

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, 4th July, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith your accountant's statement of his receipts, and payments for the year ended 30th June, 1878, and to report that it is in accord with the books in his office, which, after a careful examination, I found correct in every respect.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. W. BAXTER,

The Honorable

Timothy Warren Anglin, M.P.,
Speaker of the House of Commons,
&c., &c., &c.

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

By Mr. *Langevin*,—The Petition of the *Quebec* Fire Assurance Company.

By Mr. *Oliver*,—The Petition of the Municipal Council of the County of *Oxford*.

By Mr. *Rykert*,—The Petition of *Alexander Muir* and others, Vessel Owners, Mariners, and others interested in the navigation of the Inland Lakes and Rivers; and the Petition of the *Welland* Railway Company.

By Mr. *Arkill*,—The Petition of *George Garnham* and others, Fruit Growers, of the County of *Elgin*.

By Mr. *DeCosmos*,—The Petition of *Noah Shakespeare* and others, of the Province of *British Columbia*.

By Mr. *Mackenzie*,—The Petition of the Isolated Risk and Farmer's Fire Insurance Company of *Canada*.

The Order of the Day being read, for taking into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor-General to both Houses of Parliament;

The House proceeded accordingly to take the said Speech into consideration.

Mr. *Brecken* moved to resolve, seconded by Mr. *Tassé*, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor-General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session, and further, to assure His Excellency,

That we receive with great pleasure His Excellency's gracious declaration that in meeting the Parliament of *Canada* for the first time, he desires to express the gratification he feels at having been selected by Her Majesty for the high and important office he now fills, and to assure us of the great satisfaction with which he now seeks our aid and co-operation.

That we are proud to know, that in acknowledging with profound gratitude the reception which has been accorded to him as Her Majesty's representative, His Excellency is also commanded by *The Queen* to convey, through us, to the people of *Canada*, Her thanks for the loyal, generous and kindly manner in which they have welcomed Her daughter.

That we learn with great satisfaction that the contribution of *Canadian* products and manufactures to the Great National Exhibition at *Paris*, last year, attracted much attention, and it is believed it will have a beneficial effect on the trade of the Dominion with *Europe*. We thank His Excellency for congratulating us on the success which, we are well assured, must in no small degree be attributable to the kind and unceasing exertions of His Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, as President of the British section, and for the promise that the Report of the Canadian Commissioners will be laid before us when received.

That we are well pleased to be informed that the amount awarded for the Fishery Claims, under the *Washington* Treaty, has been paid by the *United States*, and that Her Majesty's Government has arranged with *Canada* and *Newfoundland*