

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, and

The same being read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Benson* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Dickey*.

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, viz. :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *John Young*, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint *Michael* and Saint *George*, Governor General of *Canada*, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your gracious speech at the opening of this Session.

We thank Your Excellency for the expression of your confidence in our advice, and of your satisfaction in being enabled, on the present occasion, to summon us to the discharge of our public duties at the period of the year most convenient to ourselves.

We agree, with Your Excellency, that the circumstances under which we meet are in many respects auspicious. The Bounty of Providence crowned the Harvest with abundance, and made the Fisheries unusually productive ; in many districts existing industries have been enlarged, and new enterprizes have started into activity, furnishing fresh avenues for Commerce, and additional employment for our people : whilst every day new sections of the country are being opened to the labors of the husbandman. The trade and wealth of the Dominion are on the increase, and the equal administration of the Laws maintains, as heretofore, the enjoyment of a general sense of security.

We fully enter into the feelings of anxiety with which Your Excellency informs us that you watched the course of events, in the North-West Territories. Unfortunate misapprehensions of the intentions with which the country was sought to be acquired by *Canada*, having led to complications of a grave character, it affords us great satisfaction to be informed by Your Excellency that, with a view to their removal, Your Excellency has thought it desirable to exhaust every means of conciliation, before adopting other measures, and that the latest advices lead Your Excellency to expect that the groundless alarms entertained by a portion of the inhabitants, have given place to a desire to listen to the explanations, which Your Excellency has caused to be made to them. We are glad to be informed that the spirit, which has animated Your Excellency's Government throughout, has been such that efforts made under its influence can scarcely fail to accomplish an equitable and peaceful solution of the existing difficulty, and thereby secure the speedy incorporation of the North-West Territory with *Canada*, an object so earnestly desired by the Empire and the Dominion.

We shall not fail to give our best attention to the measure for the Government of the Territories, when united with *Canada*, which Your Excellency is pleased to inform us will be submitted for our consideration.

The Charters of most of the Banks of the Dominion having last session been extended for a limited period, with the view that during the interval the question of Banking and Currency should receive the consideration which their importance demands. We thank Your Excellency for informing us that a measure intended to ensure safety to the community, without interfering with the legitimate operations of the Banks, and calculated in Your Excellency's opinion to place those important interests upon a sound and stable basis, will be submitted for our consideration.

As the laws in force on the subject of the Elective Franchise, and the regulation of Parliamentary Elections in the several Provinces of the Dominion, vary much in their operations, and it is important that uniform provision should be made, settling