

By the Honorable Mr. *Christie*, of the Municipal Council of the Township of *East* and *West Garafraxa*, of the Township of *Oxford* and of the County of *Oxford*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Benson*, of *John Schultz*, M.P., of the Province of *Manitoba*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Blake*, of the Municipal Council of the County of *Norfolk*, and Township of *Nottawasa*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Bureau*, of The *Glasgow* Canadian Land and Trust Company, Limited.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day the following Petition was read :

Of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Brighton*, in the Province of *Ontario* praying for the passing of an Act prohibiting the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as beverages in the Dominion of *Canada*.

The Honorable Mr. *Vidal* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Cochrane*,

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to His Excellency's Gracious Speech from the Throne on opening the present Session :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *Frederick Temple*, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye* of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the *United Kingdom*, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye* of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh* in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick* and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of *Canada* and *Prince Edward*, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

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

We thank Your Excellency for your desire in addressing for the first time the Parliament of Canada, to express the satisfaction which Your Excellency is pleased to feel in resorting to our advice and assistance, and for communicating to us Your Excellency's deep sense of your good fortune in being permitted to associate yourself with us in our labours and aspirations for the welfare of this Dominion, and we rejoice, with Your Excellency, to think that your assumption of office should have taken place at a period when the prospects of the country appear so full of promise ; when peace and amity prevail amongst all neighbouring nations ; and when so many indications are afforded of the success with which Canada herself is consolidating her political unity, and developing her material resources.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that in accordance with the decision of Parliament, and to carry into effect the legislation of last Session, Your Excellency has caused a Charter to be granted to a body of Canadian capitalists for the construction of the *Pacific* Railway. We are glad to hear that the Company now formed has given assurance that this great work will be vigorously prosecuted, and that a favorable state of the money market in *England* affords every hope that satisfactory arrangements may be made for the required capital. We shall duly consider the papers and correspondence relating to this subject which Your Excellency may be pleased to lay before us.

We are glad to be informed that during the past year the surveys for the improve-