

that the wish nearest their hearts is to avail themselves of the franchises and full powers of legislation, which they possess, in order to build up as a portion of the British Empire, institutions of their own choice, by laws of their own making.

We humbly thank Your Excellency for the expression of your earnest aspirations for our complete success in the labors of the Session now commenced.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

And then The House adjourned till To-morrow.

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### Wednesday, 23rd February, 1870.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, in the Districts of *Ottawa* and *Saguenay*, for the year 1869; in the Counties of *Dorchester* and *Drummond*, for the year 1868; and in the District of *Rimouski*, for the years 1866, 1867 and 1868. (*Sessional Papers No. 9.*)

Also, Statement of the affairs of the *Montreal City and District Savings' Bank*, for the year ending 31st December, 1869. (*Sessional Papers No. 6.*)

And also, Returns respecting the *St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway Company*, for the year 1869. (*Sessional Papers No. 10.*)

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron (Peel)*,—The Petition of the *Canadian Bank of Commerce*; and the Petition of the *Gore Bank*.

By the Honorable Mr. *McGreevy*,—The Petition of *Henry Fry*, President of the *Quebec Board of Trade*, and other Merchants, Traders, and others, doing business in the City of *Quebec*.

By Mr. *Workman*,—The Petition of the *Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada*.

By Mr. *Chipman*,—The Petition of *Ebenezer Rand* and others, of *Canning*, Township of *Cornwallis*.

By Mr. *Redford*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Perth*.

By Mr. *Cameron (Huron)*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Huron*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Carling*,—The Petition of the *London Board of Trade*; and the Petition of *J. Trummer*, and others, of *Western Ontario*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—Two Petitions of the *Quebec Harbor Commissioners*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of *Collingwood*, County of *Grey*; praying for the passing of an Act to authorize the adoption of a By-law, or By-Laws, for the construction and maintenance of a Harbor at the mouth of *Beaver River* in the said Township.