

That we shall respectfully receive and consider such measures of importance as His Excellency may cause to be submitted to us, including any Bills for the winding up of Insolvent Banks and Incorporated Companies, for the amendment of the Railway Act of 1879, for the revision and consolidation of the Laws relating to Government Railways, and for the improvement, in several respects, of the Criminal Law.

That we are pleased to be informed that there are now good hopes of our being able to place the naturalization of German settlers on a more satisfactory footing; and that any measure on the subject which may be submitted to us, with all the papers connected with the matter, shall receive our willing consideration.

That His Excellency may rest assured that our best attention will be given to the subjects he has mentioned, as well as to everything that affects the well-being and good government of the Dominion.

*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; the House divided: and 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, Messieurs Langevin, Beatty and Vanasse, 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 receive with great pleasure Your Excellency's congratulations on the bountiful harvest with which *Canada* has been blessed, as well as on the undoubted return of her commercial prosperity, and the substantial development of her various industries.

We learn with much interest that during the recess Your Excellency's advisers thought the time opportune for making another attempt to carry out the declared preference of Parliament for the construction and operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway by means of an Incorporated Company, aided by grants of money and land, rather than by the direct action of the Government; and that three of Your Excellency's Ministers therefore proceeded to *England* for the purpose of carrying on negotiations to that end.

We are well pleased that Your Excellency is able to inform us that their efforts were so far successful that a Contract has been entered into, subject to the approval of Parliament, with men of high financial standing in *Europe*, the *United States* and *Canada*, for the speedy construction and permanent working of this great national enterprise; we thank Your Excellency for informing us that the Contract and papers connected therewith, will be submitted to us without delay, and they shall receive our early and earnest consideration.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for the information that you have summoned us before the usual period, in view of the fact that no action can be taken by the Contractors to prosecute the work, and no permanent arrangement for the organiza-