

And also, a Petition from *R. A. Young* and others, inhabitants residing along the shores of the *Ottawa River*; praying that a few Locks may be constructed near the *Paquet* and *Allumette* Rapids, between the head of the *Grand Callumet* and *Joachim*.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the table.

Committee on
Contingent
Accounts ap-
pointed.

Ordered, that the Honorable Messieurs *DeBlaquière*, *Macaulay*, *Goodhue*, *Irving*, *J. Morris*, *Ross*, and *Mills*, be appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council for the present Session.

West Gwillim-
bury Old Sur-
vey Bill pre-
sented.

The Honorable Mr. *Irving* presented to the House a Bill, intituled, "An Act to annex "the Old Survey of *West Gwillimbury* in "the County of *Simcoe*, to the adjoining "Township of *East Gwillimbury*, in the "County of *York*."

Read first time

The said Bill was read for the first time.

The House ad-
journs during
pleasure.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

Same resumes.

After some time the House was resumed.

Address in an-
swer to His
Excellency's
Speech from
the Throne
reported.

The Honorable Mr. *Goodhue* from the Select Committee appointed to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General in answer to His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, reported an Address, prepared by them as follows:

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British *North America*, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Excellency with our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of Parliament.

We assure Your Excellency that this House unites most cordially in the satisfaction ex-

pressed by Your Excellency in the general prosperity of the Province.

We feel with Your Excellency sincerely grateful to the Almighty, for the abundant crop of last year, and we are pleased to learn that the Revenues from the Customs and the traffic on the Canals are gradually increasing, and that the Securities of the Province command a high price.

We rejoice to learn that the effect of recent changes in the Imperial Navigation Law is now beginning to be felt in the more frequent resort of Foreign Shipping to our Sea Ports; and We shall give our best consideration to the Immigration Act for the purpose of removing any unnecessary impediments to the extension of this important branch of our Import Trade.

It is a subject of congratulation that under these favorable circumstances the further improvement of the means of internal communication has recently engaged a large share of public attention. That in many parts of Western *Canada* capital has been applied extensively and with much advantage by persons interested in the several localities, and by others to the construction of good country roads; and that measures have been taken in both sections of the Province with the view of pressing forward important lines of Railway.

We beg to assure Your Excellency that Parliament, having given proof of its disposition to afford to undertakings of this description which are calculated to be beneficial to the Province, such aid as can be properly given to them without impairing the Provincial Credit or encouraging improvident speculation, this House is prepared in any further legislation which it may be thought fit to adopt on this subject to adhere to the principles of this judicious policy.

We feel great satisfaction in learning that a considerable increase in correspondence has taken place since the new Postage Law came into operation. This fact furnishes conclusive proof of the advantage accruing to the community from the measure, and warrants the expectation that the receipts of the department will before long recover from the depression consequent on the adoption of greatly reduced rates of postage.

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