

Quebec, that he believed the feeling of the Maritime Provinces would be unanimous in support of the step about to be taken by Ministers. The telegraph had brought tidings of the deep feeling of horror and detestation caused there by the intelligence of his murder, and the universal manifestations of respect for his memory, and the representatives of Ontario and Quebec might, therefore, rest satisfied that they did not stand alone in giving ministers their cordial approbation and support with reference to this measure. He hoped the appropriation to be made would be a liberal one, suitable to the circumstances and worthy the position of the Dominion.

The motion was carried.

**Sir John A. Macdonald** moved that a committee be appointed to draw up an address, and that it consist of Messrs. Cartier, Mackenzie, J. S. Macdonald, Chapeau, McDonald, Campbell, Tilley, Smith, Gray, Holton, Dorion, Chamberlin, Morris, and the mover. Carried.

An address couched in language almost identical with that of the resolution was reported by the Committee, and having been read a first and second time, was ordered to be engrossed, and to be presented to His Excellency by such members of this House as are of the Privy Council.

**Sir John A. Macdonald** moved that this House will, on Friday, resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to take His Excellency's message into consideration. Carried.

## QUESTIONS

### MARITIME EXHIBITION AT HAVRE

**Mr. Huot**—Whether the Government have received an invitation from France, directly, or through the English Government, to send a delegate to the International Maritime Exhibition at Havre; and whether it is the intention of the Government in any case, to send a person to represent thereat the shipbuilding interests of this country.

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said the Government had not received an invitation from France to send a delegate to the International Maritime Exhibition at Havre, and that they had not yet resolved to send a person to represent the shipbuilding interests of this country.

**Mr. Sproat**—Whether it is the intention of the Government to make provision in the estimates about to be submitted, for the pay-

[Mr. Gray (Saint John City & County).]

ment of the proportion due by the Government for alterations and additions made in the jail in the County of Bruce, pursuant to the instructions of the Prison Inspectors, under Clause 21, Chap. 110, Cn. Statutes of Canada?

**Sir John A. Macdonald** said this was a matter which belonged altogether to the Government of Ontario, and the fund out of which such a payment might be made had been handed over to that Government.

### WELLAND CANAL

**Mr. McCallum**—Whether it is the intention of the Government to have the works on the Welland Canal completed, so as to feed from Lake Erie, by the opening of navigation in the Spring of 1869?

**Hon. Mr. McDougall** said the contract for the work had been signed, and it would be completed as rapidly as it was consistent with not interfering with the navigation of the Canal in the meantime, or endangering the banks of the Canal. It was the intention to complete it, if possible, between this and next season.

### THE ARBITRATORS

**Mr. Blanchet**—Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce during this part of the Session, a measure to allow of an appeal to the ordinary tribunals from the decision of the Official Arbitrators?

**Hon. Mr. McDougall** said it was not the intention of Government during this session to introduce a measure to allow an appeal to the ordinary tribunals from the decision of the Official Arbitrators.

### THE MERCHANTS' BANK

**Hon. Mr. Abbott** introduced a Bill to confirm the amalgamation of the Commercial Bank and the Merchants' Bank.

### TRUST AND LOAN CO.

**Sir John A. Macdonald** introduced a Bill to confirm certain deeds given by the Trust and Loan Company of Upper Canada.

### BUILDING MERCHANT VESSELS

**Mr. Huot** moved the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the general condition of the building of merchant vessels in the Dominion of Canada. Carried.