

of *St. Augustin*, praying for an indemnification; and

From P. Bussière of St. Henri, and

Also, a Petition from *Pierre Bussière*, of *St. Henri*, and of certain Inhabitants of the Parish of *St. Isidore*, praying for an exclusive privilege in favor of a Grist Mill, built by the said *Pierre Bussière* in the said Parish of *St. Isidore*.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

From E. A. Meredith, Presented.

The Honorable Mr. *M^cGill* presented a Petition from *Edmund A. Meredith*, of *Montreal*, Barrister at Law, praying that the Office of Law Clerk to the Legislative Council may be conferred upon him.

Ordered, that the same do lie on the Table.

Consideration of the Speech of His Excellency.

The House according to order, proceeded to the consideration of the Speech of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government at the opening of the present Session.

Whereupon the same was read by the Clerk.

Motion for an Address of Thanks to His Excellency.

It was moved to Resolve, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne, and to express to His Excellency our congratulations that the Queen has been graciously pleased to appoint His Excellency as Her Majesty's future Representative in this Province.

That we cordially concur with his Excellency in the expression of sincere regret at the painful cause of the removal of Lord *Metcalfe* from the Government of this Colony, the duties of which he discharged with a zeal and ability that won for him the highest approbation of his Sovereign, and the respect and gratitude of the people over whom he presided as her Representative.

That we will thankfully receive from His Excellency the replies which it has graciously pleased Her Majesty, to make to the several Addresses to the Queen which were adopted during the last Session of the Legislature.

That we duly appreciate His Excellency's assurance that under any circumstances His Excellency would have directed our early attention to the condition of the Militia Law, and we agree with His Excellency that the unsettled state of the negotiations which have been for some time past carried on between the Imperial Government and that of the United States of America renders it imperative upon

His Excellency to press more immediately on our consideration the necessity of a reorganization of this arm of the public defence.

Motion for an Address of Thanks to His Excellency.

That we concur with His Excellency in feeling that the loyalty and patriotism of every class of Her Majesty's subjects in Canada will be conspicuous, as they have been heretofore, should occasion call for their services, to aid in the protection of their Country; but we are nevertheless convinced, that a well digested and uniform system is indispensable to give a fitting direction to the most zealous efforts.

That we thank His Excellency for assuring us that while our Gracious Sovereign will ever rely on the free and loyal attachment of her Canadian People for the defence of this Province, and the maintenance of British connexion, Her Majesty will be prepared, to provide with promptitude and energy, corresponding with the power and resources of the Empire, for the security of her North American Dominions.

That we will not fail to devote our earnest attention to the subject of the Civil List which was brought under our consideration by His Excellency's predecessor, with a view to make such a provision as will enable Her Majesty to give effect to this measure by recommending to the Imperial Parliament the requisite changes in the Act of Reunion.

That we learned with deep regret that the ancient City of *Quebec* has been subjected to unexampled calamity in the successive fires which laid waste its buildings, and we derived much satisfaction that measures rendered indispensable by the exigency were adopted by Your Excellency's predecessor, and for the information that the same will be sent down for our approval. We feel grateful for the sympathy and benevolence of different portions of the British Empire which were roused into active exercise by the knowledge of the severe affliction with which it had pleased Divine Providence to permit the Citizens of *Quebec* to be visited; and we have the strongest reasons for appreciating the noble generosity which has been exhibited, and which has proved how truly the Inhabitants of Canada are felt by the people of Great Britain to be brethren and fellow subjects of the same mighty nation. We will duly consider what further measures it may be proper to adopt, for the restoration of what has been thus destroyed.

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