

12. That under these circumstances His Excellency may confidently rely upon our readiness to sanction the outlay which has been thus incurred as well as to provide for the necessary expenses of the Government for the current year.

13. That the state of the finances of the Province, and the relation which its expenditure bears to its income and resources, shall receive our early attention.

14. That we concur with His Excellency in his expression of regret that for some years past the public expenditure has exceeded the annual income, and that we agree with His Excellency that the time has arrived when a strenuous effort should be made to avert the continuance of this deficiency.

15. That we learn with much interest that His Excellency has received a Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, enclosing copies of a correspondence between Her Majesty's Government and the Agent of the "*Atlantic and Pacific Transit and Telegraph Company*," in reference to a proposal made by that Company for the establishment of a Telegraphic and Postal communication between *Lake Superior* and *New Westminster* in *British Columbia*.

16. That His Excellency's recommendation, as well as the importance of such an undertaking to the British North American Provinces, both in a commercial and in a military point of view, will ensure for the subject our best consideration. That we thank His Excellency for the promise that copies of the correspondence shall be laid before us; and that His Excellency may rest assured that, should any proposal, calculated to effect the establishment of such communication on terms advantageous to the Province be submitted to us, it will receive encouragement at our hands.

17. That we receive with pleasure His Excellency's congratulations at this season of the year upon the prospect which everywhere prevails of an abundant harvest. And that we sincerely trust with His Excellency, that the prosperity with which it appears likely Providence will this year bless the agricultural classes, may produce a corresponding improvement in our commerce and manufactures.

18. That His Excellency in commending to our careful attention the public affairs of this Province, may confidently depend upon our zeal and on the exertion of our best ability to promote whatever may conduce to the advancement of its future welfare; and that we unite with His Excellency in humbly invoking the Divine Blessing upon our deliberations, that they may be entered upon in an unselfish and impartial spirit, and may tend to the increase of unanimity, prosperity and contentment throughout the land.

And a Debate arising thereupon;

*Ordered*, That the Debate be adjourned until to-morrow.

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Cameron*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Galt*, The House adjourned.

Tuesday, 18th August, 1863.

Mr Speaker informed the House that the Clerk of this House had received from the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following certificate, viz:

Province of *Canada*.

This is to certify that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the 23rd day of July last past, issued by His Excellency the Governor General, and addressed to the Registrar of the County of *Bagot* (*T. E. Bachand*, Esquire,) *ex-officio* Returning Officer for the County of *Bagot*, for the election of a Member to represent the said County of *Bagot* in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, in the present Parliament, in the room and place of the Honorable *Maurice Laframboise*, who, since his election as Representative for the said County of *Bagot*, had accepted an office of profit under the Crown, to wit: the office of Commissioner of Public Works of this Province; the Honorable *Maurice Laframboise* has been returned as duly elected accordingly, as appears by the Return of the