

Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of their House are concerned, and to act on behalf of their House as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses on the Library.

And then he withdrew.

The Order of the Day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate upon the fifteenth and last paragraph of the Question which was, on Friday last, proposed, "That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Parliament of *Canada*."

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the House having continued to sit until after Twelve of the Clock on Friday morning;

FRIDAY, 15th November, 1867.

And the fifteenth and last paragraph being again read, and the Question being put thereon:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for His Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Parliament of *Canada*.

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the Honorable Mr. *Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, the Honorable Mr. *McDougall*, the Honorable Mr. *Fisher*, and Mr. *Desaulniers*, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of the Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, in conformity to the said Resolution.

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* reported from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read as followeth:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable *Charles Stanley*, Viscount *Monck*, Baron *Monck*, of *Ballytrammon*, in the County of *Wexford*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and Baron *Monck*, of *Ballytrammon*, in the County of *Wexford*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, Governor General of *Canada*, &c., &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank your Excellency for your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Parliament of this Dominion.

We sympathize with Your Excellency in the expression of your own deep feeling of gratification, in addressing for the first time the Parliamentary Representatives of the Dominion of *Canada*, that it has been your high privilege to occupy an official position, which has made it your duty to assist at every step taken in the creation of this Great Confederation.

We thankfully receive Your Excellency's congratulations on the Legislative sanction which has been given by the Imperial Parliament to the Act of Union, under the provisions of which we are now assembled, and which has laid the foundation of a new Nationality, which, we trust and believe with Your Excellency, will, ere long, extend its bounds from the *Atlantic* to the *Pacific* Ocean.

We feel great satisfaction in knowing that in the discussions which preceded the introduction of this measure in the Imperial Parliament, between the Members of Her Majesty's Government, on the one side, and the Delegates who represented the Provinces now united, on the other,—it was apparent to all those who took part in those Conferences, that, while Her Majesty's Ministers considered and pressed the principle of Union as a subject of great Imperial interest, they allowed to the Provincial Representatives every freedom in arranging the mode in which that principle should be applied.

We recognize with pleasure that, in a similar spirit of respect for our privileges as a free and self-governing People, the Act of Union, as adopted by the Imperial Parliament,