

That we shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year which will also be submitted, and which will, we trust, be found to have been framed with due regard to economy and the efficiency of the public service.

That His Excellency may rest assured that we shall give our best attention to the several subjects mentioned by him, and to the general business which will come before us, and that we thank His Excellency for the expression of his full confidence in our patriotic desire and our ability to forward the best interests of the country.

*Ordered*, That the Question be put upon each paragraph of the said Motion.

And the first and subsequent paragraphs being again read, and the Question being separately put upon each:—It was resolved in the Affirmative.

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley, Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Hector L. Langevin, Messrs. Bergeron and Guillet, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

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 Sir John Douglas Sutherland Campbell, (commonly called the Marquis of Lorne), Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor General of Canada, and Vice-Admiral of the same, etc., etc.

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.

We feel with Your Excellency that the hope you expressed at the close of the last Session, that on the re-assembling of Parliament we should be able to congratulate ourselves on a season of peace and prosperity has been fully realized:

Canada has been favored with a year of great prosperity:

Her farmers have enjoyed a plentiful harvest and remunerative prices:

Her manufacturing and other industries have been and continue to be developed under favorable auspices:

Her trade and commerce have been steadily increasing, and peace and order prevail within her borders:

And for these various blessings we cannot be sufficiently thankful to the Giver of all good things.

The Chief Magistrate of the United States having been cut off by the hand of an assassin, we feel that it is fitting that the sorrow of our people for a loss which was not that of our friends and neighbors alone, should be adverted to by Your Excellency as another instance of the sympathy which unites in brotherhood the British Empire and the American Republic.

We learn with great satisfaction that during the recess Your Excellency had the pleasure of visiting the Province of Manitoba, and of traversing the extensive prairies of the North-West, and is able from personal examination, sincerely to congratulate Canada on the possession of so magnificent and fertile a region, to be inhabited, we trust, in the course of years, by millions of thriving and contented subjects of Her Majesty.

We recognize the fact that the immigrants have not confined themselves to Manitoba or its vicinity, but are scattered over the country westward to the base of the Rocky Mountains, and from the international boundary to the banks of the Northern Saskatchewan; we agree with Your Excellency in thinking that the time has come for the division of the Territories into four or more Provisional Districts