

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 Bay* Company, as to the terms on which they would be willing to surrender their rights and claims in the North West Territory, Lord *Monck* sent home to *England* two Members of the Privy Council as a deputation to watch the course of the proceedings and attend to the interests of *Canada*:—that the Conferances in *London*, and the correspondence on the subject have been brought to a definitive issue by the proposal which, after a full review of the circumstances, Earl *Granville* made on the part of Her Majesty's Government for the consideration of the people of *Canada* and of the *Hudson Bay* Company,—and that Your Excellency has received the intelligence that the *Hudson Bay* Company has after some deliberation, decided upon accepting the terms laid down by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

When the report of the Mission and all the papers connected therewith are duly laid before Parliament, as Your Excellency has been pleased to direct, they shall not fail to receive our serious consideration to which Your Excellency has been pleased to commend them in view of the great importance of the subject no less than in the hope that this long vexed question may be closed without further delay.

We rejoice to learn that Your Excellency has received communications from the Governor of *Newfoundland*, expressing the desire for admission into the Union which prevails amongst the inhabitants of that Colony, including a despatch of the 20th March last, covering copies of Resolutions which have been passed by the Council and Assembly, and which set forth the conditions they consider it desirable to advance.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that these documents shall be furnished at once for the information of Parliament; and that if, before the close of the Session, Your Excellency should be in a position to submit the details of a provisional arrangement for our consideration the same shall receive our best attention.

We agree with Your Excellency that it will be a subject of general congratulation, as Your Excellency is pleased to say it will also be a sensible pleasure to you if at some early day