

9. That we bear in mind that the year 1871 is that in which the next decennial census is fixed by law to take place, and that, as there are different laws on the subject in the several Provinces, it will be necessary to pass a General Act to establish an uniform and accurate system throughout the Dominion. That we are glad to know that steps have already been taken to secure the co-operation of *Newfoundland* and *Prince Edward Island*; and that we trust, with His Excellency, that a census upon one system will be made simultaneously in all Her Majesty's *British North American* Possessions. That we are sensible of the importance of the information which the tables of the Census are calculated to afford, as, in addition to their interest and value on general grounds, it must be recollected that upon them depends the re-adjustment of the Parliamentary representation.

10. That we shall respectfully consider the accounts of last year, and the estimates for the present financial year which His Excellency has been pleased to direct to be submitted to us. We receive with pleasure the assurance that these estimates have been framed with every regard to economy, compatible with the efficiency of the Public Service; and we hope that the Finances will be found to be in a satisfactory state, and that the people can, without inconvenience, afford, for the service of Her Majesty, the supplies which it will be the duty of His Excellency's Government to ask us to vote.

11. That we thank His Excellency for informing us that the Act respecting the Militia and Defence of the Dominion has not failed to engage his attention. We are proud to feel, with His Excellency, that the high spirit and loyalty of the people are placed in a clear light by the fact that the Active Militia have, voluntarily, come forward largely in excess of the quota required, as well as by the zealous attendance of the various Corps at the annual training in the camps, and by the promptness with which they assembled in force, at the call of duty, on more than one occasion, when Fenian marauders threatened the peace of the country.

12. That we have observed, with great satisfaction, the efforts which have been made in several of the Provinces of the Dominion to foster and encourage immigration to our shores. That we are glad to learn that His Excellency believes that the continued progress of great public works, in many portions of the country, will afford the opportunity of early employment to intending immigrants, and that he looks forward with confidence to the addition of a large and valuable class of settlers to our population during the coming season.

13. That we learn with much satisfaction, that during the Summer and Autumn, His Excellency had the opportunity of visiting different parts of the Dominion, proceeding first to *Quebec*, and thence to the Maritime Provinces; and having, at Halifax, the honor of receiving His Royal Highness Prince *Arthur*; and having subsequently attended His Royal Highness in a tour through the Province of *Ontario*; and we are happy to be informed that everywhere the great capabilities of the country, and the proofs of vigorous industry made themselves apparent, and that it became His Excellency's pleasing duty to report to Her Majesty's Government, as the result of his observations, that the inhabitants of the Dominion are well contented with their position and prospects, and that the wish nearest their hearts is to avail themselves of the franchises and full powers of legislation, which they possess, in order to build up, as a portion of the British Empire, institutions of their own choice, by laws of their own making.

14. That we humbly thank His Excellency for the expression of his earnest aspirations for our complete success in the labors of the Session now commenced.

*Ordered*, That the Question be put upon each paragraph of the said Motion.

And the first two paragraphs being again read, were agreed to.

The third paragraph being again read,

And a Debate arising thereupon;

On motion of Mr. *Mackenzie*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Holton*,