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*SPEECH of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, PETER HUNTER, at the close of the Parliament of Upper Canada, at York, the 5th March 1863.*

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,  
And Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

AFTER so very long an attendance upon your Parliamentary duty, it becomes necessary and expedient to close the present Session.

I trust that when the Laws which you have been occupied in framing shall be published, His Majesty's subjects of Upper Canada, will form a due estimation of the importance of the different topics, which have principally engaged your attention in the discharge of your public duty.

A very short experience has evinced that the industry which has already been exerted in the export trade of the country, has even in the present infant state of the Province produced advantages beyond the most sanguine expectations and no doubt can be entertained, but that a steady perseverance in that industry, and an assiduous attention to the facilitating the mode of transport to the Lower Province, will eventually and rapidly raise this part of His Majesty's Dominions to a state of opulence and importance; and I trust that the culture and exportation of Hemp will be found, to be among the objects most worthy your future attention.

I cannot dismiss you without strongly recommending and urging to you the necessity of promoting by your own example in your respective Counties and Districts, habits of sobriety and morality, as the sure foundation of the future welfare of the Province: for whatever sound and wholesome Laws may be passed for the government of a people, yet the wisdom and experience of ages has taught, that a virtuous and religious example in the higher orders of society, is indispensably essential to the giving due effect to those Laws, and the introduction of good order and decorum among the great body of the people.

## Laws passed during the Session.

An Act to authorize the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of this Province, to licence Practitioners in the Law.

An Act to declare the Rights of certain Grantees of Waste Lands of the Crown.

An Act to enable Married Women having real Estate more conveniently to alien and convey the same.

An Act to encourage the destroying of Wolves and Bears in different parts of this Province.

An Act to repeal for a limited time, part of an Act passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act for the Regulation of Juries.

An Act to authorize the Attorneys now practising, or hereafter, to be duly admitted to practise, and to take such number of Clerks as therein mentioned.

An Act for the better securing to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, the due collection and receipt of certain Duties therein mentioned.

An Act to extend the provisions of an Act, passed in the thirty-fourth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to restrain the custom of permitting Horned Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Swine to run at large.

An Act the more conveniently to collect the compensation to the Members of the House of Assembly for their attendance in their duty in Parliament, and to repeal part of an Act passed in the Parliament of this Province, in the thirty-third year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, an Act to authorize and direct the laying and collecting of Assessments and Rates within this Province, and to provide for the payment of Wages to the House of Assembly.

An Act particularizing the Property Real and Personal, which during the continuance thereof shall be subject to Assessments and Rates, and fixing the several valuations at which each and every particular of such property shall be rated and Assessed.

An Act to explain and amend an Act passed in the forty-first year of His Majesty's reign, entitled, "An Act for granting to His Majesty, His Heirs and Successors, to and for the uses of this Province, the like Duties on Goods and Merchandize brought into this Province from the United States of America, as are now paid on Goods and Merchandize imported from Great Britain and other places," and to provide more effectually for the collection and payment of Duties on Goods and Merchandize coming from the United States of America into this Province, and also to establish a Fund for the erection and repairing of Light-Houses.

An Act to declare valid and effectual four several fines, levied, or intended to be levied, in His Majesty's Court of King's Bench of this Province, did not receive the Royal Assent.

## CHAMBRE D'ASSEMBLÉE.

*Mercredi, 23 Mars.* Mr. McGill du Comité nommé pour s'enquérir des places les plus convenables pour ériger des Prisons et Maisons de Correction dans les Districts de Québec et Montréal, et des dépenses probables pour les construire, a livré un rapport accompagné de divers papiers, plans et estimations. Il a été ordonné de référer le dit rapport à un Comité de toute la Chambre Samedi prochain.

Un Bill grossoyé pour continuer un Acte qui fait une provision temporaire pour le règlement du commerce entre cette Province et les États Unis d'Amérique, par terre ou par la navigation intérieure, a été lu une troisième fois et passé; et des Messagers ont été nommés pour le porter au Conseil Législatif.