

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts of the last financial year will be laid before us, as well as a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the present year, to the latest practicable period.

We learn with regret that the receipts of the current year will not be sufficient to meet the expenditure, and we shall be ready to consider the best means to be adopted for making good the anticipated deficiency.

We are happy to hear that the estimates for the ensuing year will be laid before us, and that they have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is consistent with the efficiency of the public service.

We rejoice to learn that the combined efforts of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to promote Immigration have met with a reasonable measure of success, thus adding a considerable number of desirable persons from other countries to our industrial population.

We receive with satisfaction the announcement that notwithstanding the commercial depression, which, through exceptional causes, prevailed to some extent during the past year, the general prosperity was not thereby seriously affected; and rejoice in being assured of Your Excellency's conviction that as the great natural resources of the Dominion become more widely appreciated, the results will be a healthy stimulus to the enterprise and energy of our people and a still larger accession to our numbers.

We trust, with Your Excellency, that our deliberations may be directed by wisdom and aided by Divine Providence.

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 the Honorable Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dorion*,
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 27th March, instant; and that the Honorable Messieurs *Mackenzie*, *Dorion*, *Burpee* (*St. John*), *Holton*, the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the Honorable Messieurs *Tupper* and *Robitaille* do compose the said Committee.

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

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery do attend at the opening of this House, To-morrow, with the Return of the last Election for the Electoral District of *Provencher*, together with the Poll Books and all other papers, letters and documents which may have been transmitted to him by the Returning Officer of said District.

Ordered, That the Honorable *H. J. Clarke*, Attorney General of the Province of *Manitoba*, be summoned to appear To-morrow, at the Bar of this House, to answer such questions as may be put to him relative to the Indictment laid before the Grand Jury of the Queens' Bench of *Manitoba*, and the True Bill returned by the said Grand Jury against *Louis Riel*, the Member Elect for the District of *Provencher* in the Province of *Manitoba*, for the murder of *Thomas Scott*.

The Honorable Mr. *Mackenzie*, a Member of the Queens' Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.

And the said Message was read by Mr. Speaker, all the Members of the House being uncovered, and is as followeth:—

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The Governor General communicates to the House of Commons the appointment of the Honorable *Alexander Mackenzie*, Minister of Public Works; the Honorable *Antoine*