

the Estimates for the present, when laid before them, will receive their most attentive consideration :

That they are glad to learn that our Finances are, on the whole, in a satisfactory state; the people at large having reaped the benefits of those reductions in the Customs' Duties which were made by Parliament last year :

That this House learns with satisfaction that the diminution in the receipts consequent on such reductions, nearly corresponds with the calculation submitted to them by His Excellency's advisers. They fully agree in the opinion expressed by His Excellency, that although a large decrease has been caused by the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States*, any such apparent loss is more than compensated by the increased commerce and by the facility of intercourse between the two countries :

That this House assures His Excellency that he may confidently rely on their readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service :

That they feel deeply that the year just ended has been one of difficulty and conflict in *Europe*; that on this side of the *Atlantic* we have, however, by the blessing of Providence, escaped the direct evils of war. They fully concur with His Excellency in the belief that in no part however of Her Majesty's Dominions has a deeper sympathy with Her arms been shewn, or more fervent prayers for their success been offered than in *Canada* :

That we agree with His Excellency that our people have eagerly watched every turn of the contest, and consisting as they do, of men of *French* and *English* origin, equal members of the same free community, and loyal subjects of the same Queen, they have grieved at the sufferings and exulted in the success of the allied armies :

That this House cordially unites with His Excellency in the belief that in like manner, should it please God to establish a firm and honourable peace, *Canada* will rejoice at the termination of the war, and they fervently join in the hope that it may be the lot of His Excellency before the end of the present Session, to congratulate them on so auspicious an event ;

The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the second paragraph being again read, was agreed to.

The third paragraph being again read, as followeth :—That in referring to their labours of last Session, this House concurs in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency at the settlement of the disputed question of the Clergy Reserves. That they are pleased to learn that a large balance of Funds arising from this source will be available for distribution among Municipalities, and that they will cheerfully consider any measures that may be required to give full effect to the fair and equal allotment of these sums.

Mr. *Brown* moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Mr. *Holton*, That the words "this House concurs in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency at the settlement of the disputed question of the Clergy Reserves" be left out, and the words "It would have afforded this House sincere gratification had we been enabled to congratulate His Excellency on the final and equitable settlement of the long disputed question of the Clergy Reserves; but it is our duty to state that the Act of last Session has not effected the avowed object for which it was framed, but, on the contrary, has permanently endowed certain favored Churches with large sums of the public money," inserted instead thereof ;

And a Debate arising thereupon ;

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Allan N. MacNab*, seconded by Mr. Solicitor General *Smith*,

Ordered, That the Debate be adjourned until To-morrow.