

Esquire, and *Pierre G. Huot*, Esquire, Members of the Committee, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, on Friday last; and that the said *Thomas Roberts Ferguson*, and *Crowell Willson*, Esquires, were not present within one hour after the time appointed for the meeting of the said Committee, this day.

*Ordered*, That *Thomas Roberts Ferguson*, Esquire, *Crowell Willson*, Esquire, and *Pierre G. Huot*, Esquire, do attend in their places in this House, at its next sitting.

The Order of the Day being read for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature;

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

*Mr. Robitaille* moved, seconded by *Mr. Haultain*, and the Question being proposed,

1. 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 of the Provincial Parliament; and further, to assure His Excellency that we share with His Excellency the desire to express our thankfulness to a beneficent Providence, that in calling us together to resume the performance of our constitutional duties, His Excellency is enabled to congratulate us on the general prosperity and contentment of the people of this Province, and the continuance to us of the inestimable blessing of Peace.

2. That we deeply regret that outrages have been committed on the commerce and territory of the *United States of America* by persons who, after the perpetration of these acts, have sought refuge on Canadian soil.

3. That we learn with satisfaction that in order to prevent the organization of any such enterprises within this Province, and also to enable His Excellency to discharge, in an effective manner, his duties towards a neighboring power on terms of friendship with Her Majesty, His Excellency has seen fit to organize a system of detective Police on the frontier line of the *United States*, and that with the same design he has called out for permanent duty a portion of the Volunteer Force of the Province.

4. That we receive with much interest the information, that similar considerations have suggested the propriety of arming the Executive Government with stronger power than it now possesses for dealing with persons, who, while availing themselves of the right of asylum which has always been allowed on British soil to political refugees from all foreign countries, may be unmindful of the implied obligations which, by their residence amongst us, they contract to obey our laws and to respect the declared policy of our Sovereign; and that any Bill framed for that purpose which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, shall receive our early consideration.

5. That we are happy to be informed of the zeal and alacrity displayed by the members of the Volunteer force when called upon to turn out for active service; and that we are proud to feel with His Excellency that their conduct shows that the present population of *Canada* has not degenerated from the manly virtues which characterize the races from which it derives its origin, and that it may be relied on, under all circumstances, to respond to the call of duty, either for the maintenance of internal order, or to repel foreign aggression.

6. That we learn with pleasure that the Commissioners appointed under the provisions of the second chapter of the Consolidated Statutes of *Lower Canada* to frame a Civil Code, and also a Code of Civil Procedure for *Lower Canada*, have completed the former part of their duty; that the results of their labours will be laid before us, and that His Excellency is informed that the Code of Civil Procedure is in a very advanced state.

7. That we believe with His Excellency that the completion of the Codification of the Civil Law, in both French and English, cannot fail to be of great benefit to the inhabitants of *Lower Canada*, by enabling the people of all origins to read, in their own languages, the Civil Law under which they live, and which hitherto has only been accessible in a language which is not the mother tongue of a portion of the people whose civil rights are regulated by it.

8. That we are aware that the expenditure rendered necessary by calling out the Volunteers for active service, and which was unforeseen when the Estimates of the current