

same, &c., &c., &c., being seated in the Chair on the Throne, the Honorable the Speaker commanded the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to proceed to the Legislative Assembly, and acquaint that House "It is His Excellency's pleasure they attend him immediately in this House."

Who being come with their Speaker,

The Clerk of the Crown in Chancery read the Titles of the Bills to be passed severally as follow :—

" An Act to authorize the apprehension and detention until the eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, of such persons as shall be suspected of committing Acts of hostility or conspiring against Her Majesty's Person and Government."

" An Act to protect the inhabitants of *Lower Canada* against lawless aggressions from Subjects of *Foreign* Countries at peace with Her Majesty."

To each of these Bills the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Clerk of this House in the words following :—" In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to this Bill."

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Hamilton*, (*Kingston*), seconded by the Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau*,

The House adjourned until Monday next, at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Monday, 11th June, 1866.

The Members convened were :

The Honorable ULRIC JOSEPH TESSIER, Speaker.

The Honorable Messieurs

<i>Aikins</i> ,	<i>Campbell</i> ,	<i>Lacoste</i> ,	<i>Perry</i> ,
<i>Alexander</i> ,	<i>Chaffers</i> ,	<i>Letellier de St. Just</i> ,	<i>Price</i> ,
<i>Armand</i> ,	<i>Christie</i> ,	<i>Macpherson</i> ,	<i>Proulx</i> ,
<i>Armstrong</i> ,	<i>Cormier</i> ,	<i>McCrea</i> ,	<i>Prud'homme</i> ,
<i>Belleau</i> , Sir <i>N. F.</i> ,	<i>Crawford</i> ,	<i>McDonald</i> ,	<i>Read</i> ,
<i>Bennett</i> ,	<i>Duchesnay</i> , <i>E. H. J.</i> ,	<i>McMaster</i> ,	<i>Ryan</i> ,
<i>Blair</i> , <i>Fergusson</i> ,	<i>Dumouchel</i> ,	<i>Malhiot</i> ,	<i>Seymour</i> ,
<i>Boulton</i> ,	<i>Foster</i> ,	<i>Matheson</i> ,	<i>Shaw</i> ,
<i>Bossé</i> ,	<i>Gingras</i> ,	<i>Mills</i> ,	<i>Simpson</i> ,
<i>Bull</i> ,	<i>Guévremont</i> ,	<i>Moore</i> ,	<i>Skead</i> ,
<i>Bureau</i> ,	<i>Hamilton</i> (<i>Inkerman</i>),	<i>Olivier</i> ,	<i>Vidal</i> ,
<i>Burnham</i> ,	<i>Hamilton</i> (<i>Kingston</i>),	<i>Panet</i> ,	<i>Wilson</i> .

PRAYERS.

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Crawford* ; of *James McLaren*, senior, and others, of the Township of *Elizabethtown*, in the County of *Leeds*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Chaffers*; of *Hyacinthe Tétro*, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Angèle*, County of *Rouville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*; of *Charles D. Day*, and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Mills*; of the Corporation of the City of *Hamilton*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Panet*; of the Protestant Female Orphan Asylum of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Crawford*; of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Leeds* and *Grenville*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Fergusson Blair*; two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wellington*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alexander*; of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Missouri East*, in the County of *Oxford*.

By the Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau*; of *L'Asile du bon Pasteur de Québec*; of the Honorable *Louis Renaud*, and others, of the City of *Montreal* and elsewhere; of the Board of Notaries of Lower Canada, in and for the District of *Beauharnois*; and of *James Motz*, of the City of *Quebec*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Ryan*; of *Alexander Urquhart*, and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House the Law Clerk's Report on Expiring Laws.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the *Canada Life Assurance Company*, dated 30th April, 1865;

Also, a Return of the *Queen Insurance Company*, to the 31st August, 1865;

Also, a Return of the *Commercial Union Assurance Company*, made up to the 1st July, 1865;

Also, a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Bedford* for the year 1865;

And also, a Return shewing that no commutation of Tenure has been effected in any of the Censives hitherto belonging to the late Order of the Jesuits in Lower Canada, nor in the Seignior of *Lauzon*, nor Censives of the Crown Domain, *Quebec* or *Three Rivers*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow:—

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Order of the Day being read, for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session,

Which being read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*,

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.—

To assure His Excellency that we are grateful for his expression of pleasure at availing himself of our advice in carrying on the Government and trust with him that there will be found 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.

