

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Reesor*—Of *Robert Campbell*, of the Town of *Whitby*, in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*—Of the City Bank of *Montreal*, and of the Royal Canadian Bank of *Toronto*.

The Honorable Mr. *Letellier de St. Just*, Minister of Agriculture, acquainted the House that he had a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, under his sign manual, which His Excellency had commanded him to deliver to this House.

The same was then read by the Clerk, and is as follows:—

DUFFERIN.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,—

I thank you heartily for your Address, and for the assurances of support which it contains. I rely with confidence on your assistance in my efforts to advance the interests of the Dominion.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Ottawa, 17th February, 1876.

The Honorable Mr. *Botsford* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Bourinot*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency would be pleased to cause to be laid before this House, a detailed statement shewing the total amounts expended on the grounds and fences in front of the Parliamentary Buildings, from the first day of January, 1870, to the first day of January, 1876, with the estimated cost of completing the same; also, a detailed statement shewing the total expenditure on the new Library, distinguishing between the expense of the outward construction and the cost of completing the interior, during the same period; also, a detailed statement shewing the total expenditure on the addition to the Western Departmental Building, with an estimate of the amount required to complete the same.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

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

The Honorable Mr. *Read* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Alexander*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, praying that His Excellency will cause to be laid before this House, copies of all correspondence between the Contractors of the *Georgian Bay Branch Railway* and the Government since the date of the contract.

The question of concurrence being put thereon, the same was resolved in the affirmative, and it was

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

Then, on motion of the Honorable Mr. *Montgomery*, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *McClellan (Hopewell)*,

The House adjourned until Monday next at Three o'clock in the afternoon.