

15. We have the strongest reasons for believing that alterations might be made in the procedure of the Courts of Law and Equity, which would be a relief to the Suitor; and we shall look with great interest to the proposal to be submitted to us for effecting this desirable object.

16. It is to us a subject of great gratification, to find that the Enactments providing for the application of the proceeds of our Public Lands to the construction of Roads, and other facilities of settlement of the Country, have worked well, and afford efficient aid to the industrious Settler in his arduous task of improving Wilderness Lands.

17. The interference of the Legislature, it would seem, is called for, to set at rest, (in any future Grants of Land to be made by the Queen,) the intricate questions which have arisen as to the respective rights of the Crown and the Grantees of the soil to the Mines and Minerals, which promise to become a source of great wealth to the Country. We trust that a measure declaratory of these rights may be introduced.

18. We shall thankfully receive the Returns of the Provincial Revenue, and we deem it a matter of further congratulation to find that the state of our Finances continue to improve, and that the Public Credit has been maintained, notwithstanding the changes which have been in progress in the Commercial Policy of the Home Government.

19. We find with no small satisfaction, that the instalments of the Loan of 1844 continue to be promptly met, and that the provisions of the Act by which the Loan was obtained, afford ample security for its repayment, without trenching upon the General Revenue of the Province.

20. We feel the force of the suggestion of Your Excellency in respect to the Annual Revenue Bills, which it has been the practice to pass in this Province, and shall give them every consideration when we approach that important subject.

21. We shall look with anxiety for the promised answer to the Address of the House to Her Gracious Majesty, with reference to the construction of the Legislative Council, and we assure Your Excellency that in considering so grave a measure as the proposed alteration in the Constitution of the Province, we shall be guided by that calm deliberation which will prevent the adoption of any hasty or ill considered change.

Mr. Ritchie then moved the following Resolution:—

*Resolved*, That this House does not deem it proper to proceed at present to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech, or the important matters therein referred to; it being the deliberate opinion of this House, that the present Constitutional Advisers of His Excellency do not possess the confidence of this House, or the Country at large.

Mr. Ritchie having addressed the Chair in support of the Resolution—

*Ordered*, That the further Debate thereon be adjourned over until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Barberie,

*Resolved*, That a Standing Committee be appointed to whom may be referred all matters which may arise that will in any way affect the privileges of the House.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Barberie, Mr. Hayward, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Ritchie, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Tilley, Mr. Gordon, and Mr. Hanington, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Earle,

*Resolved*, That the Reverend William Q. Ketchum, A. B., be the Chaplain to this House.

To which Mr. Needham moved as an amendment—To expunge all after the word "Resolved," and substitute as follows:—

"That the Ministers of the different Religious Denominations in this City, be requested to act in turn as Chaplain to this House, gratis."