



THOMPSON'S

MIRROR OF PARLIAMENT,

Being a Report of the Debates in both Houses of the
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Quebec, Tuesday, February 28, 1859.

This Day, at THREE o'clock P.M., HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL arrived in state at the Chamber of the House, in the Parliament Building. The Members of the Legislative Council being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, HIS EXCELLENCY was pleased to open the THIRD SESSION of the SIXTH PARLIAMENT of the PROVINCE OF CANADA with the following Speech from the THRONE :

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :
Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

I have much pleasure in announcing to you that your 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 your hands. You will see with satisfaction that we may hope for the honor of receiving His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in such a manner as will prove the hearty loyalty of all ranks among us..

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. The result of these negotiations has been such as to shew that the advantages of the route by the St. Lawrence are fully appreciated. 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.

The Commissioners appointed to report on the boundary line between Upper and Lower Canada have completed their labours, so as to enable you to pass a bill for the settlement of this long pending question.

The Government have received suggestions from many sources with reference to the measure introduced last Session for the Consolidation of the Municipal Law of Lower Canada, and a bill will be submitted to you which may enable you to effect this important object.

I congratulate you on the issue of the Consolidated Statutes of Canada and of Upper Canada. I trust soon to see the same work completed for Lower Canada, and when this is done, we may hope that it will be followed by the further assimilation of the Laws in force in both sections of the Province.

I desire to call your 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 I think, too, that the present system of Currency and Banking deserves your early and serious consideration.

A measure will be laid before you for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the Crown Lands.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

If I may not congratulate you on having completely surmounted our financial difficulties, I think you will find that the Income and Expenditure for the past year have been such as to cause us no fear for the future.

Papers will be laid before you having reference to the Consolidation of the Public Debt,