

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Knowlton, Moore, Walker, Matheson, Boulton, Sir E. P. Taché, Seymour, Perry, Crawford, Armand, Campbell, Alexander, Armstrong, Kierzkowski, Christie* and the mover, be appointed a Committee to examine and report upon the Contingent Accounts of the Legislative Council, for the present Session.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Ross*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Ferrier, Matheson, Seymour, Tessier, de La Terrère, Prince and Hollis Smith* be appointed a Committee to peruse and perfect the Journals of this and former sessions of the Provincial Parliament.

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session,

The Honorable Mr. *Boulton* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *de La Terrère*, 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 of the Provincial Parliament, and further to assure His Excellency:—

That we receive with much pleasure the announcement made to us by His Excellency, that the Joint Address of last Session, inviting the QUEEN to visit *Canada*, has been laid at the foot of the Throne, and that Her Majesty's Most Gracious Answer will forthwith be placed in our hands: And that we shall see with satisfaction that we may hope for the honour of receiving His Royal Highness the PRINCE OF WALES in such a manner as will prove the hearty loyalty of all ranks among us.

That we rejoice to learn from His Excellency, that negotiations have been carried on by the Post Master General, for securing the transmission, through *Canada*, of a large portion of the correspondence between *Europe* and *America*; that the result of these negotiations has been such as to shew that the advantages of the route by the St. Lawrence are fully appreciated: and that at the same time care has been taken to represent properly to Her Majesty's Government, the position and claims of *Canada* with reference to the Postal Subsidies granted to Ocean Steamers.

That we have much satisfaction in being informed, that the Commissioners appointed to report on the boundary line between Upper and Lower *Canada*, have completed their labours, so as to enable us to pass a Bill for the settlement of this long pending question.

That we are happy to learn that the Government has received suggestions from many sources with reference to the measure introduced last Session for the Consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*, and that we shall give our best attention to any Bill submitted to us, which may enable us to effect this important object.

That we receive with pleasure His Excellency's congratulations on the issue of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada* and of *Upper Canada*. That we trust soon to see the same work for *Lower Canada*, and that when this is done, we believe with His Excellency, that we may hope that it will be followed by the further assimilation of the Laws in force in both sections of the Province.

That we shall not fail to give our best attention to the expediency of considering the law of Debtor and Creditor in Commercial matters, as it exists both in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, with a view to further legislation on this difficult subject, and that we agree with His Excellency in thinking that the present system of Currency and Banking deserves our early and serious consideration.

That any measure which His Excellency may cause to be laid before us for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the Crown Lands, shall receive our most earnest attention.

That we are profoundly grateful that it pleased Almighty God in the last autumn to bless our land with a plentiful harvest, and that we see around us, at the present moment, the signs of a revival of Commerce. We earnestly pray that these marks of returning pros-