

An Act to amend the Judicature Acts of *Lower Canada*.

An Act to amend the Act to regulate the duties between Master and Servant in *Upper Canada*.

An Act to increase the Tolls leviable on the Turnpike Roads in the neighbourhood of the City of *Quebec*, and for other purposes.

An Act to facilitate the Sale of immoveables charged with hypothecs, in cases in which the proprietor thereof is unknown or uncertain.

To these Bills the Royal assent was severally pronounced by the Clerk of this House, in the words following :—

“ In Her Majesty’s name, His Excellency the Governor General doth assent to “ this Bill.”

Then the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly addressed His Excellency, as follows :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

The Legislature have during this Session given its assent to a great number of Laws, some of which affect the gravest interests of Society.

The Seigniorial Tenure and the Clergy Reserves, by their tendencies and results, deeply affected the political, Civil, and Religious interests of the Country.

The settlement of these two questions is an event of the highest importance, considering the great public interest which has been manifested in relation to them, and the prospective, material, and social progress which must result from the liberation of the soil. The reform in the right of property for the benefit of the masses, even if in some respects defective, must produce beneficial effects.

The result of these two Laws will be more or less favorable, according to the manner in which they are carried into effect. The Commons have a right to hope that the impartiality and energy of the Government in its action, with respect to these Laws, will secure the advantages anticipated by the Country from the abolition of a tenure affected with a burthen of feudal charges, and from the separation of the Church from the State.

For many years past public opinion had outstript the Laws on these two points, and the past ceasing to make resistance to this opinion, a political dogma, has been constrained to submit to these innovations.

The Commons have devoted considerable time to the investigations of the charges of prevarication brought against certain Returning Officers ; with a view of preventing a recurrence of attacks upon the freedom of Elections, and in the interest