

with His Excellency, we fervently pray that our aspirations may be directed to such high and patriotic objects, and that we may be inspired with such a spirit of moderation and wisdom as will cause us to render the great work of Union which has been achieved, a blessing to ourselves and our posterity, and a fresh starting point in the moral, political and material advancement of the people of *Canada*.

The first paragraph of the said Resolution being again read,
The Honorable Mr. *Allan* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McCully*,
That the same be adopted.

After Debate,

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

The remaining paragraphs of the said Resolutions being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put on each, they were unanimously agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Fergusson Blair*, it was

Ordered, That the Honorable Messieurs *Allan*, *McCully*, and the mover, be appointed a Committee to draft an Address founded on the said Resolution.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported an Address prepared by the Committee, as follows:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *Charles Stanley*, Viscount *Monck*, Baron *Monck*, of *Ballytrammon*, in the County of *Wexford*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and Baron *Monck*, of *Ballytrammon*, in the County of *Wexford*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Governor General of *Canada*, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank your Excellency for your Gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We sympathize with Your Excellency in the expression of your own deep feeling of gratification, in addressing for the first time the Parliamentary Representatives of the Dominion of *Canada*, that it has been your high privilege to occupy an official position, which has made it your duty to assist at every step taken in the creation of this Great Confederation.

We thankfully receive Your Excellency's congratulations on the Legislative sanction which has been given by the Imperial Parliament to the Act of Union, under the provisions of which we are now assembled, and which has laid the foundation of a new Nationality, which, we trust and believe with Your Excellency, will, ere long, extend its bounds from the *Atlantic* to the *Pacific* Ocean.

We feel great satisfaction in knowing that in the discussions which preceded the introduction of this measure in the Imperial Parliament, between the Members of Her Majesty's Government on the one side, and the Delegates who represented the Provinces now united on the other,—it was apparent to all those who took part in those Conferences, that, while Her Majesty's Ministers considered and pressed the principle of Union as a subject of great Imperial interest, they allowed to the Provincial Representatives every freedom in arranging the mode in which that principle should be applied.

We recognize with pleasure that, in a similar spirit of respect for our privileges as a free and self-governing People, the Act of Union, as adopted by the Imperial Parliament, imposes the duty, and confers upon us the right of reducing to practice the system of Government which it has called into existence, of consolidating its institutions, harmonizing its administrative details, and of making such Legislative provisions as will secure to a Constitution—in some respects novel—a full, fair, and unprejudiced trial.