

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kerr, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Desbrisay, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Young, do compose the said Committee.

Mr. Stevens moved for leave to bring in—A Bill to revive and continue the Act to incorporate the Saint Croix Bridge Company.

Leave granted.

The said Bill being brought in was read a first time.

It being the time appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to receive the House with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session, the House attended upon His Excellency at Government House, and presented the same, and which is as followeth :—

*To His Excellency The Hon. ARTHUR HAMILTON GORDON, C. M. G., Lieut. Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

### **The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's faithful subjects, the Commons of New Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We learn with pleasure that Her Majesty the Queen graciously received the Address of the Legislative Council, on the subject of the Union of the British North American Provinces, transmitted to England by Your Excellency.

We agree with Your Excellency that the adoption, and reception by Your Excellency for transmission to Her Majesty, of this Address on the subject of the Union, led to events which rendered it expedient to dissolve the late General Assembly, and we believe that the Constituencies of the Province have justified the course adopted by Your Excellency. Although an inconvenient season of the year for the discharge of Legislative duties, we will, nevertheless, cheerfully co-operate with Your Excellency in the transaction of such business and the perfecting of such measures as the public interest demands.

We know that Her Majesty's Government have expressed a strong and deliberate opinion that the union of the British North American Provinces is an object much to be desired, and that the Legislature of Canada and of Nova Scotia concur in this view, and Your Excellency may rely with confidence on our cordial co-operation to accomplish that object.

We learn with much satisfaction that the Fenian conspirators have met with signal and merited failure in their wicked and mad attempt to invade the neighbouring Province of Canada. We feel assured that throughout British North America the people are resolved to resist every attack upon Her Majesty's authority and dominion, and with yourself, they equally lament the loss of those brave men of Canada who have fallen in the discharge of their sacred duty.

We thank Your Excellency for having, in conjunction with Vice-Admiral Sir James Hope, and Major General Doyle, taken the necessary measures to secure the people of the Province from the effect of the invasion of an armed body of marauders; and we are gratified to learn that the measures adopted were perfectly successful, and that the contemplated attack, at one time imminent, was abandoned.