

gratitude, the assurances which His Excellency has given to us by the Queen's command, of Her Majesty's fixed determination to protect her faithful subjects, in *Canada*, with the whole weight of her power.

Resolutions in answer  
to Speech at Opening  
of Session.

*Resolved*—That this House is deeply sensible of the great advantages which the Province has derived, and must derive, from the arrangements by which, under the directions of the Treasury, the rates of postage between all parts of the Colony and the *United Kingdom* have been greatly reduced, as well as from those which have been made by the Deputy Post Master General, under His Excellency's directions, for the more speedy and regular conveyance of letters between the different parts of this Province; and it confidently anticipates, with His Excellency, that the result of the labours of the Commission, he has been pleased to appoint, to enquire into and report upon the whole Post Office System of British *North America*, will be the better establishment of a plan securing improvements in the internal communication, by post, within the Colony, equal to those which we have already obtained, in the communication with the Mother Country.

*Resolved*—That the earliest and most serious attention shall be given by this House to the many subjects of deep importance to the future welfare of the Province which demand it; and His Excellency may rest assured that any Measures which His Excellency may direct to be submitted to us, shall receive our prompt and willing consideration.

*Resolved*—That this House feels that among the first of these subjects, in importance, is the adoption of measures for developing the resources of the Province, by well considered and extensive Public Works; and that the rapid settlement of the Country, the value of every man's property within it, and the advancement of his future fortunes, are deeply affected by this question.

*Resolved*—That this House concurs with His Excellency in the opinion that the improvement of the navigation from the shores of the Lake *Erie* and Lake *Huron* to the *Ocean*, are works requiring a great outlay of money, but promising commensurate returns. We are aware of the difficulty which would have existed in undertaking these works in the present financial condition of the Province, and we learn with gratitude and pleasure that His Excellency has received the authority of Her Majesty's Government to state that they are prepared to call on the Imperial Parliament to afford their assistance towards these important undertakings; and that, in the full belief that peace and tranquillity will be happily established in the Province, under the Constitution settled by Parliament, and that nothing but a relief from its most pressing difficulties is wanting to its rapid advancement to prosperity, they will propose to Parliament, by affording the guarantee of the Imperial Treasury for a Loan to the extent of no less than a million and a half, to aid the Province, for the double purpose of diminishing the pressure of the Interest on the Public Debt, and of enabling it to proceed with those great public undertakings, whose progress during the last few years has been arrested by financial difficulties; and that the best consideration of this House will be given to the reason which His Excellency intends to submit to us embracing a plan for those important purposes, and we shall thankfully receive the Extracts which may be laid before us for our information and that of the people of Canada, from the despatches in which this gratifying assurance of the intentions of Her Majesty's Government were communicated to His Excellency.

*Resolved*—That Emigration, and the disposal and settlement of the Public Lands, are subjects so intimately connected with the welfare of the Province, that this House cannot but take the most lively interest in all measures that may relate to them. This House cordially concurs with His Excellency, in believing that there exist within the Province no means