

expenditure so far as may be found consistent with a due regard to efficiency ; and that we hope, with His Excellency, that the result of their enquiries will introduce such a system of control and economy as may, before long, bring the expenditure of the Province within its annual income.

9. That we feel, with His Excellency, that the contributions which have spontaneously and freely flowed from the Province for the relief of distress in the Manufacturing Districts of *Great Britain*, are a gratifying evidence of the sympathy of the Canadian people with their fellow-subjects in the *British Isles*, and that we share His Excellency's confidence, that they will serve to strengthen the kindly ties which, we trust, will long continue to exist between this Colony and the Parent State.

10. That we shall earnestly endeavor to consider the several subjects which may be brought before us in a calm, impartial and unselfish spirit, and that we unite with His Excellency in fervently invoking the blessing of the Almighty on our performance of the important duties which the Constitution of the Province has imposed upon us.

And the third paragraph being again read, as followeth :—

That we shall give our most respectful attention to any measure for the more fair adjustment of Parliamentary Representation, in each section of the Province, which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, as well as to any Bill for the more equitable settlement of the relation between Debtor and Creditor, and to afford relief to insolvent debtors, and to any other measures of public utility in relation to the Administration of Justice, to the Registration of Titles, and to the law respecting Patents for Inventions, which may be submitted for our consideration.

Mr. *Matthew C. Cameron* moved, in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Angus Morrison*, That all the words after "That" to the end thereof, be left out, and the words "While we shall give our most respectful attention to any measure for the more fair adjustment of Parliamentary Representation, which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us, as well as to any Bill for the more equitable settlement of the relation between debtor and creditor, and to afford relief to insolvent debtors, and to any other measures of public utility in relation to the administration of Justice, to the Registration of Titles, and to the law respecting Patents for Inventions which may be submitted for our consideration, we must express surprise that His Excellency has not been advised to make an allusion to the recent census of this Province, by which the important fact is established that the population of *Upper Canada* exceeded that of *Lower Canada*, in the month of February, 1861, by not less than 285,427 souls ; and as the excess of population in *Upper Canada* was only 61,773 at the taking of the census in 1852, it is evident that the disproportion is becoming greater every year ; and that the continuance of a system which gives to the two sections an equal number of representatives in the Legislature is, in view of these facts, manifestly unjust and fraught with great danger to the peace and good Government of the country. We therefore deeply regret that His Excellency has not been advised to recommend for our adoption, some measure for securing to this large population of *Upper Canada*, their rightful share of the Parliamentary Representation and their just influence in the Government," inserted instead thereof.

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cartier*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Sherwood*,  
The House adjourned.

Friday, 20th February, 1863.

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Scott*,—The Petition of the Community, General Hospital, Alms House, and Seminary of Learning of the Sisters of Charity, at *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Tett*,—The Petition of the Municipality of the Township of *South Crosby*.

By Mr. *Notman*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Wentworth*.

By Mr. *Simard*,—The Petition of L'Hospice de St. Joseph de la Maternité de *Québec*.