

tor General East (Hon. Mr. Morin) in the very heart of the Rouge party, was a striking proof that this alliance was disavowed by Lower Canada. He did not think that French Canadians, having the interest of their country at heart, could remain the friends of a man that had insulted them so much and accused them every day in the most unjust manner. Those that cared about their nationality could no longer be the friends of a man who had said in his paper, speaking of the pretended domination of Lower over Upper Canada, "Is it possible that Anglo-Saxons will be ruled over by a degenerate nation which their priests govern like flocks of sheep? Show your strength and humiliate this nation." He did not think that any party could remain united to a man like Mr. Brown, for it would show a want of patriotism and national pride. He repeated, that he desired to follow the Liberal Conservative party, and that by conviction. He would now pass to the Address. He did not believe that any one could say, as it had often been said, that the speech from the Throne contained nothing, and meant no more; that it was of so little importance that it did not deserve the honor of discussion. He found in this address a great amount of important things, and if he had the capacity required, there would be matters for a speech of many hours; for this Address contained a relation of past events, and hopes for the future that ought to rejoice them. It was found in the beginning that the Address of the two Houses had been presented to the Queen, and that it was most graciously received by our Sovereign. Her Majesty was so well pleased with it, that she deigned to receive the bearers of the Address before any one that day. And he (Mr. Desaulniers) was happy to say that Her Majesty had most graciously received Mr. Speaker, who was charged with their delivery. The sentiments expressed by the Queen on this occasion should rejoice all the friends of the country. We had also to rejoice at the success obtained by the Hon. Postmaster-General. He (the Hon. Postmaster-General) had concluded arrangements by which the European mails, and even the United States mails, could be carried by the Canadian line of steamers. These arrangements would have the result of extending the fame of our country throughout Europe, and encouraging emigration towards our wild lands, besides the advantages that the Canadian line would derive therefrom. The unfortunate catastrophe of one of the steamers should not discourage us, sad though it was, and ought not to prevent the Government from continuing its aid to the Company. This line proved that, however young it might be, Canada would be made a grand country by the energy of its inhabitants, who had made her the finest part of the British dominions in North America. Another paragraph of the Address spoke of the Municipal Laws for Lower Canada, and he was happy to notice that the Government would go to work actively for their renewal and consolidation, as they were now a labyrinth where the most intelligent were at a loss. The

House would hear with pleasure that the Hon. Attorney General proposed to fulfil his promise of last session to come forward with a measure of this kind. The Municipal Law as it stood was so confused as to prevent its application, but he hoped that Government would succeed in introducing one that would satisfy the rural population of Lower Canada. (Hear, hear.) The speech mentioned also the necessity of a law for regulating the transactions between Debtor and Creditor; but as he (Mr. Desaulniers) was not a commercial man, he would leave it to some one else to look into that subject. Another measure of no less importance was a law to regulate the management of the Crown Lands. A great difficulty existed in the out of door management of Crown Lands,—that was, of those that were not under the immediate care of that department. This interfered to a great extent with the settlement of our public domain. He was happy to see that the Government was disposed to look into the matter at once, for it was an important one to Lower Canada. The monopoly of the lands had forced the young men of this part of the Province to employ elsewhere their energy and labor, since they could not settle on the soil of the Province. He lived in a County where great difficulties had to be overcome in settling wild lands, but he hoped they would never present themselves again, owing to the energetic action of the Government. He spoke of an individual who had taken possession of all the lands of the St. Maurice under the pretence that they were of no value; but since His Excellency and some of his Ministers had been up that River, the Government had become well aware of their inestimable value and this abuse had ceased. He hoped that by the measure that would be proposed, colonisation would be rendered easier and monopoly impossible. The importance of the St. Maurice had been taken notice of for several years, and settlement had been encouraged in its valley. In the county of St. Maurice only, no less than eight townships had been surveyed, and three large parishes had been settled, in which we now saw Churches and Ministers of religion. A proof that these townships are in a flourishing state, was that the settlers had been able to pay into the hands of the local agent over \$2000, and this at the first call. Still, many young men looked for settlements, and he hoped that, after the report of the agent, the Government would get two new townships settled, especially, if it were taken into consideration that the St. Maurice was of a greater importance than the Ottawa itself. He hoped that the reduction of the price of lands, begun at his request and that of the Member for Champlain, would be extended to the whole Crown Lands, Public expenses had always been a favourite theme of the Members of the Opposition. They always talked loudly of corruption and money wasted; but he did not believe a word of all they said, Far from it. He thought Government had made all possible efforts to reduce expenses during the past year, and he was happy to hear they proposed to continue in