations, new markets for the varied products of our industry.

5. That we learn with much interest, that in consequence of the notice for the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, His Excellency deemed it needful, with the assent and approbation of Her Majesty's Government, to send a Deputation representing the Colonies of *British North America*, during the winter, to the *West Indies* and *Brazil*, to ascertain the best means of developing and extending commercial relations with those Countries. And that we thank His Excellency for the assurance, that so soon as the Delegation, who have but recently returned from their mission, shall have presented their Report, it will be communicated to us.

6. That we are fully convinced of the wisdom of the course pursued by His Excellency, in view of the threats and preparations for attack on *Canada* constantly and openly made by a body organized in the *United States of America*, and known as "Fenians," in calling out for active service a large portion of the Volunteer Militia Force of the Province.

7. That we are proud to learn that the spirit displayed by the people, and that their ready response to His Excellency's proclamation, have received the well merited approval of Her Majesty's Government.

8. That we agree with His Excellency that the events which have occurred within the last few days afford additional proofs of the necessity for the precautionary measures adopted.

9. That we heartily unite with His Excellency in congratulating the country that the Province having been invaded by a lawless band of Marauders, they were promptly confronted, and within twenty-four hours compelled to make a precipitate retreat.

10. That, with His Excellency, we deplore the loss of life and the sufferings which have been entailed upon the gallant body of the Canadian Volunteers, in the engagement which took place, in repelling so promptly the invaders who had attacked the country; and His Excellency may rest assured that we shall not omit to alleviate, as far as may be in our power, the miseries so wantonly inflicted on many families. But that while we grieve with His Excellency for their individual loss, we proudly concur with him in congratulating the country that the first note of danger has shewn that *Canada* possesses in her Volunteers a body of men ready to peril their lives in defence of their Queen and Country.

11. That we agree with His Excellency in believing that the entire people have been thoroughly aroused by recent occurrences; and that it must now be apparent to all that the whole resources of the country, both in men and means, will at any moment be cheerfully given in repelling any invasion of their homes.

12. That it affords us great pleasure to learn that, in the measures of defence which His Excellency has been called upon to take, he has received the unremitting support of the Lieutenant General Commanding, and of Admiral Sir *James Hope*; and that we desire,

with His Excellency, to acknowledge, with unfeigned pleasure, the gallant devotion displayed by the officers and men of Her Majesty's Military and Naval forces in *Canada*.

13. That we learn with great satisfaction that the President of the *United States* has issued a Proclamation, declaring that serious infractions of the laws of that country have been and are being committed by evil-disposed persons within the territory and jurisdiction of the *United States*, against the British possessions in *North America*, and requiring all Officers of his Government to exert every effort for their repression; and that we trust, with His Excellency, that the course thus adopted will, ere long, prevent this country from being subjected to further attacks from the Citizens of a Nation on terms of amity with *Great Britain*.

14. That we are aware that the maintenance of the Force on active duty, which the Government has been compelled to call out, must have involved an expenditure to a large amount which was not provided for by the votes of last Session.

15. That we humbly thank His Excellency for the promise that the accounts of this expenditure will be specially laid before us; and that we shall readily consider any measure submitted to us for indemnifying the Government for this unavoidable departure from the provisions of the Audit Act.

16. That we concur with His Excellency in the opinion that recent occurrences shew the necessity of extending to *Lower Canada* the Act chapter ninety-eight of the Consolidated Statutes for *Upper Canada*, to protect the inhabitants of that section of the Province against lawless aggression from subjects of Foreign Countries at peace with Her Majesty; and that it has also become necessary, for the preservation of law and order, to adopt a course similar to that taken in the present Session of the Imperial Parliament, for the temporary suspension of the Writ of *Habeas Corpus*; and that we have given effect to the suggestion of His Excellency, by passing unanimously the measures submitted to us for these purposes.

17. That we are gratified to learn that His Excellency has fixed, by Proclamation, the first day of August next as the time at which the Civil Code of *Lower Canada*, passed in the last Session of Parliament, shall come into operation.

18. That we shall not fail to give our early attention to the Code of Civil Procedure of *Lower Canada*, as reported by the Commissioners, whenever His Excellency shall be pleased to submit it for our adoption.

