

and amended laws respecting Parliamentary Elections, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, and Patents of invention and discovery.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—

The estimates for the expenditure of the coming financial year will be submitted to you. They have been framed with every economy compatible with the efficiency of the Public Service. I have also desired that the financial accounts of the past year shall be laid before you.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, and Gentlemen of the House of Commons,—

The charters of several Banks are drawing to a close, and the important subjects of Banking and Currency will be brought under your notice.

In considering these questions, which so deeply affect, not only the important interests of Commerce, but the daily transactions of life, I feel assured that you will endeavour to adopt such principles as, in their application, may ensure the greatest measure of safety to the Public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of Trade.

I have enumerated a variety of topics, but they are of moment and press for decision within the limits of the Session. I commit them in all confidence to your deliberate judgment, earnestly hoping that a blessing may attend your counsels and enable you to discharge, with dignity and effect, the great trust to which the order of Providence has called you.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* presented to the House a Bill intituled "An Act relating to Railways."

The said Bill was read for the first time *pro forma*.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and The same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Kenny*, it was

Ordered, That the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to-morrow.

Ordered, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be printed in both languages, for the use of Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Kenny* it was

Ordered, That all the Members present during this Session, be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House when and as often as they please.

Then on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Kenny*.

The House adjourned until to-morrow, at three o'clock in the afternoon.