

Saturday, 22rd November, 1833.

FOURTH SESSION, 11th PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT, 4th WILLIAM IV.

PRESNT :

Members present. *The Honorable JOHN B. ROBINSON, SPEAKER,* *The Honorable Mr. BALDWIN,*  
*The Honorable Mr. CROOKSHANK,* *The Hon. & Rt. Rev. BISHOP MACDONELL,*  
*The Hon. & Ven. The ARCHDEACON OF YORK,* *The Honorable Mr. STEWART.*  
*The Honorable Mr. McDONELL,*

*Prayers were read.*

Address to Lieut.  
Governor thanking  
him for his Speech,  
read third time and  
passed.

The Minutes of yesterday were read.

Pursuant to the order of the day, the Address to the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session was read a third time and passed :

Same sig. ed.

Whereupon the Speaker signed the same, and it is as follows :—

*To His Excellency SIR JOHN COLBORNE, Knight, Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces therein, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

The Address.

We, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of the Province of Upper Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to offer our respectful thanks for Your Excellency's Speech from the Throne.

In the assurance we feel of the progressive advances of the Province in all that constitutes a flourishing community, and of the favorable prospects of its several Districts, we have cause for much congratulation ; and although the recent Emigration has not proved so extensive as we were led to expect, yet the great excess of Capital transferred to the Province above that of any corresponding period, and invested by the Emigrants of this season, cannot fail to produce essential benefit.

Our information of the Statistical changes rapidly taking place, and of the energy displayed by the Inhabitants of the Province in profiting by her Lakes and Rivers to improve their communications, enables us to appreciate the resources of the Colony, and we concur with Your Excellency in believing, that were they sufficiently known, the Parent State would be encouraged to regard this fertile Country as an asylum for a large portion of her redundant population, which by an extensive system of Emigration, under proper management, might be rendered the means of increasing her own commercial prosperity, of promoting the welfare of the Province, and ameliorating the condition of her laboring classes.

We shall receive with satisfaction the Report of the Arbitrators appointed under the British Act 3d Geo. 4th, to ascertain the proportion of duties which Upper Canada is entitled to claim, and shall not fail to give it our best consideration.

Upon the important subject of Education we shall take an early occasion to deliberate ; especially on the necessity of extending the Royal Charter establishing an University, on the application of the proceeds of sales of School Lands for the support of superior District Schools, and on the revision of the system of Township Schools.

In pursuing this subject, in considering what course we can best suggest to ensure the immediate opening of the University of King's College, under any modification that may be judged necessary, and in proposing measures for the future government and appropriation of School Lands, we shall be accompanied by the grateful assurance, that His Majesty will readily give effect to any system that can tend to facilitate the diffusion of Education among all classes, and add to the advantages which, under the blessing of Divine Providence, this Colony now enjoys.

(Signed,)

JOHN B. ROBINSON,  
SPEAKER.

Legislative Council Chamber,  
23d day of November, 1833.