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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 Commons of *Canada* in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech from the Throne, at the opening of the present Session.

We beg leave respectfully to express our gratification that Your Excellency has called us together at so early a period after the dissolution of the last Parliament.

We rejoice that Your Excellency derived so much satisfaction from the tour which, during the recess, Your Excellency was enabled to make through the Province.

We learn with the greatest satisfaction that steps have been taken for placing the Post-Office in *British North America* on an improved footing; and we shall give our most anxious consideration and attention to any measure which may be proposed to effect this important object.

We receive with much pleasure the information that a good and practicable line of Railway between *Quebec* and *Halifax* has been discovered by the Officers to whom the exploration was confided.

We unite with Your Excellency in the expression of deepest concern for the distress and suffering attendant upon last year's immigration; and we are gratified to know that Her Majesty's Government have bestowed on the subject the most anxious consideration, with a view to the introduction of such provisions into the Imperial Passenger Act as may afford a security against the recurrence of similar disasters. And we shall be happy to co-operate with Her Majesty's Government in their precautions, by the passage of a Bill, which we hope will have the effect of discouraging the introduction of diseased and helpless persons into the Province, without checking the tide of healthy immigration which so powerfully contributes to its advancement.

We shall be happy to receive the several communications, on these and other important matters, which have been addressed to Your Excellency by Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies.

We shall give our most attentive consideration to any measures that may be proposed for embodying the provisions generally applicable to Railroad undertakings,—for amending the constitution of the University of *King's College*,—for adopting a more equitable mode of Assessment in *Upper Canada*, and for the improvement of the system of Judicature in both sections of the Province.

The Accounts of the past year, and Estimates of the present year, shall receive our best consideration, and Your Excellency may fully rely on our readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service.

We place every confidence in Your Excellency's disposition to co-operate with us in all measures calculated to promote the public welfare.

With the possession in singular abundance of the elements of prosperity and social happiness,—resulting from her great natural capabilities; her enterprising, intelligent, and rapidly increasing population; from Institutions which in their main characteristics are so well fitted to reconcile liberty with order; and from the blessings of peace secured to her, under Providence, by the patriotism of her sons, and her connexion with a State which is both just and powerful,—*Canada* requires only that these advantages should be turned to account by an equitable and constitutional Government, and by wise and practical legislation, to secure those blessings permanently to her people.

We feel deeply the responsibility devolving upon Parliament in the endeavour to accomplish these important objects; and we cordially join with Your Excellency in the prayer that we may acquit ourselves of that responsibility with fidelity and success.

We feel it, however, to be our humble duty to submit to Your Excellency, that it is essential to the satisfactory result of our deliberations on the important subjects to which Your Excellency has been graciously pleased to direct our attention, and on other matters of public concern, that Her Majesty's Provincial Administration should possess the confidence of this House and of the Country,—and we respectfully represent to Your Excellency that that confidence is not reposed in the present Advisers of Your Excellency.

The said Address being read a second time,

The Honorable Mr. *Baldwin* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *LaFontaine*, That the Question of concurrence be now put upon the said Address.

The Question being put upon the said Motion, the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down; as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Aylwin, Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Boulton* of NORFOLK, *Boutillier, Burritt, Cameron* of KENT, *Cauchon, Chabot, Chauveau, Davignon, Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, DeWitt, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gagy, Guillet, Hall, Holmes, Hincks, Jobin, Johnson, LaFontaine, Latrrière, Laurin, Lemieux, Leslie, Lyon, Macdonald* of GLENGARY, *Marquis, McFarland, Merritt, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Papineau, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott* of BYTOWN, *Scott* of TWO MOUNTAINS, *Smith* of DURHAM, *Smith* of WENTWORTH, *Taché, Thompson, Watts, and Wetenhall*.—(53.)

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Messieurs Attorney General *Badgley, Brooks, Cayley, Christie, Crysler, Cuthbert, Daly, Macdonald* of KINGSTON, *Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, McConnell, McLean, Meyers, Prince, Robinson, Seymour, Sherwood* of BROCKVILLE, Attorney General *Sherwood, Smith* of FRONTENAC, *Stevenson, Webster, and Wilson*.—(22.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That this House doth agree with the Committee in the said Address to be presented to His Excellency the Governor General. Address agreed to.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency the Governor General, to know His Excellency's pleasure when he will be attended by this House with their Address.

The Honorable Mr. *Cayley*, one of Her Majesty's Executive Council; rose in his place, and acquainted Mr. Speaker and the House, that His Excellency the Governor General will receive the House with its Address, in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock at noon, at the Government House.

His Excellency appoints to be attended.

The Order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to authorize the formation of Joint Stock Companies in the County of *Norfolk*, for the construction of Plank or Macadamized Roads within the said County, being read;

Norfolk Joint Stock Companies Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.