

mons of Canada, in Parliament assembled, desire most earnestly, in our own name and on behalf of the people whom we represent, to renew the expression of our unswerving loyalty and devotion to your Majesty's person and Government.

"We have learned with feelings of entire disapproval that various public statements have been made calling in question the loyalty of the people of Canada to the political union now happily existing between this Dominion and the British empire, and representing it as the desire of the people of Canada to sever such connection.

"We desire, therefore, to assure your Majesty that such statements are wholly incorrect representations of the sentiments and aspirations of the people of Canada, who are among your Majesty's most loyal subjects, devotedly attached to the political union existing between Canada and the mother country and earnestly desire its continuance.

"We feel assured that your Majesty will not allow any such statements, emanating from any source whatever, to lessen your Majesty's confidence in the loyalty of your Canadian subjects to your Majesty's person and Government, and will accept our assurances of the contentment of your Majesty's Canadian subjects with the political connection between Canada and the rest of the British empire, and of their fixed resolve to aid in maintaining the same."

I notice that every member present in the House at the time voted for this address—161 in all; and among them were your self, one of the most honored in the roll of Canadian Liberals; our friend Mr. Laurier, the present greatly esteemed and respected leader of the Liberal party in the Dominion; Sir Richard Cartwright, his able coadjutor from our own Province; and all the other prominent Liberals from all the Provinces. I observe that the other Liberal members from Ontario who voted for the address were:—Hon. David Mills, Messrs. Trow, Sutherland, Burdett, Charlton, Cook, Paterson, Barron, Innes, Landerkin, McMullen, McDonald of Huron, McMillan of Huron, Somerville, Armstrong, Bain, Bowman, Campbell, Casey, Laing, Livingstone, Purcell, Rowand, Sriver, Semple and Waldie.