

Address in answer to Speech.

That this House begs leave to assure His Excellency that Her Majesty may rely, with the most unbounded confidence, that the loyalty and patriotism of every class of Her Majesty's Subjects in Canada, will be as conspicuous as they have heretofore been, should occasion call for their services, to aid in the protection of their country; and that this House is sensible of the necessity of a well digested and uniform system to give a fitting direction to their most zealous efforts.

That this House accepts with gratitude His Excellency's assurance, that while Our Most Gracious Sovereign will ever rely on the free and loyal attachment of the Canadian people for the defence of this Province, and the continuance of British connexion, Her Majesty will be prepared, as Her Predecessors have always been, to provide with promptitude and energy corresponding with the power and resources of the Empire, for the security of Her North American Dominions.

That the subject of the Civil List, which was brought under the consideration of this House by His Excellency's Predecessor, will engage its attention, with the view of making such a provision as will enable Her Majesty to give effect to its wishes by recommending to the Imperial Parliament the requisite changes in the Act of Re-union.

That this House will immediately take into consideration the Financial Accounts of the past, as well as the Estimates for the current year.

That the expediency of providing for the prosecution and completion of the Public Improvements undertaken with the sanction of Parliament, will occupy the deliberation of this House.

That it affords this House pleasure to know that the Revenue of the past year has not fallen short of the expectations which were entertained of its amount; and that this House assures His Excellency of its willingness to make such provision for the Public Service, as the interests of the people may require.

That this House deeply deplores the unexampled calamity to which the ancient City of Quebec has been subjected, and assures His Excellency of its readiness to concur in such indispensable measures as His Excellency's Predecessor adopted on the exigency.

That this House gratefully acknowledges the sympathy and benevolence of the different portions of the British Empire, called forth by the infliction with which it pleased Divine Providence to visit the citizens of Quebec; and most fully appreciates the noble generosity which has been exhibited, and which has truly proved that the inhabitants of this Province are regarded by the people of Great Britain as their brethren and fellow subjects; and that it will be happy to consider any other measure which it may be proper to adopt for the restoration of that which has been destroyed.

That this House is sensible of the importance of the intelligence which has been received respecting the intended change in the commercial policy of Great Britain, and rejoices to hear that His Excellency has already pressed on Her Majesty's Government a consideration of the effect which the contemplated change might have on the interests of Canada, and sincerely hopes that when the projected scheme shall be fully developed, it will be found that the claims of this country to a just measure of protection have not been overlooked.

That this House thankfully receives the offer of His Excellency's co-operation in all measures for securing the prosperity of this Province, and earnestly trusts that under the direction of an All-wise Providence, a course will be pursued calculated to promote the best interests, and to foster the rising growth of this rapidly advancing Colony.

The Honourable Mr. Baldwin moved, in amendment, seconded by the Honourable Mr. Aylwin, that that part of the original motion, beginning with the words "That this House concurs with His Excellency in expressing sincere regret," and ending with the words "over whom He presided, as Her Majesty's Representative," be expunged, and the following inserted in lieu thereof:—"And concurs with His Excellency in expressing sincere regret at the painful cause which removed His Excellency's Predecessor from that high station."

And a debate arising thereupon, and the question having been put on the amendment, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Berthelot, Boutillier, Cameron, Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Desautier, DeWitt, Drummond, Franchère, Guillet, LaFontaine, Lantier, Laurin, Leslie, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonell of STORMONT, Méthot, Morin, Nelson, Price, Roblin, Rousseau, and Taché.—(27.)

NAYS.

Messieurs Boulton, Brooks, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith, of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Solicitor General Taschereau, Viger, Watts, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(43.)

So it passed in the negative.

And a further debate arising upon the main motion, and the question having been put thereon, a division ensued, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth:—

YEAS.

Messieurs Boulton, Brooks, Cayley, Chalmers, Christie, Colvile, Cummings, Daly, DeBleury, Attorney General Draper, Duggan, Ermatinger, Foster, Gowan, Hale, Hall, Jessup, Johnston, Macdonald of CORNWALL, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Macdonell of DUNDAS, McConnell, Meyers, Moffatt, Papineau, Petrie, Prince, Riddell, Robinson, Scott, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Solicitor General Sherwood, Smith of FRONTENAC, Attorney General Smith, Stewart of BYTOWN, Stewart of PRESCOTT, Solicitor General Taschereau, Viger, Watts, Webster, Williams, and Woods.—(43.)

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So it was carried in the affirmative, and

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency, the Administrator of the Government, to thank His Excellency for His gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session, and to assure His Excellency:—

That this House respectfully offers to His Excellency its congratulations on his assumption of the Government of this Province as Administrator, and on the determination of Her Majesty to nominate His Excellency as Her future Representative in this Province.

That this House concurs with His Excellency in expressing sincere regret at the painful cause which removed His Excellency's distinguished Predecessor

Amendment to Address in answer to Speech.

Division on Amendment.

Division on main motion.

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