

trade inwards, which cannot be discouraged without prejudice to the trade outwards, and they thank Your Excellency for the assurance that you will not fail to make every exertion which the interests of the public health will permit, to reduce the expenditure of the Immigration Department to the scale of the years preceding 1847, when a passenger tax, considerably less onerous than that now levied, with the occasional addition of a small grant from the Public Treasury, sufficed to cover it.

This House receives with peculiar gratification the recommendation of Your Excellency to consider the expediency of setting apart a portion of the Public Domain, in order that the revenue derived from the sales thereof, may form a Fund, the interest of which shall be applied to the support of Common Schools; and we assure Your Excellency that the subject will receive our best attention, as well as the important suggestion of Your Excellency to invest the Capital arising from this source, either in the Stocks of the Province or in those of some of the principal Railways, the construction of which has been sanctioned by Parliament.

This House feels grateful to Your Excellency for the assurance that in maturing these and all kindred measures which have the promotion of the moral and economical well-being of the people of this important Province for their object, they will ever find Your Excellency willing and desirous to co-operate with them.

And they fully concur with Your Excellency that *Canada*, in the possession of a Revenue derived from so many independent sources, and exempt from numerous charges that weigh heavily on the resources of other Communities, enjoys great and singular advantages; and they cordially unite with Your Excellency in the hope that, under God's blessing, Legislation may be so directed as to enable her to reap the full benefit of them.

The said Address being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

*Ordered*, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General to know His Excellency's pleasure when he will be attended by this House with its Address.

His Excellency appoints to be attended.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council, rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive the House with its Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, to-morrow, at one o'clock, P. M., at the Government House.

Adjournment.

*Ordered*, That when this House doth adjourn, it will adjourn until to-morrow at half-past twelve o'clock, P. M.

Orders deferred.

*Ordered*, That the remaining Orders of the day be postponed until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Baldwin*, seconded by Mr. *M'Farland*, The House adjourned.

*Jovis, 25<sup>o</sup> die Januarii;*

ANNO 12<sup>o</sup> VICTORIÆ REGINÆ, 1849.

AT the hour appointed, Mr. Speaker and the House attended upon His Excellency the Governor General, with the Address of the House.

The House attend His Excellency with their Address.

And being returned;

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended upon His Excellency with their Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency to both Houses of the Legislature, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer:

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

His Excellency's Answer.

I thank you for your Address, and I assure you of my entire reliance upon your wisdom and prudence to assist me in whatever may tend to augment the prosperity of the people of *Canada*.

Mr. *Jobin*, Chairman of the Select Committee appointed to try the merits of the Petition complaining of an undue Election and Return for the County of *Stormont*, reported, That the Committee met this morning, at ten o'clock, but were unable to proceed to business in consequence of the absence of Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Hall*, and the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*.

Stormont Election.

*Ordered*, That Mr. *Bell*, Mr. *Hall*, and the Honorable Mr. *Boulton*, do severally attend in their places, in this House, to-morrow.

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

Petitions brought up.

By Mr. *Scott*, of *Two Mountains*,—The Petition of the Reverend *P. J. Crevier* and others, of the Parish of *St. Augustin*; the Petition of *H. M. LeMaire* and others, of the Parish of *St. Benoit*, County of *Two Mountains*; the Petition of the Reverend *H. Moreau* and others, of the Parish of *St. Eustache*, County of *Two Mountains*; and the Petition of the Reverend *F. Bonin* and others, of the Parish of *Ste. Scholastique*.

By Mr. *Johnson*,—The Petition of *Alexander Parker* and others, of *Caledonia* and other Townships in the District of *Ottawa*.

By Mr. *Marquis*,—The Petition of the Corporation of the College *St. Anne Lapocatière*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, of *Kent*,—The Petition of *James F. Fair*, and others, of the united Townships of *Dalhousie* and *Levant*; and the Petition of *N. L. Freeman* and others, of the Western District.

By Mr. *M'Farland*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (Ale houses); and the Petition of *John Clark*, Esquire, President, on behalf of the *Niagara District Agricultural Society*.

By Mr. *Thompson*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara*, (reconstruction of General *Brock's* Monument); the Petition of *John Tucher Williams*, Esquire, of the Township of *Hope*, District of *Newcastle*; and the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Niagara* (Assessment).

By Mr. *Sauvageau*,—The Petition of *Pierre D. Hébert* and others, of *St. Cyprien*, District of *Montreal*; and the Petition of *Francois Foucherolt* and others, of the Counties of *Chambly*, *Rouville*, and *Huntingdon*.

By Mr. *Fortier*,—The Petition of the Reverend *M. Duguay* and others, of *Arthabasha*, *Chester*, and *Warwick*.

By Mr. *Wetenhall*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington* (Roads); the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Wellington* (Road allowances); the Petition of