

course similar to that taken in the present Session of the Imperial Parliament, for the temporary suspension of the writ of Habeas Corpus. I invite your immediate consideration of these necessary measures.

I have fixed, by Proclamation, the first day of August next as the time at which the Civil Code of *Lower Canada*, passed in the last Session of Parliament, shall come into operation.

The Code of Civil procedure of *Lower Canada*, as reported by the Commissioners, shall be submitted for your adoption during the Session.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :

I have desired that the Financial Accounts for the current year and the Estimates of expenditure for the next year shall be laid before you.

I congratulate you upon the very satisfactory results of the commerce of the Country during the past year : the Revenue has been so largely in excess with the Estimates as to enable me, without inconvenience, to provide for the heavy and unexpected charges entailed upon the country.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen :

The position which the great question of the Union of the Provinces of *British North America* has assumed is now such as to induce the expectation that the measure will be shortly carried into effect. I therefore hope and believe that it will be found practicable during the present Session to adopt such proceedings as may be necessary for completing the details of the scheme as regards this Province, and I venture to express the confident expectation that the next Parliament which will be held within these walls will not be confined to an assembly of the Representatives of *Canada*, but will embrace those of all the Colonies of *British North America*.

I am happy to be able to congratulate you on the general prosperity which pervades all classes of the community in the Province, and I pray that your Councils may be guided by Divine Providence to secure that which is the true end of all Government, the moral and material advancement of the great body of the people.

His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to retire, and the Legislative Assembly withdrew.

PRAYERS.

The Honorable the Speaker informed the House that there was a Member without ready to be introduced

When the Honorable *Adam Johnston Fergusson Blair* was introduced between the Honorable Mr. *Campbell* and the Honorable Sir *N. F. Belleau*.

The Return of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was read, as follows :

Province of Canada, }
To WIT :

This is to certify that in virtue of a Writ of Election, dated the eighth day of January instant, issued by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, and addressed to the Sheriff of the County of *Wellington*, *George John Grange*, Esquire, *ex-officio* Returning Officer for the Electoral Division of *Brock*, for the Election of a Member to represent the said Electoral Division of *Brock* in the Legislative Council of this Province, in the room and place of the Honorable *Adam Johnston Fergusson Blair*, who since his Election as the Representative of the said Electoral Division of *Brock*, hath accepted an office of profit under the Crown, to wit : the office of President of Committees of the Executive Council, the Honorable *Adam Johnston Fergusson Blair* has been returned as