

Res. in answer
to Speech.

That we are of opinion that the Tariff of the Imperial Parliament for the British Possessions in *North America*, framed, as it is, in a most generous spirit, as regards this Province, will promote, essentially, its financial and commercial interests; and that we shall attend with promptitude to the making such necessary alterations in the Provincial scale of duties, as will make the Revenue Laws of this Province consistent in themselves, and harmonious with the enactments of the Imperial Parliament:

That we hear with pleasure and gratitude, that Her Majesty's Government has evinced a most liberal disposition in the consideration of the duties on agricultural produce, in connection with the trade of *Canada*; and that we shall be rejoiced to assist in any arrangement for extending the market for Canadian produce, in a manner alike advantageous to this Province and the Mother Country:

That we shall consider, with the greatest care, the modifications which may be proposed, with a view to giving effect to the great measures of the last Session, which have engaged His Excellency's attention, for the furtherance of their provisions, and in development of the principles on which they are founded, and in harmony with the spirit of the Institutions under which they are framed:

That we shall most cheerfully give our assistance in considering the important measure for the establishment of District Councils, the details of which experience alone can perfect, with a view to introducing such amendments as will remove all obstacles to the smooth and efficient working of these Institutions:

That we shall give our most serious attention, likewise, to the important subject of Education, in order to secure the successful and beneficial operation of the Act passed for its promotion; and that, in the meantime, we are gratified to notice the impulse which has been given to Education, in its higher as well as in its elementary branches—the result of which cannot fail to confer the most essential benefits upon the whole Province:

That we fully concur with His Excellency in thinking the present a favourable opportunity for the re-organization of the Provincial Militia; and that we shall be rejoiced to aid in the adoption of any measure to alleviate unnecessary pressure upon the people, and to place this arm of the public defence upon a sounder and more satisfactory footing:

That we do humbly thank His Excellency for His assurance that, in perfecting these and other measures, and in all our labours, we may rely upon His Excellency's cordial co-operation and support; that we see the Province at length happily recovered from a state of severe trial and danger, and that a bright dawn now opens upon its prospects; that we fully appreciate the promise of peace, secured upon an honourable and advantageous basis—the re-establishment of tranquillity and security—the restoration of permanent credit and commercial confidence, with the enjoyments of free and solid institutions. That these are blessings for which *Canada* has reason to be grateful, and which we assure His Excellency it will be our effort to preserve and our pride to perpetuate.

Amendment.

The Honourable Mr. *Baldwin* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Barthe*, That all the words after "That," in the said motion, be struck out, and the following substituted: "an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor-General, to thank His Excellency for his most gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament, and to convey to His Excellency, with an assurance of our regret, for the painful circumstances under which the Government of his Predecessor was

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"brought to a close—our hearty congratulations on His Excellency's assumption of the Government of this Province; and to assure His Excellency, that, in the discharge of the high and important duties to which he has been called, His Excellency will at all times receive from this House that support to which, as the Representative of the Sovereign, His Excellency is constitutionally entitled, and of our having no reason to doubt that His Excellency's exercise of the Royal Prerogative, in selecting the present as the period for calling us together, was with a view to the benefit of the public service:

"To assure His Excellency that we sincerely rejoice to learn, that several events of interest to this Province and the British Empire have, since we last met, been, in their issue, mercifully directed by Providence for the security and advantage of both:

"That the birth of a Prince, destined, under God's Providence, to occupy the British Throne, is to us, as it must be to all Her Majesty's faithful subjects, a source of the sincerest joy, and that it will afford us the highest satisfaction to join in cordial congratulations to the Queen and Her August Consort upon this event, so conducive to their domestic happiness, and so auspicious for the nation:

"That we unite, with one voice, in thanksgiving to Almighty God, that He has been pleased to avert from our beloved Sovereign the danger to which she has been exposed by the treasonable attempt of an assassin, and by the malice of the reckless and wicked; and we most heartily join in the prayer that the same Providence will continue to watch over, and long preserve, a life so justly dear to all classes of Her Majesty's subjects:

"That we have received with great satisfaction the information that a Treaty between *Great Britain* and the *United States of America* has been signed on the part of Her Majesty, and since ratified by the Federal Senate, by which the important questions affecting this Province and the *United States* have been adjusted; and that, could we be assured that our domestic affairs would be placed upon a basis calculated to insure the confidence and conciliate the affections of the great mass of the people, in both sections of the Province, we should augur the most favourable consequences from the assurance thus afforded, that peace will be maintained, and that our undivided energies would be thus left to be directed to the advancement and development of those resources which a merciful Providence has so bountifully bestowed upon us:

"That we feel a just confidence that the accomplishment of such happy results has been among Her Majesty's chief objects in the negotiation of the Treaty; and that we receive, with the most profound respect and sincere affection, the assurance, which His Excellency has by the Royal Command conveyed to us, that no wish is nearer to Her Majesty's heart than that, under Her rule and the protection of Her Crown, all Her faithful subjects in *Canada* may rest in undisturbed peace—may feel themselves to be one people with their fellow subjects in the British Islands—and may increase in wealth, prosperity, and contentment; and to assure His Excellency that, for the preservation of these blessings, Her Majesty's faithful Commons of *Canada* desire no other political guarantee than the undisturbed enjoyment of the British Constitution, in all its integrity, as applicable to our condition as one of the Colonial Dependencies of that mighty Empire to which it is still our pride to belong:

"That the high character of the British Government, for fidelity to its pecuniary engagements, gave us a full assurance that its promise to guarantee a Loan for the Province would be faithfully redeemed; and that the Act of the Imperial Parliament which gives effect to that promise, as well as the other information and the communication which

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