

commerce and develop the resources of this vast country, and to increase the public revenue and general and individual wealth.

9. That while in those parts where works of this description are in progress, His Excellency found contentment prevailing at the prospects which they present; we fully concur with His Excellency in the opinion that the desire for improved roads, for the conveyance of produce to appropriate markets, noticed by His Excellency in other parts of the country, is highly worthy of consideration, and that upon such communications the prosperity of the country must, in a great measure, depend.

10. That this anxiety expressed to His Excellency on this subject, by the inhabitants of the Eastern Townships of *Lower Canada*, where the community, almost entirely agricultural, in consequence of the heavy duties imposed on their produce in the *United States*, have lost the markets to which they had formerly recourse; while the exemption from duty in this country of similar produce of our neighbours, enable them to undersell the producers of the Eastern Townships in our own markets; and the similar complaints from other parts of the Province are also most worthy of consideration.

11. That we concur with His Excellency in the opinion, that whatever improvement can be afforded to our internal communications is so obviously for the advantage of the community, that any outlay devoted to that object, and consistent with the means at command, must be highly beneficial; and that we deeply regret to hear from His Excellency, that the state of the finances does not afford any immediate prospect of Parliamentary aid to meet the wishes of many Districts deeply interested in this respect.

12. That we fully concur in His Excellency's observations with respect to the Prisons in some portions of the Province, and thankfully acknowledge the active benevolence which induced His Excellency to enquire into the condition of that unhappy portion of our community who are their inmates; and that we shall be ready to assist His Excellency in any investigation on this subject, in order to ascertain in what respect the Prisons of the country may be defective in requisite accommodation, with a view to the remedy of any material deficiency that may exist.

13. That we fully agree with His Excellency that the condition of those who are visited with the affliction of mental aberration in *Lower Canada*, now confined in the common prisons, and

in some of the religious and charitable institutions, which do honor to that portion of the Province, requires for its amelioration, the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum there; and that we are happy to learn from His Excellency that measures are in progress for the permanent location of the Asylum now existing under a temporary arrangement in *Upper Canada*, and for the completion of the arrangements of that Institution.

14. That we deeply feel with His Excellency how much the welfare of *Canada* depends on the result of the deliberations of the Legislature now assembled, and that we shall endeavour to make it the sole object of our labours.

15. That we thank His Excellency for the assurance that its promotion is the anxious desire of Her Majesty's Government, and will be the constant aim of His Excellency's endeavours; and that we humbly join His Excellency in the hope that the blessing of Almighty God will crown our united efforts with success.

Upon which debates ensued.

*Ordered*, that the further consideration of the motion be postponed until to-morrow.

The Speaker declared this House continued until to-morrow, at one o'clock in the afternoon, the House so decreeing.

Debates thereon.

Postponed till to-morrow.

Adjourned.

## Saturday, 30th Sept'r, 1843.

The Members convened, were :

SATURDAY.

The Honorable, the *Vice-Chancellor*, Speaker :

The Honorable Messieurs

The Honorable Messieurs

*De Blaquiére,*

*Dickson,*

*Sullivan,*

*Dionne, Amable,*

*Morris,*

*Goodhue,*

*Fergusson,*

*Washburn,*

*Hamilton,*

*Irving.*

*McKay,*

### PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Morris* presented six Petitions, Petitions from the Municipal Council of the District of *Bathurst*, praying for a grant of money to improve the road from *Kingston* to *Bytown*, passing through *Perth*; also praying for the passing of an Act granting a sum of money for the construction of a main road, commencing at *Fitzroy Harbour* and leading through the Townships of *Fitzroy, McNab, Horton, Ross, Westmeath and Pembroke*, until it reaches the *des Allumettes Lake*; and also that the main road to the District Town may be

From the Bathurst District Council; to improve the road between Kingston and Bytown;

To construct a road from Fitzroy Harbour to the des Allumettes Lake;

For the amendment of the District Council Act;