

Hon. Mr. Sanborn said, that he was disposed to keep his feelings in abeyance until the results showed whether the congratulations of His Excellency were based on correct data. He (Mr. Sanborn) was one of the members of the late Legislative Council, who had opposed Confederation, not that he objected so much to the scheme itself as to the means employed for carrying the measure, but he fully concurred with other honourable members, that since the measure had passed and become the Constitution, it was the duty of every honest citizen to uphold it and to place no obstacle in its way. It would then be no fault of his if it did not work well. We were told by His Excellency that we had entered upon a new nationality, but we rather disliked the expression, and could not well see how we were a nation, since we lacked several most important national attributes. As to the defences, he agreed with some of the speakers, that we required a certain degree of organization wherewith to sustain our position, even as a quasi nation, but at the same time he feared we might be in danger of going too far. Yet he much desired that the Militia should be organized and made available, since in case of need it would be upon its substantial yeomanry, the country would have to depend, their all being at stake. There was an-

other subject to which allusion was made; he referred to the assimilation of the Bankrupt laws of the several Provinces. In the Province of Quebec, that law he believed had had its day and serious evils were now growing out of it. These laws needed not only assimilation, but in his opinion warranted the inquiry as to whether they needed to be continued at all. Some honourable members were very enthusiastic as to the resources of the Dominion, but he could not be blind to the fact that it had drawbacks as well. It had a drawback geographically in its shape and another of climate; still it was a fine country and with industry and good morals, could be made to yield happiness and plenty of inhabitants. He was pleased in the main with His Excellency's speech, and certainly admitted we had cause to congratulate ourselves on the peace and prosperity which prevailed. He joined in the hope that we would go forward, not downward, that we would gain strength not weakness, and that all factiousness and undue party spirit would be laid down. (Hear, hear)

The 1st paragraph was then put and passed, when on motion of Hon. Mr. Campbell, the resolutions as a whole were adopted. An address based thereon was passed and ordered to be presented to His Excellency by the members of the House who were members of the Government.

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