

increasing the revenue, and, at the same time, of developing and encouraging the various industries of *Canada*, we shall be enabled to restore the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, and to aid in removing the commercial and financial depression which unhappily continues to exist; and that we thank His Excellency for having directed that the Public Accounts of the past financial year shall be laid before us.

That we agree with His Excellency in thinking that as Parliament has recognized the importance of providing for the safe deposit of the surplus earnings of the people by arranging for their being placed with the Government at a fair rate of interest, it may be well for us to consider how far it is practicable to give a like security and encouragement to persons who may desire, by an insurance upon their lives, to make provision for those dependent upon them.

That His Excellency may rest assured that our best attention will be given to the important subjects which he has been pleased to allude to, and to the general interests of the country.

And the first and subsequent paragraphs of the said Resolution being again read, were agreed to, and it was resolved accordingly.

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of *Sir John A. Macdonald*, Messieurs *Tilley*, *Tupper*, *Masson*, *Brecken* and *Tassé*, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

*Sir John A. Macdonald* reported from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir JOHN DOUGLAS SUTHERLAND CAMPBELL (commonly called the Marquis of *Lorne*), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael*, and *Saint George*, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We receive with great pleasure Your Excellency's gracious declaration that in meeting the Parliament of *Canada* for the first time, you desire to express the gratification you feel at having been selected by Her Majesty for the high and important office Your Excellency now fills, and to assure us of the great satisfaction with which you now seek our aid and co-operation.

We are proud to know, that in acknowledging with profound gratitude the reception which has been accorded to yourself, as Her Majesty's representative, Your Excellency is also commanded by *The Queen* to convey, through us, to the people of *Canada*, Her thanks for the loyal, generous and kindly manner in which they have welcomed Her daughter.

We learn with great satisfaction that the contribution of Canadian products and manufactures to the great National Exhibition at *Paris*, last year, attracted much attention, and it is believed it will have a beneficial effect on the trade of the Dominion with *Europe*. We thank Your Excellency for congratulating us on the success which, we are well assured, must in no small degree, be attributable to the kind and unceasing exertions of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, as President of the British section, and for the promise that the Report of the Canadian Commissioners will be laid before us when received.