19. That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Financial Accounts for the current year, and the Estimates of Expenditure for the next year, shall be laid before us.

20. That we receive with pleasure His Excellency's congratulations upon the very satisfactory results of the Commerce of the Country during the past year; and that we rejoice to know that the revenue has been so largely in excess of the Estimates as to enable His Excellency, without inconvenience, to provide for the heavy and unexpected charges entailed upon the Country.

21. That we hail with satisfaction the announcement, by His Excellency, that the position which the great question of the Union of the Provinces of *British North America* has assumed, is now such as to induce the expectation that the measure will be shortly carried into effect; that we hope and believe, with His Excellency, that it will be found practicable during the present session to adopt such proceedings as may be necessary for completing the details of the scheme as regards this Province; and that we unite with His Excellency in the confident expectation that the next Parliament which will be held within these walls will not be confined to an Assembly of the Representatives of *Canada*, but will embrace those of all the Colonies of *British North America*.

22. That we thankfully receive His Excellency's congratulations on the general prosperity which pervades all classes of the community in the Province; and that we humbly join His Excellency in the prayer that our councils may be guided by Divine Providence to secure that which is the true end of all government, the moral and material advancement of the great body of the people.

Ordered, That the Question be put upon each paragraph of the said motion.

And the first paragraph being again read, and the Question being put thereon, the House divided: and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the second to the twentieth paragraphs inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

And the twenty-first paragraph being again read, as followeth:—

21. "That we hail with satisfaction, the announcement by His Excellency, that the position which the great question of the Union of the Provinces of *British North America* has assumed, is now such as to induce the expectation that the measure will be shortly carried into effect. That we hope and believe with His Excellency, that it will be found practicable during the present Session, to adopt such proceedings as may be necessary for completing the details of the scheme as regards this Province; and that we unite with His Excellency in the confident expectation that the next Parliament which will be held within these walls, will not be confined to the assembly of the representatives of *Canada*, but will embrace those of all the Colonies of *British North America*;"

The Honorable Mr. *Dorion (Hochelaga)* moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*, That all the words after "That" to the end of the Question be left out, and the words, "While we receive, with becoming respect, the announcement by "His Excellency, with reference to the question of the Union of the Provinces of *British North America*, we deem it our duty to express to His Excellency our earnest conviction, "that a measure effecting so radical a change in the political institutions and relations of "this Province, should not be carried into effect until the people shall have had an opportunity of expressing their approval thereof," inserted instead thereof.

And the Question being put on the amendment; the House divided: and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follows:—

YEAS:

Messieurs

<i>Biggar,</i>	<i>Dorion (Hochelaga),</i>	<i>Houde,</i>	<i>Pâquet,</i>
<i>Bourassa,</i>	<i>Dufresne (Iberville),</i>	<i>Labreche-Viger,</i>	<i>Perrault,</i>
<i>Caron,</i>	<i>Fortier,</i>	<i>Lajoie,</i>	<i>Pouliot, and</i>
<i>Coupal,</i>	<i>Geoffrion,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Cornw'l),</i>	<i>Rymal.—19.</i>
<i>Dorion (Drum. & Art.)</i>	<i>Holton,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Gleng'ry),</i>	

NAYS:

