

Address in
answer to
Speech.

for the Province being faithfully redeemed; and the Act of the Imperial Parliament which gives effect to that promise, as well as the other information and the communication which Your Excellency has promised should be laid before us, will receive our most respectful attention.

When we shall receive the information respecting the Public Works, which Your Excellency has directed to be laid before us, that most important subject will not fail to engage our best attention; and it will afford us much satisfaction to find that every means at the command of the Government has been adopted to obviate the inconveniences of delay, and advance those most important objects of public interest.

We regret to learn that it was found impracticable to carry into effect in *England* the arrangements proposed last year for the assistance of deserving Emigrants; but we are happy to be informed that Her Majesty's Government have obtained from the Imperial Parliament a grant of money in aid of destitute Emigrants upon their arrival in this country; and it is in the meantime satisfactory to us to learn from Your Excellency, that though the number of Emigrants who have arrived in the Province during the present season has been much greater than during the corresponding period of last year, no serious destitution has prevailed among them; and we rejoice to learn that there exist such flattering prospects of their ultimate success and prosperity.

We are happy to learn that the condition of the Public Revenue is so satisfactory, and that the measures adopted by the Provincial Parliament, during the last Session, to provide, by means of increased taxes upon Imports, for meeting the charge about to be created for the completion and extension of the Public Works and other exigencies of the Province, have been eminently successful.

We will give our most respectful attention to the Tariff of the Imperial Parliament, for the British Possessions in *North America*; which has, we feel assured, been founded, as regards this Province, in a most generous spirit; and we will also apply our attention to the consideration of the Revenue Laws of this Province, to which Your Excellency has directed our attention, with a view to render the enactments of the latter as harmonious with the enactments of the Imperial Parliament as may be found practicable.

It affords us the highest gratification to learn, that Her Majesty's Government have evinced a most liberal disposition in the consideration of the duties on agricultural produce, in connexion with the trade of the Province; and it rejoices us that Your Excellency is led to hope that an arrangement may be made to extend the market for Canadian produce, in a manner alike advantageous to this Province and the Mother Country.

The accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the last year, together with the Estimates for the ensuing year, will not fail, when laid before us, to receive our most attentive consideration.

We learn with satisfaction that Your Excellency has given much attention to the operation of the great measures past during the last Session of the Provincial Parliament; and to such modifications as may be constitutionally proposed for our consideration, we will give our best attention; and Your Excellency may be assured of our cheerful aid in considering the necessary amendments in the Municipal Institutions of the country.

We are thankful for the desire evinced by Your Excellency for the accomplishment of the wishes of Parliament, in carrying into effect the Act for the promotion of Education; and we rejoice that an impulse has been given to that important source of both public and private happiness and prosperity, in its higher as well as its elementary branches; and feel assured that the result cannot fail to confer the most important benefits upon the whole Province.

To the re-organization of the Militia, we will most readily direct our attention; and we rejoice that the present is a favourable opportunity to alleviate unnecessary pressure upon the people, and to place this arm of the public defence upon a sounder and more satisfactory footing.

We are deeply sensible of the great importance of the various matters to which Your Excellency has been pleased to direct our attention, and feel the utmost satisfaction in the assurance, so consonant to the feelings which must animate the breast of the Representative of our beloved Sovereign, that in endeavouring to perfect these measures, as well as in all our labours for the advancement of the welfare of the Province, we may rely with confidence upon Your Excellency's cordial co-operation.

We assure Your Excellency that we are most anxious that all our counsels should be animated, and our proceedings directed, by that spirit of harmony which is best calculated to lead to results at once useful and permanent.

We rejoice in the promise of peace, upon an honourable and advantageous basis; and from the advances made towards the establishment of tranquillity and security, we entertain the best hopes of happy results, in securing the enjoyment and consolidation of free and permanent institutions, and the restoration of financial credit and commercial confidence, which will be to us, and to all the Inhabitants of the Province, a source of lasting gratitude.

Ordered, That the said Address be engrossed.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, the Governor-General, by the whole House.

Ordered, That such Members of this House as are of the Honourable the Executive Council of this Province, do wait upon His Excellency, the Governor-General, to know His Excellency's pleasure when he will be attended by this House with its Address.

On motion of Mr. *Morris*, seconded by the Honourable Mr. *Hincks*,

Ordered, That the officers connected with the several chartered Banks of the Province be respectively directed to lay before this House the statement of the affairs of the said Banks, as required by the Acts of incorporation. Bank Statements.

Ordered, That Mr. *Walker* have leave to absent himself from this House, until the fifteenth of October next, on urgent business. Leave of absence to Mr. Walker;

Ordered, That Mr. *McLean* have leave to absent himself from the House for one week, from Monday next, on urgent business. And to Mr. McLean.

Then, on motion of the Honourable Mr. *Viger*, seconded by Mr. *Hamilton*,
The House adjourned,

Luna 19^o die Septembris, 1842.

MR. Speaker laid before the House the Accounts of the Corporation of the Trinity House, Quebec, received in conformity to the 20th section of the Act 4 & 5 *Victoria*, cap. 15.

[For the said Accounts see Appendix (E), at the end of this volume.]

The following Petitions were severally brought up, and laid on the table:— 14 Petitions brot. up.

By Mr. *Berthelot*, the Petition of the Municipal Council of the District of *Kamouraska*.

By Mr. *Boutillier*, the Petition of the Reverend *Joseph Larocque*, Director of the College of *St. Hyacinthe*.

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