

This community is just about to enter on a new and noble phase of political existence. The proceedings of this day afford a happy argury for the future in the illustration which they supply of the harmonious working of the elements of which our Constitutional system is composed.

Your Address to me is a conclusive proof that an earnest and honest endeavor to apply here those principles of government which have long been recognized as sound in *England*, will secure at once the approval of the Crown and the favor of the Commons.

I think I shall best evince my gratitude for the many marks of consideration which I have received at your hands, culminating in the Address which you have now presented to me, by promising that so long as it may be Her Majesty's pleasure that I shall continue your Governor, my actions shall be guided by the same principles which have secured for me your commendation, and that when our official connection shall cease I will use the position which the favor of the Queen has conferred upon me to promote in the Imperial Legislature those views which I conscientiously believe best adapted to advance the true and permanent interests of the people of *Canada*.

Resolved, That when this House adjourns it do stand adjourned until Three o'clock, P.M., this day.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier*,
The House adjourned.

Three o' Clock P.M.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Return from the Registrar of the East Riding of the County of *Durham*, of fees and emoluments received for the year ending 31st December, 1865, in accordance with section 76 chapter 89, of the Consolidated Statutes for *Upper Canada*. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 8.)

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read:—

Of *Henry Fry* and others, of the City of *Quebec*, now temporarily residing in the Village of *Cacouna*; praying that the Bill to amend the Act to amend and consolidate the provisions contained in the Acts and Ordinances relating to the incorporation of, and the supply of water to, the City of *Quebec*, may not become law.

Of the *Quebec* Board of Trade; praying that the Bill to amend the Act 23 *Vic.*, cap. 123, incorporating the Pilots for and below the Harbour of *Quebec*, may not become law.

Of *Pierre Gadbois* and others, of the Town of *Sorel*; praying that their lands under cultivation may be exempted from the taxation imposed by the Corporation of the said Town.

Of *James Goundrey* and others, of the District of *Beauharnois*; praying for amendments to the Fishery Act.

Mr. *Morris*, from the Standing Committee on Miscellaneous Private Bills, presented to the House, the Seventeenth Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth:—

Your Committee have considered the Bill to authorize *Margaret Besserer* to sell a block of land in *Ottawa*, for the benefit of her son, the devisee, a minor, and have agreed to certain amendments, which they submit for the consideration of Your Honorable House.

They have also considered the following Bills, and have agreed to report the same, without amendment:—

Bill, to adjust the boundary lines, and to settle the titles in certain Ranges of the Township of *Grenville*.

Bill, to amend the Act to incorporate *L'Institut Canadien Français de la Cité d'Ottawa*.

They have also considered the amendments of the Legislative Council to the Bill, intitled, "An Act to authorize *William John Bickell* to construct a Bridge over the River " *St. Charles*," and have agreed to report the same, without amendment.

Your Committee have to report to Your Honorable House, that the promoters of the Bill, To amend and consolidate the Act incorporating the Mayor and Councillors of the