

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

By the Honorable Mr. *Aikins*,—Of Messrs. *A. & H. Burns* and others, Manufacturers of Soda Water, in the City of *Toronto*, and elsewhere in the Province of *Ontario*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*,—Of the Honorable Sir *Alexander Galt*, K.C.M.G., and others, all of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Cochrane*,—Of the American Association of Breeders of Short-horns.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the following Petitions were read, viz:—

Of the Merchants Bank of *Canada*, praying for an Act reducing the Capital Stock of the said Bank to such proportion of its present subscribed Capital, not exceeding seventy-five cents on the dollar thereof as may be deemed necessary under reserve of the right of the said Bank to require payment of any portion of such subscribed stock as now remains unpaid, and

Of *Frederick W. Fishwick*, and others, of the City and County of *Halifax*, in the Province of *Nova Scotia*, praying for an Act of Incorporation as an Express Company.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Thibaudeau's* motion, viz:—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely:—

To His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir FREDERIC TEMPLE, Earl of *Dufferin*, Viscount and Baron *Clandeboye*, of *Clandeboye*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of the United Kingdom, Baron *Dufferin* and *Clandeboye*, of *Ballyleidy* and *Killeleagh*, in the County *Down*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*, and a Baronet, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of *Saint Patrick*, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of *Saint Michael* and *Saint George*, and Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor General of *Canada*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Senate of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, respectfully thank Your Excellency, for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

We rejoice with Your Excellency that in again summoning us for the despatch of business, Your Excellency is able to say that nothing beyond the ordinary business of the country requires our attendance.

We are glad that Your Excellency had an opportunity before your departure from *Canada* of visiting the Province of *Manitoba* and a portion of the outside Territories, which visit Your Excellency accomplished during last Autumn. Your Excellency has now had the advantage of visiting every Province in the Dominion during the term of your government of *Canada*.

We are happy to be informed that the arbitration on the Fishery Claims, under the terms of the *Washington Treaty*, has been concluded, and that an award has been made by the Commission of \$5,500,000 as compensation to *Canada* and *Newfoundland* for the use of their fisheries during the term of the present treaty. Though this amount is much less than that claimed by Your Excellency's Government, we agree with Your Excellency that having assented to the creation of the tribunal for the determination of their value, we are bound loyally to assent to the decision given.