

we trust, with Your Excellency, that by the application of the strictest economy to the public expenditure, and by the re-adjustment of the tariff with a view of increasing the revenue, and, at the same time, of developing and encouraging the various industries of *Canada*, we shall be enabled to restore the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, and to aid in removing the commercial and financial depression which unhappily continues to exist; and that we thank Your Excellency for having directed that the Public Accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before us.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that as Parliament has recognized the importance of providing for the safe deposit of the surplus earnings of the people by arranging for their being placed with the Government at a fair rate of interest, it may be well for us to consider how far it is practicable to give a like security and encouragement to persons who may desire, by an insurance upon their lives, to make provision for those dependent upon them.

Your Excellency may rest assured that our best attention will be given to the important subjects which you have been pleased to allude to, and to the general interests of the country.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

On motion of Sir *John A. Macdonald*, seconded by Mr. *Tilley*,

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House on Friday, the 14th instant; and that Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Messieurs *Tilley*, *Tupper*, *Masson*, *Mackenzie*, *Holton* and *Laurier* do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Tilley*, seconded by Mr. *Bowell*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

Mr. *Tilley*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Public Accounts of *Canada*, for the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1878. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 1.)

Mr. *Bowell*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Tables of the Trade and Navigation of the Dominion of *Canada*, for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1878. (*Sessional Papers* No 2.)

Mr. *Masson*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report on the State of the Militia of *Canada*, for the year 1878. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 5.)

Mr. *Tupper*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House,—Annual Report of the Minister of Public Works for the fiscal year, 1st July, 1877 to 30th June, 1878, in accordance with the provisions of the Act 31st *Victoria*, Chapter 12, Section 19. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 8.)

Mr. *Baby*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, laid before the House, by command of His Excellency the Governor General,—Report, Returns and Statistics