

"prosperity, and the general contentment of its inhabitants."

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed:—The House resumed the said adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put; the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Christie, LaTerrière, Papineau, and Prince*.—(4.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Badgley, Attorney General Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Solicitor General Blake, Boulton of NORFOLK, Bontillier, Brooks, Burritt, Cameron of KENT, Cartier, Cauchon, Crysler, Davignon, DeWitt, Solicitor General Drummond, Duchesnay, Dumas, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gully, Hall, Hincks, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Attorney General LaFontaine, Laurin, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Malloch, Marquis, M'Connell, M'Farland, M'Lean, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais, Morrison, Notman, Polette, Price, Richards, Robinson, Sauvageau, Scott of Two MOUNTAINS, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Sherwood of TORONTO, Smith of DURHAM, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stevenson, Taché, Thompson, Viger, Watts, and Wetenhall*.—(63.)

So it passed in the Negative.

The Honorable Mr. *Papineau* again moved in amendment to the Question, seconded by Mr. *Christie*, That the words, "That they concur with His Excellency in the belief that an increase in the Representation would be attended with considerable advantage to the public interest, and to assure His Excellency, that the subject, which is one of no ordinary importance, will not fail to receive their best consideration," be left out, and the following inserted: "That they concur with His Excellency in the belief that an increase in the Representation would be attended with considerable advantage to the public interest, provided that such increase be conformable to the rules of equity, and of that equal justice strictly due to the inhabitants of all parts of the Province, indiscriminately; that it apportion, from time to time, the Representatives as near as may be according to population; that it be not that odious plan, to which Lord *Durham* was justly averse, of giving an equal number of Members to the two Provinces, in violation of the principles of representation,—an injustice which would strongly set against the scheme public opinion both in *England* and in *America*; and which was judiciously stated and and forcibly expressed in the Report of the *Quebec* Committee of Reform and Progress, would be to consecrate the oppression of *Lower Canada* as a locality—the oppression of the *French Canadians* as a race."

And the Question being put on the Amendment; the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Boulton of NORFOLK, Christie, Laurin, and Papineau*.—(4.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Badgley, Attorney General Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Solicitor General Blake, Bontillier, Brooks, Cameron of KENT, Cartier, Cauchon, Cayley, Crysler, Davignon, Solicitor General Drummond, Dumas, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Gully, Guillet, Hincks, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Attorney General LaFontaine, LaTerrière, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, Marquis, M'Connell, M'Farland, M'Lean, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais,*

*Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Polette, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott of BYTOWN, Scott of Two MOUNTAINS, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Sherwood of TORONTO, Smith of DURHAM, Smith of FRONTENAC, Smith of WENTWORTH, Stevenson, Taché, Thompson, Viger, Watts, Wetenhall, and Wilson*.—(61.)

So it passed in the Negative.

Then the main Question being put; the House divided; and the names being called for, they were taken down, as follow:—

YEAS.

Messieurs *Armstrong, Attorney General Baldwin, Beaubien, Bell, Solicitor General Blake, Boulton of NORFOLK, Bontillier, Cameron of KENT, Cartier, Cauchon, Davignon, Solicitor General Drummond, Dumas, Egan, Flint, Fortier, Fournier, Fourquin, Guillet, Hincks, Holmes, Jobin, Johnson, Attorney General LaFontaine, LaTerrière, Laurin, Macdonald of GLENGARY, Marquis, M'Farland, Merritt, Méthot, Mongenais, Morrison, Nelson, Notman, Polette, Price, Richards, Sauvageau, Scott of BYTOWN, Scott of Two MOUNTAINS, Smith of DURHAM, Smith of WENTWORTH, Taché, Thompson, Viger, Watts, and Wetenhall*.—(48.)

NAYS.

Messieurs *Badgley, Brooks, Cayley, Christie, Crysler, Gully, Macdonald of KINGSTON, Sir Allan N. MacNab, M'Connell, M'Lean, Papineau, Prince, Seymour, Sherwood of BROCKVILLE, Sherwood of TORONTO, Smith of FRONTENAC, Stevenson, and Wilson*.—(18.)

So it was carried in the Affirmative.

Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His 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 cordially concurs in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency, that uninterrupted tranquillity has prevailed in the Province during the Recess:

That the proofs which the people of *Canada* have furnished during this period of general excitement and disquietude, of their love of order, and of the attachment they bear to their institutions will, they feel assured, tend to establish the credit of the Province on a firmer basis, and to promote its prosperity:

That they learn with the greatest satisfaction that it is the purpose of their beloved Sovereign to exercise the prerogative of Mercy in favor of all persons who are still liable to penal consequences for political offences arising out of the unfortunate occurrences of 1837 and 1838, and to assure His Excellency that they will with humble gratitude concur in passing any Act that may be proposed to give full effect to this Her Majesty's most gracious intention:

That it affords this House much pleasure to learn, that in compliance with the desire of the Legislature of this Province, expressed in a joint Address of the two Houses of the Provincial Parliament, the Imperial Parliament has passed an Act repealing the Clause in the Union Act which imposed restrictions on the use of the French Language:

That this House learns with pleasure, that His Excellency has during the Recess been in communication with Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, and with the Lieutenant Governors of *Nova Scotia* and *New Brunswick*, on the subject of the Provincial Post Office, and that on the meeting of the Imperial Parliament steps will be taken for conferring on the Provincial Authorities the entire control and management of this Department; and they trust that when the arrangements for effecting this object shall have been completed, it may be found practicable to establish a low and uniform Rate of Postage for the *British North American Provinces*: