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" said despatch, to a feeling of deep regret that a subject of so much difficulty as that of the "Clergy Reserves should, after an interval of some years, have again been brought under "discussion, and giving it as their judgment that the advantages to this province would be great by leaving undisturbed the existing arrangement, whereby certain portions of the public lands of Canada are made available for the purposes of creating a fund for the " religious instruction of its inhabitants.'

Yeas:—Messieurs Badgley, Cameron of Cornwall, Dickson, Malloch, Meyers, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of Brockville, Sherwood of Toronto, and Stevenson,—10.

Nays:—Messieurs Armstrong, Attorney-General Baldwin, Boulton of Norfolk, Boutillier, Burritt, Cartier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Solicitor-General Drummond, Duchesnay, Fergusson, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillett, Hincks, Holmes, Hopkins, John, Johnson, Lacoste, Attorney-General La Fontaine, La Terrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Solicitor-General Macdonald, Mackenzie, McConnell, McFarland, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Papineau, Polette, Price, Richards, Sanborn, Sauvageau, Scott of Two Mountains, Smith of Durham, Smith of Wentworth, and Wilson,—46.

Mr. Mackenzie then moved to resolve, in amendment to the main question, "That the "Clergy Reserves, originally bestowed by the Constitutional Act upon a Protestant "clergy exclusively, having been already diverted from that purpose by appropriating "them also to the Roman Catholic Church, it is both warranted by past practice and by "the often expressed opinion of the people of Upper Canada, that future civil and religious tranquillity should be secured by the final diversion of these Reserves from all ecclesias-"tical and church purposes whatever, and by their application to a general system of " education whereby persons of all classes in society, and of all creeds in religion, will alike " profit."

Yeas:—Messieurs Boulton of Norfolk, Hopkins, Mackenzie, and McFarland,—4.

Nays:—Messieurs Armstrong, Badgley, Attorney-General Baldwin, Bell, Boulton of Toronto, Boutillier, Burritt, Cameron of Cornwall, Cartier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Dickson, Dumas, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Hall, Hinckes, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Lacoste, Attorney-General La Fontaine, La Terrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Letellier, Solicitor-General Macdonald, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, McConnell, Merritt, Méthot, Meyers, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Papineau, Polette, Price, Richards, Robinson, Ross, Sanborn, Sauvageau, Scott of Two Mountains, Seymour, Sherwood of Brockville, Sherwood of Toronto, Smith of Durham, Smith of Wentworth, Stevenson, and Wilson, -- 56.

The main question was then put and agreed to.

Yeas: - Messieurs Armstrong, Attorney-General Baldwin, Bell, Boutillier, Burritt, Cartier, Cauchon, Chabot, Chaveau, Dumas, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Hall, Hincks, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Lacoste, Attorney-General La Fontaine, La Terrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Letellier, Solicitor General Macdonald, McConnell, McFarland, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Papineau, Polette, Price, Richards, Ross, Sanborn, Sauvageau, Scott of Two Mountains, Smith of Durham, Smith of Wentworth, and Wilson, -45

Nays: - Messieurs Badgley, Boulton of Norfolk, Boulton of Toronto, Cameron of Cornwall, Cayley, Dickson, Hopkins, Mackenzie, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, Meyers, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of Brockville, Sherwood of Toronto, and Stevenson, -16.

On motion of the Hon. Mr. Price, a select committee was appointed to prepare and report the draught of an address to Her Majesty, founded on the foregoing resolution. The following address was then reported and agreed to, and ordered to be engrossed:

" TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

" Most Gracious Sovereign,

"We, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Canada, in Pro-" vincial Parliament assembled, beg leave respectfully to thank Your Majesty for the gracious "manner in which Your Majesty has been pleased to receive our address of last session, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and to assure Your Majesty of the great satisfaction which it has afforded to Your faithful Commons and the Province at large, to learn from "the despatch of the Right Honourable Earl Grey, Your Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, communicating such Your Majesty's gracious reception of our said address, that it has appeared to Your Majesty's Imperial Ministers that such address ought "to be acceded to, and that they would accordingly be prepared to recommend to the Imperial Parliament that an Act should be passed giving to the Provincial Legislature full
authority to make such alterations as they may think fit in the existing arrangements with " regard to those Reserves, provided that existing interests are respected."

On the motion of the Hon. Mr. Price an address was then voted to his Excellency, informing him that this House has voted an humble address to Her Majesty on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, and praying he will be pleased to transmit the same to Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, to be laid at the foot of the Throne; and ordered to be engrossed.

It was also ordered, That the said addresses be presented to his Excellency by such members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province.