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We regret to learn from Your Excellency that, in consequence of the entire failure of the usual food supply of the Indians in the *North-West*, a large expenditure has been necessarily incurred to save them from starvation. We hope that the efforts which are now being made to settle the several bands on the reserves, and induce them to betake themselves to the cultivation of the soil, may prevent the necessity of similar calls for relief in future.

We shall not fail to give our best attention to the Bills for the better organization of the Civil Service, for the consolidation of the Inland Revenue laws, and for the amendment of the Acts relating to the Dominion lands, to the Public Works, to the Indians of the *North-West*, and to the Mounted Police Force, which Your Excellency has been pleased to say will be laid before us.

We agree in opinion with Your Excellency, that as the Acts incorporating the Banks of the Dominion will expire next year, the present would seem a favorable time for a full consideration of our Banking system and of the subject of the currency as connected with that system.

The subject of the laws relating to Insolvency will also doubtless engage our attention.

With Your Excellency, we are of opinion that the increasing foreign trade of *Canada*, and the prospect that Her Majesty's Government will enter ere long into negotiations with foreign nations on the subject of their trade and commercial relations, demand our closest attention and watchfulness, while the rapid development of the Dominion is continually giving rise to important matters requiring the support and action of the Imperial Government. We thank Your Excellency for stating that with the concurrence of Her Majesty, Your Excellency therefore recommends us to sanction the appointment of a permanent representative of *Canada* in *London*, to guard her various interests; and we shall not fail to give our most attentive and careful consideration to the subject of such an appointment.

The subjects Your Excellency has mentioned are of great importance, and we shall not fail to give to them our best consideration, to which Your Excellency has been pleased to say that you commend them with full confidence in our wisdom and patriotism.

After Debate,

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Read*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey* it was

*Ordered*, That further debate on the said motion be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,

The House adjourned.

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