

to them by His Excellency's advisers. They fully agree in the opinion expressed by His Excellency that, although a large decrease has been caused by the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States, any such apparent loss is more than compensated by the increased commerce and by the facility of intercourse between the two Countries :

That this House assures His Excellency that he may confidently rely on their readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service :

That they feel deeply that the year just ended has been one of difficulty and conflict in *Europe* ; that on this side of the *Atlantic* we have, however, by the blessing of Providence, escaped the direct evils of war. They fully concur with His Excellency in the belief that in no part however of Her Majesty's Dominions has a deeper sympathy with Her arms been shewn, or more fervent prayers for their success been offered than in *Canada* :

That we agree with His Excellency that our people have eagerly watched every turn of the contest, and consisting as they do, of men of French and English origin, equal members of the same free community, and loyal subjects of the same Queen, they have grieved at the sufferings and exulted in the success of the allied armies :

That this House cordially unites with His Excellency in the belief that in like manner, should it please God to establish a firm and honorable peace, *Canada* will rejoice at the termination of the war, and they fervently join in the hope that it may be the lot of His Excellency before the end of the present Session, to congratulate them on so auspicious an event.

*Ordered*, That the Question be put upon each paragraph of the said motion.

And the first paragraph being again read, was agreed to.

The second paragraph being again read, as followeth:—To assure His Excellency that this House appreciates the motives which have induced him to call them together at this season in compliance with what His Excellency believes to be the wish of the Country, that the task of Legislation should not be delayed until a later period of the year, and the desire expressed by His Excellency to profit by their advice and assistance when they may be most conveniently afforded ;

Mr. *Antoine Aimé Dorion* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Merritt*, That the words " But this House would be wanting in its duty, if it failed to express its deep regret, at learning that His Excellency has not been advised to recommend to the consideration of this House, any measures relating to the important subject of General Education, especially in the *Eastern Section of the Province* ; nor to certain important branches of the trade and commerce of the Province which are now in a very depressed state ; nor to the subject of those internal improvements which are absolutely requisite to give additional facilities for the transit of the produce of the *West* to the *Ocean*. And this House feels bound to declare that the absence of all reference to those subjects will be considered by the People of this Province as a neglect by His Excellency's advisers of what they consider measures of paramount importance," be added at the end thereof ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

Mr. *Murney* moved, seconded by Mr. *Foley*, and the Question being put, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow ; the House divided :—And it passed in the Negative.

And the Question being put, That the words " But this House would be wanting in its duty, if it failed to express its deep regret, at learning that His Excellency has not been advised to recommend to the consideration of this House, any measures relating to the important subject of General Education, especially in the *Eastern Section of the Province* ; nor to certain important branches of the trade and commerce of the Province which are now in a very depressed state ; nor to the subject of