

The Treaty between *Great Britain* and our neighbours in the *United States*, negotiated by the Earl of *Elgin*, has been brought into operation, and the Country already feels the benefit of reciprocal trade.

You have provided for the Defence of the Province by an improved organization of Militia and Volunteers.

The Public Accounts will be submitted to a new and more efficient audit.

I may congratulate you on the reforms in the Post Office Department. The free transmission of Newspapers shows your zeal for the diffusion of intelligence.

The judicious alterations in the Tariff have lessened taxation and promoted trade. You will thus with a proper caution have husbanded the resources of the Country, so as to enable it hereafter to meet its engagements, and carry out its material improvements, notwithstanding a commercial crisis or financial disturbance, whether originating in War or other causes.

The Municipal Institutions of *Western Canada* have stood the test of actual experience; and you cannot doubt their success if fairly carried out in the lower section of the Province. Nor have other legal reforms of great importance and value escaped the attention of the Legislature during the present Session.

Our system of Railways has required your special consideration, and however much we may regret the necessity for a further advance of Provincial funds, we cannot overlook the immense value of the great line which binds the whole Country together, and guarantees its future progress.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

In the Queen's Name I thank you for the Supplies which you have granted for the Public Service. You may rely on my doing my utmost to secure the due and economical application of the Funds placed at my disposal.

Your liberality towards the Patriotic Fund has been hailed in *Europe* as proof of patriotism and humane sympathy with the two great Countries now bound together in the prosecution of a just and necessary War.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

It is no doubt to be regretted that our material prosperity suffers in some degree from the disturbed state of *Europe*. The Lumber Trade is depressed, and peculiar circumstances have occasioned temporary want in portions of *Lower Canada*. In spite of all this, I relieve you from your duties with a confident belief that the Country is in the main prosperous; and with an earnest prayer that our progress may be such as to shew that Providence blesses the efforts of our People.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council said:—

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Saturday the seventh day of July next, to be then here holden; and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Saturday the seventh day of July next.

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