

The prospect of the adoption of the International Currency seems, in the present state of *Europe*, to be so remote, that I recommend you to consider the propriety of assimilating the Currency of the Dominion without further delay.

The extension to *Manitoba* of the Militia and other Laws of the Dominion, and their adaptation to the present circumstances of that young Province, will require your attention.

The decennial Census will be taken on the third day of April next, and it is believed that a more thorough and accurate system has been adopted than any that has hitherto obtained. It may be necessary to amend the Act of last Session in some particulars.

Among other measures, Bills will be presented to you relating to Parliamentary Elections, Weights and Measures, Insurance Companies, Savings Banks, and for the Consolidation and amendment of the Inspection Laws.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I have given directions that the Public Accounts shall be laid before you. You will learn with satisfaction that the Revenue for the past year was in excess of what was estimated, and that the prospects for the current year are so encouraging that, notwithstanding the extensive public improvements which are contemplated, you will probably be able to diminish the taxation of the Country.

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be submitted to you, and I feel assured that you will be of opinion that the supplies which you will be asked to vote can be granted without inconvenience to the people.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate ; and*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I lay these various and weighty matters before you, in full confidence that they will engage your mature attention, and I pray that the result of your deliberations may, with the Divine blessing, prove conducive in all respects to the advancement and happiness of the Country.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

PRAYERS :

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that a Commission under the Great Seal had been granted to *Robert LeMoine*, Esquire, appointing him the Clerk of the Senate. The Commission to the Clerk was then read.

*Ordered*, That it be put upon the Journal, and it is as follows :—

CANADA.

LISGAR.

[L.S.]

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., &c., &c.

To *Robert LeMoine*, of the City of *Ottawa*, in the Province of *Ontario*, Esquire, and to all to whom these presents may come, and whom the same may in any wise concern :—

GREETING :—

Know Ye, that having confidence in the loyalty, integrity and ability of you, the said *Robert LeMoine*, We have nominated, constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do nominate, constitute and appoint you, the said *Robert LeMoine*, to the office and place of Clerk of the Senate of *Canada*, in the room, place and stead of *John Fenninge*