

impossible to obtain the assent of the Legislature to the expenditure necessary for carrying on the ordinary business of the Government.

The expenditure since the first of July has therefore been incurred on the responsibility of Ministers of the Crown.

The details of that expenditure will be laid before you, and submitted for your sanction.

I have directed that the estimates for the current and succeeding Financial Year shall be laid before you. You will find that they have been framed with all the attention to economy which is compatible with the maintenance of efficiency in the different branches of the public service.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,—*

The general organization and efficiency of the Volunteers and Militia have been greatly improved within the last Year, and the whole Volunteer Force of *Ontario* and *Quebec* is already, by the liberality of the Imperial Government, armed with the Breech-loading Rifle.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the abundant harvest with which it has pleased Providence to bless you, and on the general prosperity of the Dominion.

Your new nationality enters on its course backed by the moral support—the material aid—and the most ardent good wishes of the Mother Country. Within your own borders peace, security and prosperity prevail, and I fervently pray that your aspirations may be directed to such high and patriotic objects, and that you may be endowed with such a spirit of moderation and wisdom as will cause you to render the great work of Union which has been achieved, a blessing to yourselves and your posterity, and a fresh starting point in the moral, political and material advancement of the people of *Canada*.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the House of Commons withdrew.

The Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, presented to the Senate a Bill entitled “An Act relating to Railways.”

The said Bill was read for the first time *pro forma*.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and The same was then read by the Clerk.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Fergusson Blair*, it was

*Ordered*, That this House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

*Ordered*, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General be printed in both languages for the use of Members.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Fergusson Blair*, it was

*Ordered*, That all the Members present during this Session be appointed a Committee to consider of the Orders and Customs of this House, and Privileges of Parliament, and that the said Committee have leave to meet in this House when and as often as they please.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Fergusson Blair*, it was

*Ordered*, That a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Messieurs *Fergusson Blair*, *McCully*, *Botsford*, *Christie*, *Tessier*, *Sanborn* and the mover, be appointed to frame Rules, Orders and Regulations for the guidance and government of this House, and of the several Officers and Servants connected therewith.