

Of Sister *Marie St. Maurice Borgel*, Superior of the Sisters of the Presentation of *Mary*, at *St. Hugues*, County of *Bagot*; praying for aid.

Of the Municipal Council of the United Counties of *Lanark* and *Renfrew*; praying that any application for the passing of an Act, having for its purpose the restraining of any other than a certain description of wagon from travelling on the public highways within the said United Counties, may not be granted.

On motion of Mr. *Thomas Fortier*, seconded by Mr. *LeBoutillier*,
Resolved, That from this day until the close of the present Session, Mr. Speaker do leave the Chair from six o'clock to half-past seven o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Ordered, That the Orders of the day be now read;

And the Order of the day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Provincial Legislature;

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

Mr. *Evanturel* moved, seconded by Mr. *Conger*, 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 from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament:

To assure His Excellency that this House appreciates the motives which have induced him to call them together at this season, in compliance with what His Excellency believes to be the wish of the Country, that the task of Legislation should not be delayed until a later period of the year, and the desire expressed by His Excellency to profit by their advice and assistance when they may be most conveniently afforded:

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:

That they learn with much satisfaction, that in Lower Canada the Act for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure promises, in like manner, to close a long pending controversy by an equitable adjustment of existing claims. They thank His Excellency for the assurance that no time has been lost by him in acting on the powers conferred by this Law, and that they have no doubt they will be satisfied with the progress which has been made:

That this House will not fail to give its best attention to any measure that may be submitted, having for its object a change in the Constitution of the Legislative Council by rendering it elective:

That they rejoice to learn that a measure for the organization of a Provincial Police, capable of being applied by the Crown for the prevention of Crime and the speedy apprehension of Offenders, will be laid before them, and assure His Excellency of their readiness to afford it their most attentive consideration:

That this House feels fully sensible that the increasing wealth and prosperity of the Country demand increased protection for property, and that the advance of civilization in *Canada* should be marked by the strict enforcement of Law and by the perfect sense of security from outrage:

That His Excellency may confidently rely on their readiness to afford him the necessary means of ensuring these great objects:

That this House feels satisfied that no mark of our increasing prosperity can be stronger than that afforded by our extended lines of Railway. They rejoice in