

to notice the zeal and humanity with which the local authorities have co-operated with the Government in alleviating their sufferings. The mortality, I regret to say, has, notwithstanding, been considerable, partly arising from the inadequate arrangements for the reception and accommodation of the numbers who claimed relief, which could only be imperfectly remedied during the season, and from other causes for which Her Majesty's Government are desirous that a corrective should be applied.

"The formation of an Orphan Asylum at Saint John, has afforded a refuge for a number of destitute Children whose Parents had died either on the passage or in the Hospitals, and it promises to be an Institution of great value to the community.

"The Correspondence which will be laid before you, will attest the anxiety which has been felt by Her Majesty's Government to protect the interests of the Province, and to mitigate the evils attendant on the removal to the Colonies of so large a number of helpless people; and I have the satisfaction to inform you, that in consideration of the augmented charges which have thus fallen upon the Province, it was intended that application should be made to Parliament for an appropriation in aid of these expenses.

"To prevent a recurrence of the fatal Epidemics which have prevailed, I recommend to your adoption the measures now in progress in England for improving the Health of Towns.

"From the Correspondence which has passed with Her Majesty's Government, and will be submitted to you, on the subject of the annual Road Acts, I hope for your concurrence in the adoption of an improved system for the opening of Roads and construction of Bridges, whereby the Settlement of the Lands may be encouraged with advantage to the Settlers.

"A spirit of improvement would be excited in the Local Communities by an improved system of finance, which would facilitate the judicious application of the Public Credit in the execution of Works of acknowledged benefit.

"By such measures, I should confidently hope that the Resources of the Province would progressively be developed, its Revenues sustained, and the Community preserved from a recurrence of those distressing reactions which are the ordinary consequence attending the disturbance of the general course of Trade.

"The present depression, originating in a visitation of Providence, has already led to some important changes in the general policy of the Empire, and I devoutly hope, that in establishing the Public Prosperity on a more solid basis, your participation in the benefit may be fully assured."

Mr. Barberie, from the Committee appointed to wait upon the Commissioner, with Mr. Montgomery, and see him qualified, reported—That they had attended to that duty, and that Mr. Montgomery had taken the oath prescribed by Law; whereupon Mr. Montgomery took his Seat.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to whom shall be referred all matters which may in any way affect the Trade of this Province.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Partelow, Mr. Porter, Mr. Montgomery, the Honorable Mr. Rankin, Mr. Tibbits, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Read, and Mr. R. D. Wilmot, do compose the Committee.

On motion of Mr. End,

*Resolved*, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to His Speech at the opening of the Session.

*Ordered*, That Mr. End, Mr. Carman, and Mr. Vail, be a Committee to prepare the Address.

On motion of Mr. Partelow,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of a Member from each County, to take into consideration the state of all the Roads of Communication in the Province, and to report to the House what sums it may be necessary to grant for the improving and repairing of the Great as well as the Bye Roads.

*Ordered*,