

Ordered, That the Bill from the Legislative Council, intituled "An Act to amend the sixteenth sub-Section of the twenty-seventh Section of the *Upper Canada* Common School Act," be now read the first time.

The Bill was accordingly read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time, this day.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* reported, from the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report the draught of an humble Address to His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his expected visit to *Canada*, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth:—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS :

We, the Legislative Assembly in Parliament assembled, approach Your Royal Highness with assurances of our devoted attachment and loyalty to the Person and Crown of Our Most Gracious Sovereign.

The Queen's loyal subjects in this Province would have rejoiced had the duties of State permitted their August Sovereign to have Herself visited their country, and to have received in person the expression of their devotion to Her, and of the admiration with which they regard the manner in which She administers the affairs of the vast Empire over which it has pleased Divine Providence to place Her.

But while we cannot refrain from expressing our unfeigned regret that it has proved impossible for our Queen to visit Her possessions in *Canada*, we are deeply sensible of Her gracious desire to meet the wishes of Her subjects, by having permitted them the opportunity of welcoming, in this part of Her Dominions, the Heir Apparent of the Throne, our future Sovereign.

We desire to congratulate Your Royal Highness on your arrival in *Canada*, an event to be long remembered, as manifesting the deep interest felt by the Queen, in the welfare of Her Colonial subjects.

On this auspicious occasion, when for the first time, the Colonies have been honored by the presence of the Heir Apparent, we receive an earnest of the determination of Our Most Gracious Sovereign, to knit yet more closely, the ties of affection and duty which unite us to the British Empire, and enable us to share in its liberties, its glories, and its great historical associations.

The approaching opening of the *Victoria* Bridge, by Your Royal Highness, has been the more immediate cause of Your present visit to *Canada*, and we trust you will find in that stupendous work, the most striking evidence of the manner in which the capital and skill of the Mother Country have united with the energy and enterprise of this Province in overcoming natural obstacles of the most formidable character; but we trust that in Your further progress, Your Royal Highness will find, in the peace and prosperity of the people and in their attachment to their Sovereign, the best proof of the strength of the ties which unite *Canada* to the Mother Country, and of the mutual advantages to the Empire, and to the Colony, from the perpetuation of a connection which has been fraught with such great and beneficial results.

We pray that Your Royal Highness may be pleased to convey to Our Most Gracious Queen the feelings of love and gratitude with which we regard Her rule, and especially of Her condescension in affording us this occasion of welcoming Your Royal Highness to the Province of *Canada*.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill to Consolidate the Acts respecting Municipalities and Roads in *Lower Canada*; and the Bill to legalize certain proceedings by Road Inspectors and Overseers; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair; and Mr. *Dunkin* reported, That the Committee had gone through each of the said Bills, and directed him to report the same, without any Amendment.

The Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Cartier* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. Attorney General *Macdonald*, and the Question being put, That each of the said Bills be now separately read the third time, and the Rules of this House suspended, as regards the same;