

meagre bill of fare, it might be considered the object was a due regard to the weakness of his digestion. It was necessary to give milk to babes. We will keep the strong meat for the men on this side of the House. I cannot in any way object to the tone and manner of the criticism of the hon. gentleman opposite. I am glad the Opposition have adopted the English modern system—a very proper one—of passing the Address without amendment; and when all the various subjects alluded to in it are dealt with—when the measures promised are laid before the House, they and their details can be criticised with a full knowledge, and satisfactory explanations with regard to the policy of the Government.

Resolutions agreed to, read the second time and referred to a Committee.

The Committee reported the following Address, founded on the said resolutions, which was read the second time, and agreed to.

“To His Excellency the Honourable 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.

“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 gracious declaration that in meeting the Parliament of Canada for the first time, you desire to express the gratification you feel at having been selected by Her Majesty for the high and important office Your Excellency now fills, and to assure us of the great satisfaction with which you now seek our aid and co-operation.

“We are proud to know, that in acknowledging with profound gratitude the reception which has been accorded to yourself as Her Majesty’s representative, Your Excellency is also commanded by the Queen to convey, through us, to the people of Canada, Her thanks

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for the loyal, generous and kindly manner in which they have welcomed Her daughter.

“We learn with great satisfaction that the contribution of Canadian products and manufactures to the great National Exhibition at Paris, last year, attracted much attention, and that it is believed it will have a beneficial effect on the trade of the Dominion with Europe. We thank Your Excellency for congratulating us on the success which, we are well assured, must, in no small degree, be attributable to the kind and unceasing exertions of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as President of the British section, and for the promise that the report of the Canadian Commissioners will be laid before us when received.

“We are well pleased to be informed that the amount awarded for the Fishery claims, under the Washington Treaty, has been paid by the United States, and that Her Majesty’s Government has arranged with Canada and Newfoundland for their respective shares of the award; and that we shall receive with pleasure the papers on the subject which Your Excellency informs us will be submitted to us.

“We are aware that the important and rapidly increasing trade between Canada and England, in live cattle, has been seriously threatened by the appearance, in various parts of the United States, of pleuro-pneumonia; and that we are glad to know, that in order to prevent the contagion from spreading to Canada and the consequent interruption of the trade, Your Excellency has caused an Order to be issued under “The Animal Contagious Diseases Act, 1869,” prohibiting the importation or introduction into the Dominion of American cattle, for a short period. That we entertain the hope that the disease will be, ere long, extinguished in the United States, and the necessity for continuing the prohibition removed; and that our best attention shall be given to any amendment of the Act just referred to which Your Excellency may cause to be submitted for our consideration.

“We are much gratified by the information that Your Excellency’s Government has commenced negotiations, with Her Majesty’s sanction, for the development of the trade of Canada with France and Spain, and with their respective colonies, and that Your Excellency hopes to be able to lay before us the result of these negotiations during the present Session.

“We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that it is the purpose of your Govern-