

House the Report of the Librarian on the state of the Library.

*Ordered*, that the same do lie on the Table, and it is as follows :—

(*Vide Appendix, No. 1.*)

It was moved that the House do now adjourn during pleasure.

Which being objected to,

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and the same was resolved in the affirmative, and

The House was adjourned during pleasure accordingly.

After some time the House was resumed.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session.

Which being read by the Clerk,

It was moved to resolve—

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General to thank His Excellency for his gracious speech from the Throne at the commencement of the present Session of Parliament.

To assure His Excellency that this House sincerely unites with him in deep regret for the death of the Queen Dowager, a Princess whose many virtues endeared Her to all classes of Her Majesty's Subjects.

That this House regrets that the occurrences of the past year and the necessity which had arisen for providing suitable accommodation for Parliament while in Session, made it incumbent upon His Excellency to consider how the Royal Prerogative in respect of the places of assembling Parliament in future could be best exercised with a view to the public interest.—But they earnestly trust that the decision at which His Excellency after full deliberation arrived will be attended with all the advantages anticipated from the measure.

That this House confidently hopes with His

Excellency that the important changes recently made in the Imperial Navigation laws, and the improvements effected in the Provincial Canals, will tend to promote materially the commercial interests of the Province and to attract to the route of the St. Lawrence a considerable portion of the Emigration from Europe to this continent.

That it learns with pleasure that recent advices from England indicate a marked improvement in the value of Canadian Securities in the British market, and they are resolved that nothing shall be wanting on the part of this House which may have a tendency to encourage that reviving confidence.

That this House, sensible of the great importance to these Colonies of placing the Trade between the British *North American* Provinces on the most unrestricted footing, rejoices to be informed that His Excellency has been in communication during the recess with the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick* and *Prince Edward Island*, and with the Governor of *Newfoundland*, upon this important subject, and to assure him that there will be no hesitation on their part in placing such powers in the hands of His Excellency as may enable him to meet the advances of the Sister Colonies in a liberal spirit.

That this House is glad to learn that a measure for the establishment of Free Trade between *Canada* and the *United States*, in certain articles, the natural products of each, and which corresponds with that passed by the Legislature of this Province at its last Session for the same purpose, is at present under the consideration of the American Congress.

That they have much pleasure in learning that by an Act passed during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, the entire control of the internal Posts in British *North America* is vested in the Provincial Authorities, and they are ready to take the necessary further action on this subject, in order to secure for the inhabitants of these Provinces the benefit of a cheap and uniform rate of Postage.

That the subject of an increase in the Parliamentary Representation of the Province will not fail to engage our serious attention whenever it may come constitutionally before us.

That this House will give its best attention to any measure that may be submitted for their consideration, founded on the Report of the Commissioners

Motion to adjourn during pleasure.

His Excellency's Speech considered.