

Excellency for his gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament :

To assure His Excellency that this House appreciates the motives which have induced him to call them together at this season in compliance with what His Excellency believes to be the wish of the Country, that the task of Legislation should not be delayed until a later period of the year, and the desire expressed by His Excellency to profit by their advice and assistance when they may be most conveniently afforded :

That in referring to their labours of last Session, this House concurs in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency at the settlement of the disputed question of the Clergy Reserves. That they are pleased to learn that a large balance of Funds arising from this source will be available for distribution among Municipalities, and they will cheerfully consider any measures that may be required to give full effect to the fair and equal allotment of these sums :

That they learn with much satisfaction, that in Lower *Canada* the Act for the abolition of the Seigniorial Tenure promises in like manner to close a long pending controversy by an equitable adjustment of existing claims. They thank His Excellency for the assurance that no time has been lost by him in acting on the powers conferred by this Law, and that they have no doubt they will be satisfied with the progress which has been made :

That this House will not fail to give its best attention to any measure that may be submitted having for its object a change in the Constitution of the Legislative Council, by rendering it elective :

That they rejoice to learn that a measure for the organization of a Provincial Police, capable of being applied by the Crown for the prevention of Crime and the speedy apprehension of Offenders, will be laid before them, and assure His Excellency of their readiness to afford it their most attentive consideration.

That this House feels fully sensible that the increasing wealth and prosperity of the Country demand increased protection for property, and that the advance of civilization in *Canada* should be marked by the strict enforcement of Law and by the perfect sense of security from outrage :

That His Excellency may confidently rely on their readiness to afford him the necessary means of ensuring these great objects :

That this House feels satisfied that no mark of our increasing prosperity can be stronger than that afforded by our extended lines of Railway. They rejoice in the fact that this progress is not confined to one Section of the Province, and that the lines eastward to *St. Thomas* and westward to *Guelph* and *Hamilton*, at once the sign and cause of progress, are already completed, and humbly agree with His Excellency that it is a matter of congratulation that since their last meeting nearly two hundred and fifty miles have been got into working order, whilst it is hoped that no less than two hundred and fifty more will be finished before next year :

That they cordially unite in opinion with His Excellency that legal reforms are needed both in *Eastern* and *Western Canada*. They are pleased to learn that one measure at least, having reference to this important subject, will be submitted to them. They also share in the hope expressed by His Excellency that, although it may not be possible in the present Session to effect all that we may desire, some progress will be made in simplifying the procedure, and facilitating the working of our Courts, by the adoption of practical amendments :

That this House will give their best attention to the adoption of any general measure which may tend still more to abridge their Legislative labors in providing for the incorporation, and for laying down the conditions of private institutions of every kind :

That they share in the regret expressed by His Excellency, that the Presentments of numerous Grand Juries throughout the Country, which he has directed