

we have learned with satisfaction that it is the intention of the Imperial Government to unite these provinces; as on a fair and equitable Union, establishing one province essentially British, we conceive the prosperity of the country and the growth of its commerce will mainly depend.

We assure your Excellency of our cordial support to such measures as shall tend to the establishing of peace, the developing the rich resources of our adopted country, and the maintaining, unimpaired, our connexion with Great Britain.

Signed by

WM. WILSON,
And 54 others.

No. 34.
Right Hon.
C. P. Thomson
to Lord John Russell.
November 23, 1839.

Enclosure No. 11.

(No. 14.)

No. 35.

COPY of a DESPATCH from the Right Hon. C. POULETT THOMSON to Lord JOHN RUSSELL.

MY LORD,

Toronto, 25th Nov. 1839.

WITH reference to my despatch of the 23rd instant, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I this day held a Levee at the Government House, which was very numerously attended. I afterwards received two addresses, one from the merchants and the other from the inhabitants of Toronto, of which, and of my answers, I enclose copies for your information.

I have, &c.

(Signed)

C. POULETT THOMSON.

The Right Hon. Lord John Russell,

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November 25, 1839.

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Address from the Merchants of the City of Toronto.

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Charles Poulett Thomson, one of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, Governor-General of British North America, and Captain-General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

Enclosure No. 1.

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the merchants of the City of Toronto, beg most respectfully to offer you our cordial welcome to this city; we request you to accept our sincere wishes for your personal welfare; and a happy issue to the important and difficult mission intrusted to your charge by our beloved and most gracious Sovereign.

In approaching your Excellency with this Address, we beg to express our unshaken loyalty, our devoted attachment to her Majesty and our inimitable constitution; and of our earnest desire to perpetuate between the Parent State and the colony, those ties which bind us to each other.

We cannot but deplore the present unsettled state of the country, viewing its condition in connexion with the late unnatural rebellion and foreign aggression; and we anxiously await the opportunity of proving its capability for commercial and agricultural advancement; relying upon your Excellency's intimate knowledge of commerce and of the remedies to be applied where a derangement exists; we fondly anticipate this will be brought about during your Excellency's administration.

As a body of merchants we look forward with a high degree of satisfaction to your Excellency's consideration, by personal observation, of those capabilities of increase in imports and exports of which Upper Canada is susceptible. These appendages of the British Crown, with which it is our happy lot to be connected, present a magnificent field for enterprise; the wealth and resources of the country, as yet undeveloped, are allowed to be unsurpassed in any other portion of her Majesty's dominions, and the facilities for improvement by means of the majestic lakes and rivers with which the country is intersected, could be rendered available for the furtherance of commerce, and the general wealth and prosperity of the people.

By the encouragement of emigration and the introduction of British capital, this fine Province would, blessed with peace and the protection of the laws, naturally become a wealthy agricultural and commercial country.

The distinguished abilities and attainments of your Excellency, lead us to feel satisfied that we have the happiness of seeing among us, one whose extensive practical knowledge will enable him, in connexion with our estimable Lieutenant-Governor, to propose measures which will lead to the development of the vast resources of this Province, a subject which, we regret to say, has hitherto occupied too little attention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEOFFRED RIDOUT, Chairman.

Toronto, Nov. 20th, 1839.