

prosperous condition, and that there is no reason to doubt that the revenue will be sufficient to meet all contemplated charges upon it.

10. That we shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year, which will be submitted to us ; that we thank His Excellency for the assurance that they have been prepared with as much regard to economy as is compatible with the efficiency of the public service, and that we trust we shall be of opinion that the supplies which His Excellency's Government will ask us to vote can be granted without inconvenience to the people.

11. That we are duly sensible that many of the subjects which His Excellency has enumerated are of the greatest importance ; and that we are grateful to His Excellency for the expression of the full confidence in our patriotism and wisdom with which he commends them to our consideration, and that we trust with him that a Gracious Providence may guide our Counsels in whatever way may best promote the happiness of the people of Canada, and the welfare of the Empire at large.

And the first to the eleventh paragraphs inclusive, of the said Resolution, being again read, were agreed to, and it was resolved accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the Honorable Messieurs *Tilley* and *Langevin*, and Messieurs *Tobin* and *Palmer*, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer, to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

The Right Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* reported, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth :—

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 Commons 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 Your Excellency feels in resorting to our advice and assistance, as well as Your Excellency's deep sense of your own 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* ; that the Company now formed has given assurances that this great work will be vigorously prosecuted ; that a favorable state of the money market in *England* affords every hope that satisfactory arrangements may be made for