

the registration of titles, the enactment of a Homestead Law, and the promotion of Railway enterprise in districts not touched by the *Canada Pacific* Railway.

That we shall give our best attention to any measure submitted to us for better securing the Independence of Parliament.

That being informed by His Excellency that experience has shown that certain changes may advantageously be made in the departmental arrangements existing at present, we shall respectfully consider any Bill submitted to us for accomplishing this purpose, without increasing the expenditure or the number of Departments.

That we feel with His Excellency, that it is very desirable there should be uniform legislation in all the Provinces respecting the traffic in spirituous liquors, and being aware that hitherto that trade has been regulated by Provincial laws, or laws existing before the Confederation of the Provinces, although there has been lately a conflict of authority as to the jurisdiction of the local authorities, we shall gladly receive any Bill making the necessary provision which may be submitted for our consideration, as we shall also any other measures found necessary for the amendment of existing laws and submitted for our approval.

That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that the Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before us at an early day, and that they have been prepared with an anxious desire to provide for all the branches of the public service and the execution of pressing public works within the limits of the expected revenue, without increasing the burden of taxation; and for having directed that the Public Accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before us.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

And the House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the Clock on Tuesday morning;

TUESDAY, 12th February, 1878.

On motion of Mr. *Mousseau*, seconded by Mr. *Pope* (*P.E.I.*),
Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

And then The House, having continued to sit till ten minutes after Twelve of the Clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

Tuesday, 12th February, 1878.

PRAYERS.

The following Petitions were severally brought up and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Forbes*,—The Petition of the Bank of *Liverpool, Nova Scotia*.

By Mr. *Coupal*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. Deguay*, Curé, and others, of *St. Michel Archange, County of Napierville*.

By Mr. *Burk*,—The Petition of *David Fisher*, of the City of *Toronto*, and *Jane Malvina Draper*, of the Town of *Whitby*, widow.

By Mr. *Bowell*,—The Petition of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Tilloch Galt*, K.C. M.G., and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Jetté*,—The Petition of the Merchants' Bank of *Canada*.

The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the Question which was, yesterday, proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to thank His Excellency for his gracious speech at the opening of the present Session;

And the Question being again proposed :—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And The House having continued to sit till after Twelve of the Clock on Wednesday morning