

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
Ottawa, 23rd November, 1877.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honor to report that I have audited the books of your Accountant's office for the year ended 30th June, 1877; and having compared the same with the vouchers, and accompanying Account Current, I find all correct.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

R. W. BAXTER.

The Honorable
The Commissioners of the Internal Economy,
Of the House of Commons of *Canada*,
&c., &c., &c.

Resolved, That a Select Committee composed of Messieurs *Ross (Middlesex)*, *Oliver*, *Dymond*, *Béchar*, *Charlton*, *Tupper*, *Bowell*, *Desjardins*, and *Colby*, be appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, with power to report from time to time.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *De St. Georges* moved, seconded by Mr. *Charlton*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session; and further to assure His Excellency,—that we learn with satisfaction, that His Excellency, in again summoning us for the despatch of business, is able to inform us that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires our attendance.

That it affords us great pleasure to know that His Excellency had an opportunity, before his departure from *Canada*, of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit His Excellency accomplished during last Autumn, and that His Excellency has now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of his government of *Canada*.

That we are happy to learn from His Excellency, that the arbitration on the Fishery claims, under the terms of the Washington Treaty, has been concluded, and an award has been made by the Commissioners of \$5,500,000 as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present Treaty, and that we feel, with His Excellency, that although this amount is much less than that claimed by His Excellency's Government, yet that having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.

That we are glad to know that the exhibition of Canadian manufactures and products at *Sydney, New South Wales*, was successfully carried out; that we trust, with His Excellency, that the result will be the opening up of a new market for Canadian goods even in so remote a region as the Australasian colonies, shipments of Canadian productions having already been made; and that, although the expenditure will slightly exceed the estimate, we doubt not the cost to *Canada* will be amply repaid by the extension of her trade.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us, that preparations have been uninterruptedly carried on during the last six months for securing an ample but select exhibition of *Canada's* products and manufactures at the great exhibition to be