

Resolution for  
Address.

To express our gratification that His Excellency has called us together at so early a period after the dissolution of the last Parliament: And to assure His Excellency:—

That we rejoice that His Excellency derived so much satisfaction from the tour which, during the recess, he was enabled to make through the Province:

That we learn with the greatest satisfaction that steps have been taken for placing the Post Office in British *North America* on an improved footing, and that we shall give our most anxious consideration and attention to any measure which may be proposed to effect this important object:

That we receive with much pleasure the information that a good and practicable line of Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax*, has been discovered by the Officers to whom the exploration was confided:

That we unite with His Excellency in the expression of deepest concern for the distress and suffering attendant upon last year's immigration; and we are gratified to know that Her Majesty's Government have bestowed on the subject the most anxious consideration, with a view to the introduction of such provisions into the Imperial Passenger Act as may afford a security against the recurrence of similar disasters. And that we shall be happy to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in their precautions, by the passage of a Bill, which we hope shall have the effect of discouraging the introduction of diseased and helpless persons into the Province, without checking the tide of healthy immigration which so powerfully contributes to its advancement:

That we shall be happy to receive the several communications, on these and other important matters, which have been addressed to His Excellency by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies:

That we shall give our most attentive consideration to any measure that may be proposed for embodying the provisions generally applicable to Railroad undertakings—for amending the constitution of the University of King's College,—for adopting a more equitable mode of Assessment in *Upper Canada*, and for the improvement of the system of Judicature in both sections of the Province:

That the Accounts of the past year, and Estimates of the present year, shall receive our best consideration, and that His Excellency may fully rely on our readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service.

That we place every confidence in His Excellency's disposition to co-operate with us in all measures calculated to promote the public welfare:

That with the possession in singular abundance of the elements of prosperity and social happiness,—resulting from her great natural capabilities; her enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population; from Institutions which in their main characteristics are so well fitted to reconcile liberty with order; and from the blessings of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful,—*Canada* requires only that these advantages should be turned to account by an equitable and constitutional Government, and by wise and practical legislation, to secure those blessings permanently to her people:

That we feel deeply the responsibility devolving upon Parliament in the endeavour to accomplish these important objects; and we cordially join with His Excellency in the prayer that we may acquit ourselves of that responsibility with fidelity and success:

That we feel it, however, to be our humble duty to submit to His Excellency, that it is essential to the satisfactory result of our deliberations on the

important subjects to which His Excellency has been graciously pleased to direct our attention, and on other matters of public concern, that Her Majesty's Provincial Administration should possess the confidence of this House and of the Country,—and respectfully to represent to His Excellency that that confidence is not reposed in the present Advisers of His Excellency.

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*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, to prepare and report the draught of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General, to both Houses of the Legislature at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

Committee to  
draw up an  
Address.

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, the Honorable Mr. *Baldwin*, Mr. *Price*, Mr. *Boutillier*, and Mr. *Chauveau*, do compose the said Committee.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Sherwood*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Badgley*,  
The House adjourned till Monday next.

*Lunæ, 6° die Martii.*

ANNO 11 °, VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1848.

**WILLIAM CUTHBERT**, Esquire, Member for the County of *Bonaventure*, having previously taken the oath, according to law, and subscribed before the Commissioners the Roll containing the same, took his seat in the House.

Mr. Cuthbert  
takes his Seat.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Champlain* and *St. Lawrence* Railroad, for the year 1847.

Champlain  
and St. Law-  
rence Railroad.

For the said Statement, see Appendix (D.)

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Also, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Sherbrooke* Cotton Factory, pursuant to the Act 8th *Victoria*, cap. 91.

Sherbrooke  
Cotton Factory

For the said Statement, see Appendix (E.)

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Mr. Speaker acquainted the House, that *Donald McDonald (Roy)*, and *Alexander McDougall*, Esquires, had entered into the usual Recognizance required by law, on the subject matter of the Contested Election for the County of *Prescott*.

Prescott  
Election.

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

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brought up.

By Mr. *Malloch*,—The Petition of *Abraham Moon* and others, of the Township of *Osgoode*.

By Mr. *Cameron* of *Kent*,—The Petition of *H. Jones* and others, of *Enniskillen* and other Townships, in the Western District; and the Petition of Mrs. *Hannah Thompson*, of *Perth*, in the District of *Bathurst*, widow of the late *Nicholas T. Thompson*.

By Mr. *Guillet*,—The Petition of *Ferdinand Filteau*, Esquire, and others, of *Ste. Geneviève* and other Parishes, on the River *Batiscan*, in the County of *Champlain*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*,—The Petition of *I. W. Powell* and others, of *Port Dover* and its vicinity.

By Mr. *Laurin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *James Nelligen* and others, Roman Catholic Clergymen of the County of *Megantic*; and the Petition of *Louis Méthot*, Mayor, and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Croix*.