

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

Mr. *Bellerose* moved, seconded by Mr. *Gibbs*, and the question being proposed,

1. 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 of the Provincial Parliament, and further to assure His Excellency that we are grateful to His Excellency for the expression of his desire to avail himself of our advice in carrying on the Government, and his hope that we shall find in the magnificent buildings erected in the City chosen by Her Majesty as the Seat of Government, increased facilities for the despatch of public business, while they will prove adequate to the great future of this country.

2. That we learn with satisfaction that immediately after the termination of the last Session of Parliament, His Excellency convened, by instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, a Council of Trade, including representatives from the different Provinces of *British North America*; and that we thank His Excellency for having directed the proceedings of this body to be laid before us.

3. That we shall consider, with the attention their importance deserves, the papers relating to the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States of America*, and to the negotiations on the subject of our commercial relations with that Country, whenever His Excellency shall cause them to be laid before us.

4. That we share with His Excellency the conviction that it has now become still more imperative to open, by an extension of the trade of the country with other nations, new markets for the varied products of our industry.

5. That we learn with much interest, that in consequence of the notice for the termination of the Reciprocity Treaty, His Excellency deemed it needful, with the assent and approbation of Her Majesty's Government, to send a Deputation representing the Colonies of *British North America*, during the winter, to the *West Indies* and *Brazil*, to ascertain the best means of developing and extending commercial relations with those Countries. And that we thank His Excellency for the assurance, that so soon as the Delegation, who have but recently returned from their mission, shall have presented their Report, it will be communicated to us.

6. That we are fully convinced of the wisdom of the course pursued by His Excellency, in view of the threats and preparations for attack on *Canada* constantly and openly made by a body organized in the *United States of America*, and known as "Fenians," in calling out for active service a large portion of the Volunteer Militia Force of the Province.

7. That we are proud to learn that the spirit displayed by the people, and that their ready response to His Excellency's proclamation, have received the well merited approval of Her Majesty's Government.

8. That we agree with His Excellency that the events which have occurred within the last few days afford additional proofs of the necessity for the precautionary measures adopted.

9. That we heartily unite with His Excellency in congratulating the country that the Province having been invaded by a lawless band of Marauders, they were promptly confronted, and within twenty-four hours compelled to make a precipitate retreat.

10. That, with His Excellency, we deplore the loss of life and the sufferings which have been entailed upon the gallant body of the Canadian Volunteers, in the engagement which took place, in repelling so promptly the invaders who had attacked the country; and His Excellency may rest assured that we shall not omit to alleviate, as far as may be in our power, the miseries so wantonly inflicted on many families. But that while we grieve with His Excellency for their individual loss, we proudly concur with him in congratulating the country that the first note of danger has shewn that *Canada* possesses in her Volunteers a body of men ready to peril their lives in defence of their Queen and Country.

11. That we agree with His Excellency in believing that the entire people have been thoroughly aroused by recent occurrences; and that it must now be apparent to all that the whole resources of the country, both in men and means, will at any moment be cheerfully given in repelling any invasion of their homes.

12. That it affords us great pleasure to learn that, in the measures of defence which His Excellency has been called upon to take, he has received the unremitting support of the Lieutenant General Commanding, and of Admiral Sir *James Hope*; and that we desire,