Messieurs

<i>Alley,</i>	<i>Denis,</i>	<i>Macdonald (Tor'to W.)</i>	<i>Rémillard,</i>
<i>Archambeault,</i>	<i>Dickson,</i>	<i>MacFarlane,</i>	<i>Robitaille,</i>
<i>Ault,</i>	<i>Dufresne (Montcalm),</i>	<i>Mackenzie (Lambton),</i>	<i>Rose,</i>
<i>Beaubien,</i>	<i>Dunkin,</i>	<i>Magill,</i>	<i>Ross (Champlain),</i>
<i>Bellerose,</i>	<i>Dunsford,</i>	<i>McConkey,</i>	<i>Ross (Dundas),</i>
<i>Blanchet,</i>	<i>Evanturel,</i>	<i>McDougall,</i>	<i>Scoble,</i>
<i>Bowman,</i>	<i>Gaucher,</i>	<i>McGee,</i>	<i>Shanly,</i>
<i>Bown,</i>	<i>Gaudet,</i>	<i>McGiverin,</i>	<i>Smith (East Durham),</i>
<i>Brousseau,</i>	<i>Gibbs,</i>	<i>McIntyre,</i>	<i>Somerville,</i>
<i>Burwell,</i>	<i>Harwood,</i>	<i>McKellar,</i>	<i>Stirton,</i>
<i>Cameron (Peel),</i>	<i>Haultain,</i>	<i>McMonies,</i>	<i>Street,</i>
<i>Carling,</i>	<i>Higginson,</i>	<i>Morris,</i>	<i>Tremblay,</i>
<i>Cartier, Atty. Gen.,</i>	<i>Howland,</i>	<i>Morrison,</i>	<i>Walsh,</i>
<i>Cartwright,</i>	<i>Irvine,</i>	<i>Munro,</i>	<i>Webb,</i>
<i>Cauchon,</i>	<i>Jackson,</i>	<i>Parlier,</i>	<i>Wells,</i>
<i>Chapais,</i>	<i>Jones (N. L'ds & Gren.)</i>	<i>Pinsonneault,</i>	<i>White,</i>
<i>Cochburn,</i>	<i>Knight,</i>	<i>Poulin,</i>	<i>Willson,</i>
<i>Cornellier,</i>	<i>Langewin,</i>	<i>Powell,</i>	<i>Wright (Ottawa Co.) &</i>
<i>Cowan,</i>	<i>Le Boutillier,</i>	<i>Rankin,</i>	<i>Wright (E. York)—79.</i>
<i>De Boucherville,</i>	<i>Macdonald, Atty. Gen.</i>	<i>Raymond,</i>	

So it passed in the Negative.

And the twenty-first paragraph being again read, and the Question being put thereon, the House divided: and it was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the twenty-second and last paragraph being again read, was agreed to.

Resolved, 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.

Resolved. That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*, Mr. *Bellerose*, Mr. *Gibb*, and the Honorable Mr. *Howland*, to prepare and report the Draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to both Houses of the Legislature, in conformity with the said Resolution.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald* reported, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, Viscount MONCK, Baron MONCK of *Ballytrammon*, in the County of *Wexford*, Governor General of *British North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

We are grateful to Your Excellency for the expression of your desire to avail yourself of our advice in carrying on the Government, and of your hope that we shall find, in the magnificent Buildings erected in the City chosen by Her Majesty as the Seat of Government, increased facilities for the despatch of public business, while they will prove adequate to the great future of this country.

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The said Address being read a second time, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, to know His Excellency's pleasure when he will be attended by this House with its Address.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive the House, with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, to-morrow, at half past three o'clock in the afternoon.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 12th June, 1866.

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

By Mr. *Smith* (East *Durham*),—The Petition of the *Port Hope, Lindsay and Beaverton* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Boun*,—The Petition of the Freeholders and Householdors of School Section No. 5, Township of *Brantford*.

By Mr. *Currier*,—The Petition of *Joseph Aumond* and others, of the City of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Pâquet*,—The Petition of *F. X. Désy* and others, of the Common of *L'Isle du Pads*; and the Petition of *P. E. Dostaler* and others, of the Common of *Berthier*, both of the County of *Berthier*.

By Mr. *Dorion* (*Drummond* and *Arthabaska*),—The Petition of *E. Connell* and others, of the Township of *Wickham*.

By the Honorable Mr. Solicitor General *Cockburn*,—The Petition of *Henry John Boswell*, of *Cobourg*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alleyn*,—The Petition of the *St. Lawrence* Tow Boat Company; and the Petition of the Male Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*,—The Petition of *R. Gaskin* and others, Ship-owners and Masters of Vessels, of the Port of *Kingston*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron* (*Peel*),—The Petition of *John Jackson* and others, heirs at law of the late *Robert Jackson*, of the Township of *Scarborough*, Yeoman.

By the Honorable Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of *E. Leonard* and others, of the City of *London*, County of *Middlesex*; and the Petition of *James Johnson*, of the City of *London*, Vice-President of the Western Counties Permanent Building and Savings Society; and *William Dempster* of the same place, Treasurer of the said Society.