

the Estimates for the present, when laid before them, will receive their most attentive consideration.

That they are glad to learn that our Finances are, on the whole, in a satisfactory state; the people at large having reaped the benefits of those reductions in the Customs' Duties which were made by Parliament last year:

That this House learns with satisfaction that the diminution in the receipts consequent on such reductions, nearly corresponds with the calculation submitted to them by His Excellency's advisers. They fully agree in the opinion expressed by His Excellency, that although a large decrease has been caused by the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States*, any such apparent loss is more than compensated by the increased commerce and by the facility of intercourse between the two countries:

That this House assures His Excellency that he may confidently rely on their readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service:

That they feel deeply that the year just ended has been one of difficulty and conflict in *Europe*; that on this side of the *Atlantic*, we have however, by the blessing of Providence, escaped the direct evils of war. They fully concur with His Excellency in the belief that in no part however of Her Majesty's Dominions has a deeper sympathy with Her arms been shewn, or more fervent prayers for their success been offered than in *Canada*:

That we agree with His Excellency that our people have eagerly watched every turn of the contest, and consisting as they do, of men of *French* and *English* origin, equal members of the same free community, and loyal subjects of the same Queen, they have grieved at the sufferings and exulted in the success of the allied armies:

That this House cordially unites with His Excellency in the belief that in like manner, should it please God to establish a firm and honorable peace, *Canada* will rejoice at the termination of the war, and they fervently join in the hope that it may be the lot of His Excellency before the end of the present Session, to congratulate them on so auspicious an event;

And which Amendment was, That the words "this House concurs in the satisfaction expressed by His Excellency at the settlement of the disputed question of the Clergy Reserves," be left out of the said paragraph, and the words "it would have afforded this House sincere gratification had we been enabled to congratulate His Excellency on the final and equitable settlement of the long disputed question of the Clergy Reserves; but it is our duty to state that the Act of last Session has not effected the avowed object for which it was framed, but, on the contrary, has permanently endowed certain favored Churches with large sums of public money," inserted instead thereof;

And the Question on the Amendment being again proposed, the House resumed the said adjourned debate.

A Message from the Legislative Council, by *John Fennings Taylor*, Esquire, one of the Masters in Chancery:—

Mr. Speaker,

The Legislative Council acquaint this House, that they have appointed a Select Committee, composed of the Honorable Messieurs *DeBlaquière*, *Fergusson*, *Moore* and *Taché*, to assist His Honor the Speaker in the direction of the Library of Parliament, so far as the interests of their House are concerned, and to act on behalf of their House, as Members of a Joint Committee of both Houses.

And then he withdrew.

And the Question being again proposed on the Amendment, which was yesterday proposed to be made to the third paragraph of the Question, That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His