

ADDRESS TO THE PRINCE OF WALES.

Hon Mr. VANKOUGHNET moved that Messrs. Morris, Sir E. P. Tache, and the mover, be appointed a Committee to draft an address to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his approaching visit to Canada.—Carried.

SUPPLY BILL.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET moved the second reading of the Supply Bill.

The Bill was read a second time. On motion for third reading.

Hon. Mr. MORRIS asked was it not the intention of the Government to refer it to Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET said that such a course was not usual.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER moved the following resolution :

Resolved, "That in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient, taking into consideration the heavy charges on the Consolidated Revenue of the Province, to abolish the tolls on merchant vessels, plying on the provincial canals.

Hon. Col. PRINCE thought the resolution out of order.

Hon. Mr. MORRIS, in seconding the resolution, strongly condemned the taxing of the Province for the navigation improvements at Montreal; and expressed a hope that, before next Session, the Council would be accorded its right to amend and originate money Bills.

Hon. Mr. BOULTON rose to a question of order. The resolution was out of order, inasmuch as it was not connected with the subject before the House.

Hon. Mr. SPEAKER decided that Mr. Morris was in order in discussing the subject.

Sir E. P. TACHE thought the House had a right to approve or condemn the policy of the Government in abolishing the tolls.

Hon. Mr. MORRIS went on to condemn the item in the supplies, relative to the resolution, which he had seconded; and the appropriations for the Montreal navigation improvements. He believed that the proposed scheme, while diminishing the revenue of the Province, would not attract a single additional vessel to the traffic of the country. He could not help saying, that in his opinion, the Bill should be committed to a Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Col. PRINCE did not think the Bill should be committed to the Whole; and said that he would be sorry to see the day when the Council could originate money Bills; but he thought that the Council should have some control over supply Bills in the way of amending them, as to objectionable items.

Hon. Mr. ALLAN thought the Council should fill a higher position than registering the Bills passed by the Lower House. He advocated the right of the Council to amend money Bills. He could not help finding fault with the hasty legislation on Bills in the Council, towards the close of the Session; and hoped that before another Session all these evils would be corrected.

Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR thought that, at this time the policy of the Government in abolishing the tolls was inexpedient; but if the principle was conceded, Upper and Lower Canada should be placed on the same footing as regards their canals, and sectional exceptions could not be taken.

Hon. Mr. ARMSTRONG condemned the sectional cries raised by this question.

Hon. Mr. SEYMOUR did not agree with what Mr. Morris had stated, but could not pass over another item in the Supplies, namely the appropriation of \$2000 to Mr. Benjamin for his services in the Printing Committee. He could say, from his own knowledge, that the Printing Committee did not agree to employ Mr. Benjamin; and the paying of him this sum was a most unseemly proceeding.

Hon. Mr. VANKOUGHNET defended Mr. Benjamin, who, he said, had worked very hard, and saved the Province many thousands of dollars. He was a practical printer, and had given up nine months of his time to the subject, last year, and the Government would not therefore oppose any motion which the House might carry for his remuneration.

Hon Mr. SEYMOUR said that all the business of the Committee was done by a contract; and all that was to be done was to see that the measurement of the printing were right.

Hon. Mr. PERRY thought it was not only the right but the duty of the House to reject the Supply Bill, if there was any objectionable item in it; and quoted the action of the Council with the Supply Bill of 1858. With regard to the resolution, he thought that any measure which would tend to cheapen exportation, would benefit agriculture, increase labor, and thus be of the greatest good to the country.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER thought it his duty to express the wishes of his constituents, and he could not do so better than by the resolution he had submitted to the House.

Sir E. P. TACHE reviewed the policy of the Government with regard to the canals. They had cost the Province eighteen or twenty millions of dollars. In Lower Canada it was not thought from the beginning that they would cost so much. It was said that in sixty years the good of the canals would be apparent by the introduction of the golden age; but it had not come yet. The canals had proved a failure. They had not brought about any good for the Province, as regards the value of its produce. Before the construction of the canals in Upper Canada, wheat was worth 1s. 8d to 2s.; as the canals were made the price of produce increased dreadfully instead of lowering as was predicted by the increased facilities of transportation. He believed, however, that the canals were necessary, and that in a national point of view they should be opened or aided to be opened by Lower Canada. If they had not been opened, he believed that Western Canada would have to annex itself to the United States. The great mass of the people of Canada were agricultural, and he was sorry to say that this class was not