

Experience has shown that certain changes may advantageously be made in the departmental arrangements existing at present. A bill will be submitted to you for accomplishing this purpose without increasing the expenditure, or the number of Departments.

It is very desirable that there should be uniform legislation in all the Provinces respecting the traffic in spirituous liquors. Hitherto that trade has been regulated by Provincial laws, or laws existing from the Confederation of the Provinces, although there has been lately a conflict of authority as to the jurisdiction of the local authorities. A bill making the necessary provision will be submitted for your consideration.

Various measures found necessary for the amendment of existing laws will also be submitted for your approval.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons :

The Estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before you at an early day. They have been prepared with an anxious desire to provide for all the branches of the public service and the execution of pressing public works within the limits of the expected revenue, without increasing the burden of taxation.

I have directed that the Public Accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before you.

His Excellency then withdrew.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT introduced a bill, entitled, "An act relating to Railways," which was read the first time.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Hon. Mr. SCOTT moved that His Excellency's speech be taken into consideration on Monday next.—Carried.

The House adjourned at 4 p. m.

The Speech.

THE SENATE.

Monday, Feb. 11th.

The SPEAKER took the chair at 3 p.m.

After Routine.

Hon. Mr. CAMPBELL called attention to the fact, that all the words of the form used by the Speaker of the other House at the Bar of the Senate were not entered in the Minutes.

The SPEAKER—I beg to explain to the hon. Senator, that when a Speaker is elected during the currency of a Parliament, it is not usual to ask again the concession of privileges which were asked for and obtained at the beginning of Parliament. For that reason, although the words were spoken the other day, I had some hesitation in answering the Speaker of the other House. The form in which he put it required the answer to be given in the same form. However, it was not thought necessary to put it in that shape, and after consultation with the Speaker of the other House, it was recorded in the Minutes as it appears, which is as nearly as possible in the same form as in the House of Commons in England.

THE ADDRESS.

Hon. Mr. THIBEAUDEAU, seconded by the Hon. Mr. LEWIN, moved:—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, Earl of Dufferin, Viscount and Baron Clandeboye, of Clandeboye, in the County Down, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron Dufferin and Clandeboye, of Ballyleidy and Killeleagh, in the County Down, in the Peerage of Ireland, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of Saint Patrick, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same.