

Mr. *Mackenzie* reported from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency the Governor General, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth :—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye of Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the *United Kingdom*, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh* in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor-General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same, etc., etc., etc.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session.

We learn with satisfaction that Your Excellency, in again summoning us for the despatch of business, is able to inform us that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires our attendance.

It affords us great pleasure to know that Your Excellency had an opportunity, before your departure from *Canada*, of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit Your Excellency accomplished during last Autumn, and that Your Excellency has now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of your government in *Canada*.

We are happy to learn from Your Excellency that the arbitration on the Fishery claims, under the terms of the *Washington Treaty*, has been concluded, and an award has been made by the Commissioners of \$5,500,000, as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present Treaty, and that we feel, with Your Excellency, that although this amount is much less than that claimed by Your Excellency's Government, yet that having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.

We are glad to know that the exhibition of Canadian manufactures and products at *Sydney, New South Wales*, was successfully carried out; that we trust, with Your Excellency, that the result will be the opening up of a new market for Canadian goods even in so remote a region as the Australasian colonies, shipments of Canadian productions having already been made; and that, although the expenditure will slightly exceed the estimate, we doubt not the cost to *Canada* will be amply repaid by the extension of her trade.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that preparations have been uninterruptedly carried on during the last six months, for securing an ample but select exhibition of *Canada's* products and manufactures at the great exhibition to be held at *Paris* during the current year; that a further estimate will be required to meet the expenditure, and that His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, as Chairman of the British Commissioners, has assigned a most prominent place to *Canada* in one of the main towers, where a Canadian Trophy is now being erected.

While we are grieved to know that a very disastrous fire occurred in June last in the City of *St. John*, which caused the destruction of a large portion of the city, including all the public buildings owned by the Dominion Government, we feel that Your Excellency's Government were right in deeming it necessary to contribute \$20,000 to assist in relieving the immediate wants of the people who were rendered destitute by so appalling a calamity, as Your Excellency was in sanctioning the appropriation of some public money with which to commence the erection of new buildings for the public business; and we shall have pleasure in confirming these acts in the usual way.