

## THE PROROGATION OF PARLIAMENT.

We give below the speech reported in the *Official Gazette* as that delivered by the commander of the Forces on the prorogation of Parliament. Punch of course although invisible, was in his place in the House while the gallant General was speaking words which the hearts of members felt were at variance with the truth. Punch whispered to their consciences, and each and every one went home fully impressed that he had listened to the words recorded below.

### SPEECH, AS UNDERSTOOD :

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

The Governor General not seeing fit to be made a cock-shy of has deputed me to receive the cheers of a loyal people, who will not evince their regard to their Sovereign by bestowing them on him. You have done much harm and little good. You may therefore depart to your homes and relieve the Province from the burden of paying you four dollars a day : at the same time relieving the Receiver General of a large amount of Debentures ; which in this instance I wish were at a discount of fifty per cent, and then you would get more than you deserve.

In performing this duty, I beg to thank you for the manner in which you have blackguarded each other during the session ; thus shewing the high sense you entertain of each others worth. I have also to congratulate you that in spite of the efforts of Her Majesty's Sol.-Gen. West ; that no lives have been lost in the Legislative riots, but that many self important men have been enabled securely to make fools of themselves.

I know that the steps which the Imperial Parliament is now taking for the removal of your profits into the pockets of the owners of foreign shipping, will lead you to look to those who reap those profits to complete the old, and construct new railways and canals ; and thus give to Canada the advantages of capital which Great Britain will not give, and a ready access to all markets.

*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I thank you in Her Majesty's name for nothing, having as I conscientiously believe, nothing to thank you for.

*Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen,*

I deplore the excesses which have been lately committed in this city ; the waste of the people's food, so lavishly bestowed upon me in the shape of eggs ; and the destruction of the building appropriated for the sittings of the Legislature. It is satisfactory however, to observe that these proceedings meet with no sympathy from the Rebels of '37 and '38, who it was my intention to reward for their rebellion.

You will not fail, I trust, on your return to your homes, to mention this fact and make the cry of "The Bruce" useful, in the coming elections ; let the people understand that questions involving the first principles of rightful government are to be brought forward, and carried without their sentiments being previously ascertained ; that they, believing your professions at the hustings, shall elect you to serve God ; but shall not grumble when they discover that you serve Mammon ; that peace and order are indispensable to the progress of good government : but bad Governor's and bad Governments desire that peace and order should reign that they may carry into effect measures subversive of Justice ; repugnant to common sense, and degrading to all men who submit to their coming into operation.

It is my earnest prayer that such measures may never come into operation in Canada.

### SPEECH, AS REPORTED :

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,*

The Governor General not seeing fit to be present on this occasion, has deputed me to signify to you Her Majesty's pleasure on the several Bills which you have passed, and to relieve you from further attendance in this place. In performing this duty, I beg to thank you for the zeal and assiduity which you have evinced during a session unusually laborious and protracted, and to congratulate you on the many important measures which you have been unable to perfect.

I trust that the steps which the Imperial Parliament is now taking for the removal from the Statute Book of those provisions which check the resort of foreign shipping to the ports of the Province in search of freight, together with the measures which you have adopted for completing the Provincial Canals and encouraging Railways, will tend to increase traffic on the St. Lawrence, and to give the produce of Canada more ready access to distant markets.

*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I thank you in Her Majesty's name for the supplies which you have voted for the public service, and for maintaining the credit of the Province.

*Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,*

I deplore the excesses which have been lately committed in this City, the outrages of which the Queen's Representative has been the object—and the destruction of the building appropriated for the sittings of the Legislature. It is satisfactory, however, to observe that these proceedings meet with no sympathy from the people of Canada, who have availed themselves of the occasion to come forward in large numbers to renew the assurance of their loyalty to the Queen and attachment to the Constitution of the Province. You will not fail, I trust, on your return to your homes, to exert your influence to allay excitement—to inculcate respect for law, and the decisions of Parliament—and to promote feelings of mutual confidence and brotherly love between the inhabitants of all classes—you will thus render an important service to your country ; for peace and order are indispensable to its progress, and to the success of the various measures which you have passed for its moral and material welfare. It is my earnest prayer, that God may bless your endeavors, and continue the protection which he has hitherto, in so signal a manner, vouchsafed to Canada.

## GREAT BANQUET.

Mr. John Tully, on his confidential appointment to secret service, entertained a select party at his Castle in Griffintown. We observed that Mr. LaFontaine was absent, he having differed with his colleagues as to the propriety of the appointment, and was "too disgust" to attend. It was reported that the Hon. Inspector General was present ; but as he was in New York at the time, we can scarcely think it probable. Mr. Blake came armed with an offensive tongue but harmless pistols, and Mr. Drummond wore his celebrated pumps with iron heels, in which he is wont to perform his favorite dance upon the Queen's Commission. Dr. Dill, who had just arrived as a deputation from the inmates of the Provincial Penitentiary, with an address expressing their approbation of the Governor General's conduct and their entire and unlimited confidence in his Ministry, was an honored guest ; and declared, that to support the cause, he would do anything or anybody. Every arrangement was made to do honor to the Press, and at a late hour in the evening, the *Minerva* was sent home on a stretcher ; which, we regret to say, is not an unusual occurrence. The Banquet passed with no disturbance, excepting a slight quarrel got up by Mr. Blake, but as that was expected, it excited no surprise. Everybody was toasted, and, of course, everybody was drunk, and the guests returned to their homes delighted with the beer and benevolence of the future Wellington of Canada.