

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said speech into consideration.

On motion of Mr. *Simpson*, seconded by Mr. *Bolton*,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious speech at the opening of this present session, and further to assure His Excellency that we are grateful to His Excellency for the expression of his great satisfaction in having recourse to our advice, and that we rejoice to think that on this, the first occasion on which we have the honor of being addressed by him, we may congratulate ourselves on the aspect of public affairs at home and abroad, on the prevalence of peaceful counsels amongst nations, and on indications of agreement and tranquillity favorable alike to the development of foreign commerce and the prosecution of domestic industry.

2. That we shall always remember with pleasure that the great scheme of Confederation was successfully inaugurated under the auspices of His Excellency's Predecessor.

3. That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that it is a source of pride to him to find his name in honorable association with the rising fortunes of the Dominion of *Canada*, and that he will count it a happiness, as well as a duty, to co-operate, to the utmost of his ability, in furthering our efforts to strengthen the ties that bind the different Provinces together, and to ensure the attachment of the people to the soil, by enactment of wise and equal laws.

4. That we feel with His Excellency that our efforts in these directions seem now more than ever likely to be called into action, inasmuch as His Excellency is pleased to inform us that the terms upon which great accessions are offered to the Dominion will be submitted for our immediate consideration.

5. That we learn with the deepest interest, that in consequence of the Duke of *Buckingham* and *Chandos'* despatch of the 8th August of last year, stating that His Grace proposed to enter into negotiations with the Hudson's Bay Company, as to the terms on which they would be willing to surrender their rights and claims in the North-West Territory, Lord *Monck* sent home to England two Members of the Privy Council as a deputation to watch the course of the proceedings and attend to the interests of *Canada*:—that the Conferences in *London*, and the correspondence on the subject have been brought to a definite issue by the proposal which, after a full review of the circumstances, Earl *Granville* made on the part of Her Majesty's Government for the consideration of the people of *Canada* and of the Hudson's Bay Company,—and that His Excellency has received the intelligence that the Hudson's Bay Company has, after some deliberation, decided upon accepting the terms laid down by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

6. That we thank His Excellency for having directed that the report of the mission, and all the papers connected therewith shall be duly laid before Parliament, and that we shall not fail to give them our serious consideration, in view of the great importance of the subject no less than in the hope that this long vexed question may be closed without further delay.

7. That we share with His Excellency the gratification afforded him by communications from the Governor of *Newfoundland*, expressing the desire for admission into the Union which prevails amongst the inhabitants of that Colony, and especially by his despatch of the 20th March last, covering copies of Resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly, and which set forth the conditions they consider it desirable to advance.

8. That we are happy to be informed that these documents will be furnished at once for the information of Parliament, and that His Excellency entertains the hope that before the close of the Session he may be in a position to submit the details of a provisional arrangement for our consideration.

9. That it will be a sensible pleasure to us, in common with His Excellency, as well as a subject of general congratulation, if at some early day the fine colony of *Newfoundland*, unrivalled as the nursery of hardy seamen, and inexhaustible in its wealth of Fisheries becomes part of the Dominion.

10. That we learn with great satisfaction that in accordance with the suggestion of Her Majesty's Government, an earnest attempt has been made to allay the discontent unhappily existing in *Nova Scotia*, and that His Excellency may be assured that the papers connected with the subject will be submitted for our favorable consideration.

11. That we are glad to know that in continuance of the course commenced last session, Bills will be presented to us for the assimilation of the Criminal Laws existing in the several