

Motion for an
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That we rejoice that he has, during his recent tour through the Province, met with the most gratifying indications of general contentment and prosperity in all the Districts which he visited :

That we learn, with the greatest satisfaction, that steps have been taken for placing the Post Office in British North America on an improved footing; and that we shall give our most anxious consideration and attention to any measure which may be proposed to effect this important object :

That we receive with much pleasure, the information that a good and practicable line of Railway between Quebec and Halifax, has been discovered by the Officers to whom the exploration was confided :

That we unite with His Excellency in the expression of deepest concern for the distress and suffering attendant upon last year's immigration; and we are gratified to know that Her Majesty's Government have bestowed on the subject the most anxious consideration, with a view to the introduction of such provisions into the Imperial Passenger Act, as may afford a security against the recurrence of similar disasters. And that we shall be happy to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in their precautions, by the passage of a Bill, which we hope shall have the effect of discouraging the introduction of diseased and helpless persons into the Province, without checking the tide of healthy immigration which so powerfully contributes to its advancement :

That we shall be happy to receive the several communications, on these and other important matters, which have been addressed to His Excellency by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies :

That we shall give our most attentive consideration to any measures that may be proposed for embodying the provisions generally applicable to Railroad undertakings,—for amending the constitution of the University of King's College,—for adopting a more equitable mode of Assessment in Upper Canada, and for the improvement of the system of Judicature in both sections of the Province :

That the Accounts of the past year, and Estimates of the present year, shall receive our best consideration, and that His Excellency may fully rely on our readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service :

That we place every confidence in His Excellency's disposition to co-operate with us in all measures calculated to promote the public welfare :

That we agree with His Excellency, that Canada possesses in singular abundance the elements of prosperity and social happiness—great natural capabilities—an enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population—institutions fitted to reconcile liberty with order—and the blessing of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful. That we believe that the duty of turning these advantages to account, in so far as these objects can properly be effected by Legislation, devolves upon Parliament, and that we fervently join with His Excellency in the prayer that we may acquit ourselves of the responsibility with fidelity and success.

The Honorable Mr. Baldwin moved in amendment, seconded by the Honorable Mr. LaFontaine, that the words in the said motion :—" That we rejoice that he has, during his recent tour through the Province, met with the most gratifying indications of general contentment and prosperity in all the Districts which he visited," be struck out; and the following inserted in lieu thereof :—" That we rejoice that His Excellency derived so much satisfaction from the tour which, during the recess, he was enabled to make through the Province;" and that the words in the said Motion :

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" That we agree with His Excellency, that Canada possesses in singular abundance the elements of prosperity and social happiness—great natural capabilities—an enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population,—institutions fitted to reconcile liberty with order, and the blessing of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful. That we believe that the duty of turning these advantages to account, in so far as these objects can properly be effected by Legislation, devolves upon Parliament, and that we fervently join with His Excellency in the prayer that we may acquit ourselves of the responsibility with fidelity and success," be struck out, and the following substituted in lieu thereof :—" That with the possession in singular abundance of the elements of prosperity and social happiness,—resulting from her natural capabilities; her enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population; from Institutions which in their main characteristics are so well fitted to reconcile liberty with order; and from the blessings of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful,—Canada requires only that these advantages should be turned to account by an equitable and constitutional Government, and by wise and practical legislation, to secure those blessings permanently to her people :

" That we feel deeply the responsibility devolving upon Parliament in the endeavour to accomplish these important objects; and we cordially join with His Excellency in the prayer, that we may acquit ourselves of that responsibility with fidelity and success :

" That we feel it, however, to be our humble duty to submit to His Excellency, that it is essential to the satisfactory result of our deliberations on the important subjects to which His Excellency has been graciously pleased to direct our attention, and on other matters of public concern, that Her Majesty's Provincial Administration should possess the confidence of this House and of the Country, —and respectfully to represent to His Excellency that that confidence is not reposed in the present Advisers of His Excellency."

The Question having been put on the Motion of amendment, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow :—

YEAS.

Messieurs Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boulton of NORFOLK, Boutillier, Burritt, Cameron of KENT, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, De Witt, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gagy, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Hincks, Jobin, Johnson, LaFontaine, Laterrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Marquis, M^r Farland, Merritt, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott of BYTOWN, Smith of DURHAM, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, Watts, and Wetenhall.—(54.)

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Messieurs Attorney General Badgley, Brooks, Cayley, Christie, Crysler, Daly, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, M^r Connell, M^r Lean, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stevenson, Webster, and Wilson.—(20.)

So it was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Question being then put on the main Motion, as amended, it was agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne :

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