

The amendment of the existing Immigration Act, with a view to the removal of such provisions as tend to prevent Immigrants proposing to settle in *Canada* or the Western States of the American Union, from proceeding to their destination by the *St. Lawrence*, and with respect to this important subject, this House fully concurs with His Excellency that the conveyance of Passengers is an important branch of the trade inwards which cannot be discouraged without prejudice to the trade outwards, and this House expresses their thanks to His Excellency for the assurance that every exertion which the interests of the public health will permit, will be made to reduce the expenditure of the Immigration Department to the scale of the years preceding 1847, when a Passenger Tax considerably less onerous than that now levied, with the occasional addition of a small grant from the Public Treasury, sufficed to cover it.

That this House views with pleasure the recommendation of His Excellency to consider the propriety of setting apart a portion of the Public Domain, in order that the revenue derived from the sales thereof may form a fund, the interest of which shall be applied to the support of Common Schools, and to assure His Excellency that the subject will receive their best attention, as well as the important suggestion of His Excellency to invest the Capital arising from this source, either in the Stocks of the Province or in some of those of the principal Railways, the construction of which has been sanctioned by Parliament.

That this House feels grateful for the assurance that His Excellency will always be willing and desirous of co-operating with them in maturing these and all kindred measures for the promotion of the moral and economical well-being of the people of this important Province.

That they entirely concur in opinion with His Excellency that in the possession of a Revenue derived from so many independent sources, and exempt from numerous charges that weigh heavily on the resources of other communities, *Canada* enjoys great and singular advantages; and they cordially unite with His Excellency in the hope that under God's blessing Legislation may be so directed as to enable her to reap the full benefit of them.

Each paragraph of the said Resolution being then again read, Each paragraph read.

*It was moved* to adopt the same. Motion to adopt the same.

Which being objected to, Objected to.

The question of concurrence was put thereon, and Question put, and

*The same was resolved* in the affirmative. Carried in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, that the Honorable Messieurs *McGill, de Boucherville* and *Quesnel*, be appointed a Committee to draft an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, founded on the foregoing Resolution. Committee appointed to draft the address.

The Honorable Mr. *Quesnel*, from the said Committee, reported an Address prepared by them, as follows:— An address to His Excellency reported.

To His Excellency the Right Honorable The Address.

*James*, Earl of *Elgin* and *Kincardine*, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the Provinces of *Canada*, *Nova Scotia*, *New Brunswick*, and the Island of *Prince Edward*, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of *Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Excellency's gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament.

We assure Your Excellency that this House warmly concurs in the satisfaction Your Excellency has expressed at the uninterrupted tranquillity which has prevailed in the Province during the recess.

The proofs thus furnished by the people of *Canada*, during a period of general excitement and disquietude, of their love of order and attachment to their institutions, will, we feel convinced, have the effect of establishing the