

small additional expense as to permit Vessels drawing nine feet on the outward and eight feet on the inward voyage to pass from Lake *Erie* to the Ocean soon after the opening of the Navigation, and that when this object shall be accomplished, *Canada* will possess an Inland Navigation unparalleled in capacity and length, and connecting the Marts of a Commerce to the growth of which it is impossible to assign limits.

An enactment authorizing the alienation of works of a purely local character, which have been executed at the cost of the Province, and giving such powers as may be necessary to the Government for the re-organization of the Provincial Debt and the creation of an efficient Sinking Fund: it is gratifying to remember that this Debt has not been contracted in the prosecution of costly Wars of defence or aggression, but in the construction of works of utility, the more important whereof can hardly fail, when completed, to prove remunerative; this, with the existence of a large Revenue derived from Customs, places the public creditor in a very advantageous position, and which will be improved when the principle of a Sinking Fund is brought into active operation.

The amendment of the existing Immigration Act, with a view to the removal of such provisions as tend to prevent Immigrants proposing to settle in *Canada* or the Western States of the American Union, from proceeding to their destination by the *St. Lawrence*, and with respect to this important subject, this House fully concurs with Your Excellency that the conveyance of Passengers is an important branch of the trade inwards which cannot be discouraged without prejudice to the trade outwards, and this House expresses its thanks to Your Excellency for the assurance that every exertion which the interests of the public health will permit, will be made to reduce the expenditure of the Immigration Department to the scale of the years preceding 1847, when a Passenger Tax, considerably less onerous than that now levied, with the occasional addition of a small grant from the Public Treasury, sufficed to cover it.

This House views with pleasure the recommendation of Your Excellency to consider the propriety of setting apart a portion of the Public Domain, in order that the revenue de-

rived from the sales thereof may form a fund, the interest of which shall be applied to the support of Common Schools, and we assure Your Excellency that the subject will receive our best attention, as well as the important suggestion of Your Excellency to invest the Capital arising from this source, either in the Stocks of the Province, or in some of those of the principal Railways, the construction of which has been sanctioned by Parliament.

We feel grateful for the assurance that Your Excellency will always be willing and desirous to co-operate with us in maturing these and all kindred measures for the promotion of the moral and economical well-being of the people of this important Province.

We entirely concur in opinion with Your Excellency that in the possession of a Revenue derived from so many independent sources, and exempt from numerous charges that weigh heavily on the resources of other communities, *Canada* enjoys great and singular advantages; and we cordially unite with Your Excellency in the hope that under God's blessing Legislation may be so directed as to enable her to reap the full benefit of them.

Which said Address, being read by the Clerk, was agreed to by the House. Same agreed to.

*Ordered*, that the said Address be engrossed. To be engrossed, and

*Ordered*, that the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House. Presented by the whole House.

*Ordered*, that such Members of the Executive Council who are Members of this House do wait on His Excellency the Governor General, humbly to know what time His Excellency will be pleased to appoint to be attended with the said Address. A Committee appointed to inquire when it would be received.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing. Adjourn.