

satisfaction in recurring to our counsel and assistance at this period, inasmuch as he may congratulate us on the general prosperity of the country, and the fortunate issue of the steps taken to unite and consolidate the vast territories which now form the Dominion.

14. That His Excellency is justified in feeling assured that we shall continue to devote the same assiduity as in the past to the augmented labours, which the exigencies of more numerous constituencies and a wider sphere of operations demand at our hands, and that we earnestly unite with His Excellency in the prayer, that our efforts in the path of duty may be so happily guided as to maintain peace and justice in all the borders of the land, and ensure the happiness and lasting welfare of all classes of its inhabitants.

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

And the first to the fourteenth paragraph inclusive, being again read, were agreed to.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the Honorable Sir *George E. Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. *Howe*, Mr. *Nathan* and Mr. *Carter*, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* reported from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read as followeth —

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable John, Baron *Lisgar*, of *Lisgar* and *Bailieborough*, in the County of *Cavan*, *Ireland*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, and a Baronet, one of the Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, Governor General of *Canada*, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of *Prince Edward*.

May it please Your Excellency :—

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

We are proud to know that the auspicious recovery which the mercy of Providence vouchsafed from the well nigh mortal illness of the Prince of *Wales*, called forth a universal expression of joy and thankfulness throughout the Empire, and that all classes of the people testified their deep sense of relief from the anxieties of a long and painful suspense, by joining their beloved Queen in a public Thanksgiving, which proved in vastness of attendance and unanimity of feeling the grandest and most impressive ceremony ever witnessed in the *British* Capital.

We shall rejoice to follow this good example on the fifteenth day of this month; We agree with Your Excellency that it was advisable to defer the solemnity until after the meeting of Parliament; and Your Excellency may rest assured that the Members of this House, as well as all Her Majesty's faithful subjects throughout the Dominion, will be anxious to unite in celebrating the occasion with all becoming observance and loyal alacrity.

We receive with respect the intimation that our Meeting has itself been postponed to a later season than usual, upon consideration of Imperial as well as Colonial interest, and at the instance of Her Majesty's Government.

We are aware that the young Province of *Manitoba* was, last September, threatened with an invasion of lawless persons from the *United States*; and that prompt measures for resistance were adopted by the local authorities and attended with the best results. We have learned with the greatest satisfaction that in order to re-assure the people of