

will be presented to us among other measures; and also to the important subjects of Banking and Currency, which he informs us will be brought under our notice, as the Charters of several Banks are drawing to a close.

That in considering these questions, which so deeply affect, not only the important interests of Commerce, but the daily transactions of life, we will endeavour to adopt such principles as, in their application, may ensure the greatest measure of safety to the public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of trade.

That we thank His Excellency for the confidence with which he has committed to our deliberate judgment the variety of topics he has enumerated as being of moment, and pressing for decision within the limits of the Session; and that we unite with His Excellency in earnestly hoping that a blessing may attend our counsels, and enable us to discharge, with dignity and effect, the great trust to which the order of Providence has called us.

After debate.

The said Resolution being again read by the Clerk, and the question of concurrence put thereon, it was unanimously agreed to.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Mitchell*, it was

*Ordered*, That the Honorable Messieurs *Lacoste*, *Wark*, and the mover be appointed Committee to draft an address founded on the said Resolution.

The House was adjourned during pleasure.

After some time the House was resumed, and

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell* reported an Address prepared by them as follows:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir *John Young*, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor General of *Canada*, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We Her Majesty's loyal subjects the Senate of Canada in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency for your gracious speech at the opening of this Session.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for the expression of your great satisfaction in having recourse to our advice, and we rejoice with Your Excellency to think that on this, the first occasion on which we have had the honor of being addressed by Your Excellency, there is ground for congratulation on the aspect of public affairs at home and abroad, on the prevalence of peaceful counsels amongst nations, and on indications of agreement and tranquillity favorable alike to the development of foreign commerce and the prosecution of domestic industry.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the great scheme of Confederation having been successfully inaugurated under the auspices of your Predecessor, it is to Your Excellency a source of pride to find your name in honorable association with the rising fortunes of the Dominion of Canada, and that you will count it a happiness, as well as a duty, to co-operate, to the utmost of your ability, in furthering our efforts to strengthen the ties that bind the different Provinces together, and to ensure the attachment of the people to the soil, by the enactment of wise and equal laws.

We learn with pleasure that our efforts in these directions seem now more than ever likely to be called into action, inasmuch as the terms upon which great accessions are offered to the Dominion will be submitted for our immediate consideration.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that in consequence of the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos' despatch of the 8th of August last year, stating that His Grace proposed to enter into negotiations with the Hudson's