

which had passed this House without a dissenting voice, and had been concurred in by the members for the city—whether this did not indicate the necessity for some change in the constitution of that body.

Mr. McLellan agreed that if the Council insisted in this course some change in the appointment of that body could not be long postponed.

The House refused to agree to the amendment, and the bill was consequently checked.

The Committee on road scales reported that they had considered a road scale for the County of Victoria, about which difficulties existed between the members for that County, and that they could not decide on the disputed points from the want of local knowledge, and therefore recommended that the scale as presented be adopted.

On motion of the Financial Secretary it was resolved that the road grant for Victoria be placed at the disposal of the Government.

On motion of Mr. Chambers, that the Statute Labor Bill which had been rejected by the Council should be printed and distributed through the province.

A suggestion of the Speaker, that the act should be printed on sheets and posted up in the Court House and other public places, was adopted, and 1000 copies ordered to be printed.

The resolution respecting the change in the mode of granting aid to Indians was ordered to be printed and circulated.

His Excellency Sir Gaspard LeMarchant, attended by a brilliant staff, came down to the Council Chamber at the hour of three o'clock and, after assenting to a number of bills, was pleased to close the session with the following

SPEECH :

*Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council :*

*Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

The change of administration which occurred soon after the meeting of the legis-

lature' resulting from the principles of responsibility inherent in the existing constitution of the colony, necessarily occasioned an interruption of your deliberations, and unavoidably protracted the duration of this session.

In releasing you from further attendance upon legislative duties, which you have discharged with zeal and assiduity, I beg to assure you that in the ensuing recess my best efforts shall be directed to the accomplishment of the important objects which you have entrusted to executive management and control.

It affords me great satisfaction to contemplate the probability of a final adjustment of the difficulties which exist between the provincial legislature and the General Mining Association.

The liberality with which you have increased the appropriation for the encouragement of common school education affords gratifying evidence of your attention to that important element of public improvement.

You may rest assured that in the interval between this and the next meeting of the legislature, I shall superintend with care, conduct with economy, and prosecute with energy, the great public works in progress, in the success of which the prosperity and happiness of the province are deeply involved.

*Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

The funds which you have provided for the public service shall be faithfully applied to the objects to which you have directed their appropriation.

*Mr. President and honorable gentlemen of the Legislative Council :*

*Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

I take leave of you with the conviction that you will return to your homes to cultivate those social virtues which, by uniting all classes, can alone render a people prosperous and happy—and to cherish those sentiments of loyalty to our beloved sovereign for which this fine province has ever been distinguished.