

and the Export trade prosecuted on the Labrador, not only as a branch of the regular commerce of this Island, but also by Mercantile houses in the mother country, and numerous transient traders from the United States and the neighbouring Colonies, whose traffic, although largely maintained and ministered to by the temporary migration in considerable numbers of the operative population of Newfoundland, finds no place whatever in our Customs records.

Bills to provide for taking a census of the population and obtaining the statistics of the fisheries and agriculture of the Colony ; and for erecting a Light-house upon the Island of Baccalieu, with other measures which I refrain from enumerating in detail, will be proposed to you, on behalf of the Government, in the mode sanctioned by Parliamentary practice under our present constitution ; and I hope it is not necessary to assure you of the sincerity with which I entertain the trust, that in respect to these and all other affairs which may engage your attention, your counsels and determinations may now and ever be graciously directed, to the promotion of the true interests of the community at large.

Mr. KELLY moved, seconded by Mr. MORRIS,

That a Select Committee be appointed to prepare an Address of Thanks in reply to the gracious speech with which His Excellency has been pleased to open the present Session of the Legislature.

Motion for Select Committee to prepare Address of Thanks.

After debate,

*Resolved*,—That the debate be adjourned till to-morrow.

Debate adjourned.

Mr. F. B. CARTER gave notice that, on Thursday next, he will ask leave to introduce a Bill to exclude persons holding office under the Crown from being returned to, and acting as members of this House.

Notice for Placemen's Exclusion Bill.

Mr. PROWSE gave notice that on Wednesday next he will move for a copy of correspondence between the Local Government and the Imperial Government on the subject of ceding to the French further fishing privileges :

Notice for copy of fishing correspondence.

Also, that on Wednesday next he will ask if it is the intention of the Executive to introduce any measures to prevent the spread of fire in the town of St. John's.

Notice of question in reference to prevention of fire.

The Hon. RECEIVER GENERAL gave notice that on Monday next he will move an Address to the Secretary of State in reference to the reported

Petition for Address to Secretary of State in reference to Fishing privileges.