

CANADA.

liament has deemed it prudent to adopt compel us, under the existing altered circumstances of our trade, to seek for changes in the Navigation Laws affecting this province, which otherwise would have been unnecessary. That measures have been adopted in the neighbouring republic, with a view to divert the trade of this province to and from Great Britain through the railroads and canals of that country, and thereby to secure to them a large accession of carrying trade, and from which a revenue was yielded last year of about 700,000*l.*, and that there is too much reason to fear that their attempts will prove successful, unless other and further inducements than at present exist are offered in favour of the route by the St. Lawrence. That to afford such inducements, and to prevent a calamity so much to be apprehended, we humbly pray that Your Majesty will be most graciously pleased to sanction the free use of the navigation of the River St. Lawrence by all nations, and that to that end Your Majesty will be further graciously pleased to recommend to the Imperial Parliament to repeal the laws of navigation so far as they in any manner relate to or affect this colony.

Legislative Council.
Wednesday, 11th July 1847.

Legislative Assembly Hall,
Monday, 19th July 1847.

(Signed) PETER M'GILL,
Speaker.

(Signed) ALLAN N. MACNAB,
Speaker.
