

The Commissioners appointed to report on the boundary line between *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, have completed their labours, so as to enable you to pass a bill for the settlement of this long pending question.

The Government have received suggestions from many sources with reference to the measure introduced last Session for the Consolidation of the Municipal Law of *Lower Canada*, and a bill will be submitted to you, which may enable you to effect this important object.

I congratulate you on the issue of the Consolidated Statutes of *Canada*, and of *Upper Canada*. I trust soon to see the same work completed for *Lower Canada*, and when this is done, we may hope that it will be followed by the further assimilation of the Laws in force in both sections of the Province.

I desire to call your attention to the expediency of considering the law of Debtor and Creditor in Commercial matters, as it exists both in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, with a view to further legislation on this difficult subject, and I think too that the present system of Currency and Banking deserves your early and serious consideration.

A measure will be laid before you for the purpose of facilitating the administration of the Crown Lands.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly :*

If I may not congratulate you on having completely surmounted our financial difficulties, I think you will find that the income and expenditure for the past year have been such as to cause us no fear for the future.

Papers will be laid before you having reference to the Consolidation of the Public Debt, and the successful exertions made by the Minister of Finance during the recess with a view of securing this important object. You will see that the depression under which we have laboured has not diminished our credit, but it has forcibly impressed on myself and my advisers the necessity of a strict and rigid economy. It is with this conviction that I ask you again to consider the propriety of making the requisite provision for the Queen's service.

The accounts for the several departments shall be placed in your hands with as little delay as possible.

*Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen :*

It pleased Almighty God in the last autumn to bless our land with a plentiful harvest and we see around us, at the present moment, the signs of a revival of commerce. I earnestly pray that these marks of returning prosperity may continue to increase, and that our people may have abundant cause to be thankful for the welfare of their Country, and the maintenance of Law and Order.

It is at your hands that they expect such amendments and changes as may from time to time be needed, but I rejoice to think that few subjects of a broad and important character yet remain to be dealt with by immediate legislation.

I now leave you to the discharge of your legislative duties.

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

PRAYERS.

The Honorable Mr. *Walker* came to the Table, and took and subscribed the Oath prescribed by Law.

The Honorable Mr. *Vankoughnet* presented to the House a Bill intituled, " An Act relating to Common Schools."

The said Bill was read for the first time, *pro forma*.

The Honorable the Speaker reported His Excellency's Speech from the Throne, and The same was then read by the Clerk.