

Mr. Speaker read a letter from His Excellency the Governor General, in reply to the Address congratulating His Excellency on his elevation to the Peerage, which is as followeth :—

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Commons.

I beg you to accept my sincere thanks for the Address of congratulation with which you have honored me on the occasion of my elevation to the Peerage.

The expression of your acquiescence in the favorable view which Our Sovereign has graciously deigned to take of my services, is highly to be valued as conveying the good opinion of the freely chosen representatives of a people possessing the precious endowments of energetic industry, self-reliance and firm and orderly attachment to the freedom and institutions of their country.

The North West Territories already added to the Confederation and the willing accession of *British Columbia*, which it is to be hoped will shortly take effect, as they extend your bounds, so they proportionately augment the cares and responsibilities of those who are in the high places of the land, but the Legislature and people of the Dominion will, I feel persuaded prove equal to the lofty task, the vast and varied interests throughout the wide extent will be safe in their charge and gradually cemented into one compact and contented whole by the same wise legislation, and the same equal administration of affairs, as have done so much in the past to establish the well being and satisfy the just expectations of the people.

In conclusion I return your good wishes with all sincerity and assure you I shall retain and cherish to the close of my life a warm interest in all that regards the position and prospects of this great and growing country.

LISGAR.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 27th February, 1871.

Mr. *MacFarlane*, from the Select Standing Committee on Standing Orders, presented to the House the Second Report of the said Committee, which was read, as followeth :—

Your Committee have examined the notices given on the following Petitions, and find them sufficient, viz :—Of *William Galbraith* and others, for incorporation of the *Toronto* Corn Exchange Association; of *H. J. Hubertus* and others, for incorporation of a Company to construct a railway to connect *Toronto* with *Ottawa* via *Peterborough* and *Carleton Place* and to cross the *Ottawa* River into the Province of *Quebec*; of the Northern Railway Company of *Canada*, for authority to make arrangements for the leasing and working of the lines of railway contiguous and subsidiary to their line; of the Municipal Corporation of the Village of *Trenton*, for authority to impose and collect harbor dues; of the Union Bank of *Lower Canada*, and of the Dominion Bank, severally praying for an amendment and extension of their Acts of incorporation.

On motion of Mr. *Brousseau*, seconded by Mr. *Beaty*,

Ordered, That the correspondence relative to the proposed union of *British Columbia* with the Dominion of *Canada*, be referred to the Joint Committee of both Houses on the Printing of Parliament.

On motion of the Honorable Sir *Francis Hincks*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Morris*,

Resolved, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider the following proposed Resolutions :—

1. That it is expedient to establish one uniform currency for all *Canada* and for that purpose to provide, that on and after the *First day of July, 1871*, the currency of the Province of *Nova Scotia* shall be the same as that of the Provinces of *Quebec*, *Ontario*, and *New Brunswick*, in all of which one currency of uniform value, is used.