

measure of safety to the Public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of Trade.

We feel with Your Excellency that the various topics to which you have directed our attention are of great moment and press for decision within the limits of the Session, and we shall endeavour to justify the confidence with which Your Excellency is pleased to commit them to our deliberate judgment, earnestly hoping that a blessing may attend our counsels, and enable us to discharge, with dignity and effect, the great trust to which the order of Providence has called us.

The said Address being read a second time was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General by such Members of this House as are of the Honorable the Privy Council.

On motion of the Honorable Mr. *Rose*, seconded by the Honorable Sir *John A Macdonald*,

*Ordered*, That the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament be taken into consideration on Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned till Monday next.

Monday, 19th April, 1869.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House,—Annual Report of the *Canada Life Assurance Company of Hamilton*, for the year ending 30th April, 1868,—Annual Report of the *Beaver Mutual Fire Insurance Association, Toronto*, for the year ending 30th November, 1868, with an appended List of Guarantee Stockholders,—and Annual Report of the *Toronto Mutual Fire Insurance Company*, for the year ending 31st December, 1868, with an appended List of the Guarantee Stockholders. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 33.)

Also, a Statement of the Affairs of the *Montreal City and District Savings Bank*, for the year ending 31st December, 1868. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 6.)

And also, General Statements and Returns of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the Counties of *Brome, Drummond and Napierville*, for the year 1867; and in the Districts of *Bedford and Montmagny*, for the year 1868. (*Sessional Papers*, No. 29.)

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the Table :—

By Mr. *Morrison (Niagara)*,—The Petition of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

By Mr. *Wright (Ottawa)*,—The Petition of *Joseph Cox* and others; and the Petition of *M. McBean* and others.

By Mr. *Young*,—The Petition of *John H. Miller, M. A.*, and others of the Town of *Galt*.

By Mr. *Wells*,—The Petition of *George McKinnell* and others, of *Stouffville*, County of *York*.

By Mr. *Redford*,—The Petition of *William Buckingham* and others, of the Town of *Stratford*.

By Mr. *Pickard*,—The Petition of the Reverend *Thomas Hartin* and others, of *Canterbury Station*, County of *York, New Brunswick*.

By Mr. *Rankin*,—The Petition of *J. D. Baird* and others.

By Mr. *Workman*,—The Petition of *V. Hudon* and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By Mr. *Merritt*,—The Petition of *Jacob Rott* and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the Township of *Clinton*, County of *Lincoln*.

By Mr. *Oliver*,—The Petition of Messrs. *Parker and Hood*, and others, Merchants, Traders and others, of the Town of *Woodstock*, County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Fortin*,—The Petition of the Reverend *J. A. Blouin* and others, of the Parish of *Grande Rivière*, County of *Gaspé*.