

dence in us for the regulation of the different important matters which must necessarily come before us; we will endeavour so to order our counsels as that *Canada*, united under a Constitution which the Imperial Legislature has framed with an earnest desire for the welfare of this portion of the British Empire, and subject to such a modifications, as may hereafter be required, cannot fail to prosper.

Address in answer to
Speech at opening of
Session.

We gratefully receive, as pledges of the sincerity with which the Mother Country desires to promote the prosperity of *Canada*, and assist in the well working of the new institutions which it has established, the generous aid which your Excellency has announced to us—the determination which your Excellency has been empowered to state on the part of the Government, to devote annually a large sum for the military defences of the Province—and the fixed and settled determination which your Excellency has declared to us in Her Majesty's name, that Her North American possessions shall be maintained at all hazards, as a part of Her Empire. We are aware that the eyes of *England* are fixed anxiously on the result of the great experiment which is now to be tried in this Province. We will use our best endeavors to ensure its success, and humbly hope that the aid of Parliament in our undertakings; the confidence of the British Capitalists in the credit we may require of them; the security which the British people will feel in seeking our shores, and establishing themselves on our fertile soil, will carry the improvement of the Province to an unexampled height. The rapid advance of Trade and Emigration within the last eighteen months, afford ample evidence of the effect of tranquillity in restoring confidence, and promoting prosperity.—We pray fervently that no dissensions may mar the flattering prospect which is open before us,—that our efforts may be steadily directed to the great practical improvements of which the Province stands so much in need, and that under the blessing of that Providence which has hitherto preserved this portion of the British dominions, our Counsels may be so guided as to ensure to the Queen, attached and loyal subjects, and to United *Canada*, a prosperous and contented people.

Mr. *Cameron* moved, seconded by Captain *Steele*, that the question of concurrence be now separately put upon each paragraph of the said Address.

Mr. *Neilson* moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. *Morin*, that all the words in the said motion after “that” be struck out, and the following substituted “the following draft of an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech be adopted by this House” :—

Amendment proposed
by Mr. Neilson, to
address in answer to
Speech.

“We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Assembly of the Province of *Canada*, most humbly thank your Excellency for the Speech delivered from the Throne, at the opening of the present session.

We receive with respect your Excellency's declaration that you have assembled us at the earliest period which the circumstances of the Province and the duties imposed upon you by the Imperial Act for the Union of the *Canadas*, have permitted.

It is with deep concern that we have learnt from your Excellency that a subject of Her Majesty, and an inhabitant of this Province, has been forcibly detained in the neighbouring States; and we acknowledge with gratitude the assurance which your Excellency has been authorized to make, that it is Her Majesty's fixed determination to afford her powerful protection to her subjects in this Province.

We feel grateful for the arrangements which your Excellency communicates, by which Her Majesty's Government has reduced the rates of postage between this Colony and the United Kingdom, and that a more