To thank His Excellency for having directed to be laid before this House the pro-

ceedings of the Council of Trade, including Representatives from the different Provinces of *British North America*, which His Excellency has informed us that he convened, immediately after the termination of the last Session of Parliament, by instructions, from the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and also 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.

To agree with His Excellency 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.

To assure His Excellency that this House will give its best attention to the Report which His Excellency has been pleased to announce his intention of communicating to Parliament as soon as received from the Deputation representing the Colonies of *British North America*, which 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 during the Winter to the *West Indies* and *Brazil*, to ascertain the best means of developing and extending Commercial relation with these Countries.

To express to His Excellency the great pleasure with which this House has learned that 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" having compelled His Excellency, since Parliament rose, by the advice of his Ministers, to call out for active service a large portion of the Volunteer Militia Force of the Province, the spirit displayed by the people and their ready response to His Excellency's Proclamation have received the well merited approval of Her Majesty's Government.

To agree with His Excellency that the events which have occurred within the last few days afford additional proof of the necessity for the precautionary measures adopted.

To rejoice with His Excellency 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.

To unite with His Excellency in deploring the loss of life and 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 to assure His Excellency that we shall not omit to alleviate, as far as may be in our power, the miseries so wantonly inflicted on many families.—But while grieving for their individual loss, to express to His Excellency the feeling of pride with which this House accepts his congratulations to the Country on the fact of the first note of danger having shewn that *Canada* possesses in her Volunteers a body of men ready to peril their lives in defence of their Queen and Country.

To concur with His Excellency in the belief 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.

To express to His Excellency the high gratification of this House at being informed that, in the measures of defence which he has been called upon to take, he has received the unremitting support of the Lieutenant General Commanding, and of Admiral Sir *James Hope*, and to assure His Excellency that it is to this House, as well as to him a source of unfeigned pleasure to acknowledge the gallant devotion displayed by the Officers and men of Her Majesty's Military and Naval forces in *Canada*.

To rejoice with His Excellency 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 Officers of his Government to exert every effort for their repression; and to unite with His Excellency in trusting 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*.

To assure His Excellency that the maintenance of the Force on active duty, which the Government has been compelled to call out, having involved an Expenditure to a large amount which was not provided for by the votes of last Session, this House will cheerfully

concur in passing a Bill indemnifying the Government for this unavoidable departure from the provisions of the Audit Act.

To thank His Excellency for having invited the immediate attention of this House to the consideration of a measure for 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, of which recent occurrences have shewn the necessity, and also of a measure similar to that enacted in the present Session of the Imperial Parliament for the temporary suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus, which had become necessary for the preservation of law and order.

To express satisfaction at being informed by His Excellency that he 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; and that the Code of Civil Procedure of *Lower Canada* as reported by the Commissioners, will be submitted for adoption during the Session.

To convey to His Excellency a sense of the gratification with which this House has learned from 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; and that His Excellency therefore hopes and believes 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 entertains 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*.

To thank His Excellency for his congratulations on the general prosperity which pervades all classes of the Community in the Province, and to unite with His Excellency in praying 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.

The first paragraph of the said Resolution being again read,

The Honorable Mr. *Christie* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Armand*, That the same be adopted.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The remaining paragraphs of the said Resolution being again read and the question of concurrence put on each they were unanimously agreed to.

Ordered, That the Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau* and the Honorable Messieurs *Christie* and *Armand* be appointed a Committee to draft an Address founded on the said Resolution.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau* reported an Address prepared by the said Committee as follows:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable CHARLES STANLEY, Viscount MONCK, Baron Monck of *Ballytrammion*, 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 Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We are grateful for Your Excellency's expression of pleasure at again availing yourself of our advice in carrying on the Government, and we trust with Your Excellency that there will be found 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.

We thank Your Excellency for having directed to be laid before us the proceedings of the Council of Trade, including representatives from the different Provinces of *British North America*, which Your Excellency has informed us that you convened immediately after the termination of the last Session of Parliament, by instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies; and also 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.

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Which said Address being read by the Clerk, was unanimously agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed, and that the same be signed by the Honorable the Speaker of this House.

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

Ordered, That such Members of the Executive Council as are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General humbly to know what time His Excellency will please appoint to be attended with the said Address.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Moore*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau*,
The House adjourned.
