

Motion for House to go into consideration of His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. Attorney General, seconded by Mr. D. Fraser, moves that this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor from the Throne at the opening of the present Session.

Which was carried, and Mr. Mount was called to the Chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Mount reported, that the Committee had agreed to a series of resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House.

House divides on receiving Report.

On the question for receiving the Report, the yeas and nays were taken as follows:—

Yeas 20.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	R. D. Fraser,	Morris,	Shade,
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Sol. General,
Burwell,	Lewis,	Norton,	Werden,
Crooks,	A. MacDonald,	Pinhey,	John Willson,
D. Fraser,	MacNab,	Samson,	Wm. Wilson,

20.

Nays 7.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Buell,	Howard,	McCall,	Shaver—7.
Cook,	Ketchum,	Perry,	

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of thirteen, and the Report was received.

The first Resolution was then put and carried as follows:

First Resolution put and carried.

Resolved.—That a humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking His Excellency for the gracious Speech with which he has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

The second Resolution was put and carried as follows:

Second Resolution put and carried.

Resolved.—That this House receives with the highest satisfaction, the congratulations of His Excellency upon the vast accession of industry and capital which the continued emigration of our fellow subjects from the Parent State is daily adding to our resources, and whose intelligence and sterling British principles are calculated to have so beneficial an influence upon the future prospects of this Colony; and that we hope, with these gratifying prospects before us, our exertions for the public welfare will bear some proportion to the importance of that trust which our Constituents have reposed in us.

The third Resolution was put as follows:

Third Resolution put.

Resolved.—That it affords this House much gratification to learn from His Excellency that the population has increased in so unprecedented a manner since the reports forwarded for its information last Session; that the Emigrants, with few exceptions, are fully occupied in the Districts in which they are established; and that the extensive Agricultural improvements and actual cultivation promise support and employment to our countrymen, whom the current of events may induce to fix their abode in this part of the Empire; and fully convinced that no subject is more closely connected with the immediate prosperity of the Colony than the progressive increase to be anticipated in the number of Emigrants that will henceforth flow annually into the Canadas, we can assure His Excellency that we shall at all times be ready to give our best consideration to any measures which His Excellency may recommend for facilitating their arrival among us.

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

Yeas 22.

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	R. D. Fraser,	MacNab,	Samson,
Boulton,	Howard,	Morris,	Shade,
Buell,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Sol. General,
Burwell,	Ketchum,	Norton,	Werden,
Crooks,	Lewis,	Pinhey,	Wm. Wilson.
D. Fraser,	A. MacDonald,		

22.

Nays 4.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Cook,	McCall,	Perry,	Shaver—4.
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The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of eighteen.

The fourth Resolution was put as follows:

Fourth Resolution put.

Resolved.—That we are happy to learn from His Excellency that the Rideau Canal has been completed; and that we are fully sensible that it is owing to the great exertions, unwearied attention and perseverance, of the able and distinguished Officer who conducted that great National Work, that a structure of such magnitude has been completed in so short a period.

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	R. D. Fraser,	Morris,	Shade,
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Mount,	Sol. General,
Burwell,	Lewis,	Norton,	Werden,
Crooks,	A. MacDonald,	Pinhey,	J. Willson,
D. Fraser,	MacNab,	Samson,	W. Wilson—20.

Yeas 20.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Buell,	Howard,	McCall,	Shaver—7.
Cook,	Ketchum,	Perry,	

Nays 7.

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of thirteen.

The fifth Resolution was put and carried as follows:

Resolved.—That this House fully concurs in the opinion expressed by His Excellency, that the chief advantages of the Navigation of the Rideau Canal cannot be attained while the unfinished works on the Ottawa obstruct the passage into the Saint Lawrence; and that with reference to the degree of improvement which the Colony has reached, and the interests of the Parent State, the expenditure incurred in accelerating the development of our resources, will be productive of great national benefit.

Fifth Resolution put and carried.

The sixth Resolution was put as follows:

Resolved.—That not being informed of the reasons which have prevented the Arbitrator appointed to adjust the claims on the part of Upper Canada to a proportion of the duties levied at Quebec, from agreeing to any satisfactory arrangement, we are unable to express any opinion upon the justice of the pretensions urged by either party; but although the provisions of the Canada Trade Act, which were framed for our protection, are, under existing circumstances, as effectual for that purpose as could be devised, we nevertheless feel the strongest assurance, that from the absence of any clear principles upon which any arrangement can be made, and the conflicting opinions which must always exist upon a subject fraught with so much difficulty, the acquisition by this Province of a Port of Entry from the Sea, where our Revenue of Customs may be collected by our own Officers, and our Foreign Trade carried on unshackled by the enactments of the Legislature of a Sister Colony, is the only method by which Upper Canada can obtain the full advantage of her own Commerce.

Sixth Resolution put.

On which the yeas and nays were taken as follows:

YEAS.—Messieurs,

Atty. General,	R. D. Fraser,	Mount,	Sol. General,
Boulton,	Jarvis,	Pinhey,	Werden,
Burwell,	Lewis,	Samson,	John Willson,
Crooks,	MacNab,	Shade,	Wm. Wilson.
D. Fraser,			

Yeas 17.

NAYS.—Messieurs,

Buell,	Ketchum,	Morris,	Perry,
Cook,	McCall,	Norton,	Shaver—10.
Howard,	A. McDonald,		

Nays 10.

The question was carried in the affirmative, by a majority of seven.

The following Resolutions were then severally put and carried.

Resolved.—That it affords us much satisfaction to be informed by His Excellency that the disease, which by the dispensation of Divine Providence has so widely prevailed, has nearly disappeared in every District of this Province; and we feel thankful that the Almighty has, of His infinite mercy and goodness, been graciously pleased to stay his avenging arm.

Seventh Resolution carried.

Resolved.—That upon the sudden breaking out of any pestilence, previously unknown, and consequently not provided against, it of necessity becomes the duty of the Executive Government to take such energetic measures as shall appear to be best calculated for the protection of the people against its ravages; and that this House feels the fullest assurance that when it shall be informed of the arrangements made by His Excellency for the preservation of the public health, they will be found such as to demand the entire approbation of this House.

Eighth Resolution carried.

Resolved.—That when the Annual Accounts and Estimates shall be laid before us, we will make the necessary provision for the public service, and that we shall examine the detailed accounts which His Excellency may be pleased to lay before us, of the sums placed by His Excellency's direction at the disposal of the Magistrates, on the urgent occasion to which His Excellency has alluded, with every disposition to provide for the re-payment of the amount advanced.

Ninth Resolution carried.

Resolved.—That it is with sentiments of the most lively gratitude that we perceive the solicitude of our Most Gracious Sovereign to promote the wishes of the Province, in acceding to the request of his faithful Commons, relative to the appro-

Tenth Resolution carried.