

7. That we shall give our best attention to the Public Accounts for the past year and to the Estimates for the supplies required for the service of the current year ; and that we are grateful to His Excellency for the assurance that these Estimates have been prepared with the strictest attention to economy.

8. That we learn with satisfaction that His Excellency has appointed Commissioners to enquire into the state and condition of every branch of the Public Service, in order to ascertain and remedy the defects of the system now regulating the audit of accounts and the payment of moneys from the Public Exchequer, and with a view to the retrenchment of expenditure so far as may be found consistent with a due regard to efficiency ; and that we hope, with His Excellency, that the result of their enquiries will introduce such a system of control and economy as may, before long, bring the expenditure of the Province within its annual income.

9. That we feel, with His Excellency, that the contributions which have spontaneously and freely flowed from the Province for the relief of distress in the Manufacturing Districts of *Great Britain*, are a gratifying evidence of the sympathy of the Canadian people with their fellow-subjects in the *British Isles*, and that we share His Excellency's confidence, that they will serve to strengthen the kindly ties which, we trust, will long continue to exist between this Colony and the Parent State.

10. That we shall earnestly endeavor to consider the several subjects which may be brought before us in a calm, impartial and unselfish spirit, and that we unite with His Excellency in fervently invoking the blessing of the Almighty on our performance of the important duties which the Constitution of the Province has imposed upon us.

And which amendment was,

That the words "in each section of the Province" in the second line be left out, and the words, "which, while providing for such an increased representation in this House, as is demanded by the increased population of *Upper Canada*, will also preserve the federal character of the existing Union, by maintaining an equal number of elected Representatives from each section of the Province in the Legislative Council" inserted after the words "before us" in the third line of the said paragraph.

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned.

Then, on motion of Mr. *Patrick*, seconded by Mr. *White*,
The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 24th February, 1863.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, Accounts of the Trinity House of *Quebec*, for the year ending, 31st December, 1862. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 13.)

Also, Returns from the Registrars of the Counties of *Wellington* and *York*, of Fees and Emoluments received for the year ending 31st December, 1862, in accordance with Sec. 76, Cap. 89 of the Consolidated Statutes for *Upper Canada*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 7.)

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

By Mr. *Scott*,—The Petition of *John Supple* and others, of the County of *Renfrew* ; and the Petition of Mrs. *Elizabeth Macdonell*, of the Town of *Cornwall*, Widow of the late *Donald Macdonell*, Colonel and Deputy Adjutant General of Militia.

By Mr. *Huntington*,—The Petition of *P. Arcouette* and others, of the Township of *Roxton* ; and the Petition of *T. Levêsque* and others.

By the Honorable Mr. *Dorion*,—The Petition of *N. Allard* and others, of the Parish of *Rivière des Prairies*.

By Mr. *J. J. Ross* (*Champlain*),—The Petition of *T. H. Lacud* and others, of the Parish of *St Maurice*, County of *Champlain*.