

be as desirous of seeing fair use made of the resources thus placed at our disposal, and we only hope and pray that our revenues may largely increase, feeling that the time may not be far distant when we will understand their value. Those who reflect upon the repeal of the Reciprocity Treaty must feel the approach of a period in our history when it will become us to make every exertion we can, and to refrain, as far as possible, from incurring liabilities, that we may be prepared for what awaits us.

On the conclusion of the hon. gentleman's remarks, the Address passed by unanimous consent.

REVISING COMMITTEE.

The following Revising Committee was appointed:—Provincial Secretary, Attorney General, Locke, Archibald, Tobin, Annaud, Blanchard.

ANSWER PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCY.

The House at a quarter to five o'clock proceeded to Government House and presented the answer to the Address. The Speaker, on their return, announced that His Excellency had been pleased to make the following reply:

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—

I thank you for your loyal Address; the personal allusion to my own services is most gratifying to me; I feel satisfied that the business of the session will receive due attention at your hands.

THE INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION AT PARIS.

HON. PROV. SECRETARY moved the following resolution: Resolved, That in the opinion of this house it is most important that the resources of this Province should be known abroad as widely as possible, and that his Excellency be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to have Nova Scotia duly represented at the International Exhibition to be held at Paris in 1867, and that this house will provide the necessary funds for the purpose. In moving this resolution, the hon gentleman referred to the great advantages that the Province had derived from having been represented at the great London Exhibition in 1861, as well as at the smaller one of Dublin held more recently. Such exhibitions tended to give that publicity to our manifold resources which was absolutely required to bring capital and skill into the country. The approaching exhibition at Paris would perhaps exceed any one that has been hitherto held in Europe. The long period given for preparation would enable all countries to make the arrangements necessary to place their productions in the best light possible before the many thousands of the most intelligent men and women of the world who would visit that most remarkable collection of the wealth of nations.

Mr. ARCHIBALD expressed the pleasure he felt in seconding a resolution which commended itself so greatly to him. If the matter were new to the house—if gentlemen were asked for the first time to expend public money for such a purpose as the resolution proposed, there might be some reason for hesitation; but the undoubted benefits which this country had derived from her representation at previous exhibitions were a conclusive argument in favour of most energetic efforts in connection

with the great World's Fair at Paris. Previous to the London Exhibition of 1861, the ignorance that existed in Great Britain in respect to the capabilities of this Province was most deplorable. That exhibition dispelled to a very large extent the existing ignorance, and gave the world some idea of the resources of this much depreciated province. The approaching Paris Exhibition would, in all probability, be one of the grandest affairs of the kind the world ever witnessed, and he therefore seconded the resolution before the house with the greatest cordiality.

THE RECENT DELEGATION TO ENGLAND—ITS RESULTS.

HON. PROVINCIAL SECRETARY next laid on the table copies of correspondence relative to the recent delegation to England, composed of himself and the Attorney General, and in doing so, made remarks to this effect: I may say this subject was not referred to in the Speech with which the session was opened, because that delegation which took place during the recess, not having received the previous authorization of the Legislature, it was thought more in unison with the feelings of gentlemen on both sides, if we deferred making any mention of the subject until the papers connected therewith were submitted for consideration. You are aware that the action of the Legislature during the last session called the attention of the government during the recess to a number of very important matters. The legislation of this house authorized us to enter into contracts for lines of railway from Truro to the borders of New Brunswick and from Windsor to Aunapolis, upon certain specified terms. That legislation was communicated to certain parties in England and elsewhere whom the government knew were desirous of contracting for these public works. Some time after the prorogation of the House the government received a communication from the International Contract Company (with whom we had previous correspondence which was submitted last session) intimating that they were prepared to discuss the project of constructing the proposed lines of railway with authorized parties. Inasmuch as the legislation of this House required the joint action of New Brunswick in order to connect our railway from Truro with that of the sister province, I proceeded soon after the prorogation, by command of His Excellency to Fredericton where the Legislature was still in session. My object was to ascertain whether the Government of New Brunswick was prepared to act in connection with our own in conformity with the legislation which had passed this House. I placed myself in communication with the members of that Government, and after mature deliberation we were entirely of opinion that this subject could only be satisfactorily dealt with by means of a delegation from the governments of the two provinces to England. At London they would be able to personally confer with the companies and capitalists who might be prepared to undertake this work, and especially with the company with whom we had previous correspondence. You are also aware that a Committee of this House have called the attention of the Government to the great importance of doing everything in