

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

By Mr. *Beaty*,—The Petition of *John M. Geyette* and others, Steamboat Engineers of Canada.

By Mr. *Haggart*,—The Petition of the *Souris* and *Rocky Mountain* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Guillet*,—The Petition of the President, Directors and Company of the *Grafton* Harbour.

By Mr. *Tupper* (*Pictou*),—The Petition of the Union Bank of *Prince Edward Island*; and the Petition of the Bank of *Nova Scotia*.

By Mr. *Small*,—The Petition of *D. Blain* and others.

By Mr. *Wright*,—The Petition of *Malcolm McLeod*, of *Ottawa*, Advocate.

By Mr. *Landry*,—The Petition of *M. W. Baby* and others.

By Mr. *Kilbert*,—The Petition of *Thomas Elliott* and others, Steamboat Engineers of Canada.

By Mr. *Dundas*,—Two Petitions of the Municipal Council of the County of *Victoria*.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Tupper* (*Pictou*) moved, seconded by Mr. *Wood* (*Westmoreland*), and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session; and further to assure His Excellency that we receive with much pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the auspicious circumstances under which at the opening of a new Parliament we shall begin our labours.

That we are gratified by the expression of His Excellency's opinion, that *Canada* is in the enjoyment of peace and prosperity, and that all her industries, agricultural, manufacturing and commercial, are in a healthy and improving condition.

That we thank His Excellency for informing us that, following the example of his distinguished predecessor, he paid a visit of some length to *British Columbia* last season; and for the expression of his conviction that the great natural resources of that Province promise, that as soon as the *Pacific* Railway is completed, an impulse to its prosperity, commensurate with the progress made elsewhere, will be assured, and that meanwhile, the disposal of the lands set aside in aid of the Railway to actual settlers will add to the importance and wealth of the Province.

That we learn with great satisfaction that while passing through the *United States* His Excellency was rejoiced to observe many evidences of regard for the Empire of which this country forms so large a portion; and that we concur heartily in His Excellency's wish that this friendship, which is so fully returned by us, may be as enduring as it is natural and advantageous to the mutual interests of both great nations.

That we share His Excellency's belief that the steady flow of settlers into *Manitoba* and the *North-West Territories* last year, and the assurances received of an increased immigration during the coming season, promise well for the early development of those fertile and salubrious regions.

That we understand that His Excellency has been advised that it is important that the laws relating to the representation of the people in Parliament should be amended and the electoral franchises existing in the several Provinces assimilated; and that the measure to be submitted to us for this purpose will receive full consideration.

That we thank His Excellency for the intimation that he is advised that the Judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council delivered last