

By the Honorable Mr. *Armand*; of *J. Beaumont* and others, of the City of *Montreal*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Alexander*; of the Municipal Council of the Township of *Wilmot*.

By the Honorable Mr. *Campbell*; of *Isabella Penelope Macdonell*, of the City of *Kingston*.

The Honorable the Speaker presented to the House a Return of the Baptisms, Marriages and Burials in the District of *Montreal*, for the year 1864.

Also similar Returns from the Districts of *St. Francis* and *Rimouski*, for the year 1864.

Also a similar Return from the County of *Dorchester*, for the year 1864.

And also Municipal Returns for certain Counties in *Lower Canada*, for the year 1864.

Ordered, That the same do lie on the Table, and they are as follow :

(*Vide Sessional Papers.*)

The Order of the Day being read for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session, and

The Speech being read by the Clerk,

The Honorable Mr. *Dumouchel* moved, seconded by the Honorable Mr. *Skead*,

That an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General, to thank His Excellency for his gracious Speech, at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament.

To express to His Excellency the satisfaction with which this House learns that, in conformity with the announcement which His Excellency made from the Throne at the end of the last Session of Parliament, a Deputation from the Canadian Ministry proceeded to *London* to confer with Her Majesty's Government on questions of importance to the Province.

To thank His Excellency for having called Parliament together at the earliest convenient moment after the return of the deputation in order that it may receive the Report of their mission, and complete the important business which, at the conclusion of the last Session, was left unfinished.

To assure His Excellency that the correspondence referring to the mission to *England*, which he is pleased to say he has directed to be communicated to this House, shall receive our most attentive consideration.

To agree with His Excellency that the happy termination of the Civil War which has for the last four years prevailed in the *United States of America*, cannot fail to exercise a beneficial influence in the commercial and industrial interests of this Province, and that we may trust that the re-establishment of peace will lead to a constantly increasing development of friendly relations between our people and the citizens of the great Republic.

To assure His Excellency that this House learns with the greatest pleasure that the circumstances which rendered it necessary to place a portion of the Volunteer Militia of the Province on permanent duty, having ceased to exist, the force has been recalled; and to join with His Excellency in expressing a feeling of satisfaction at the readiness with which the men responded to the call of duty, and the general good conduct which they exhibited during the period of their service.

To acknowledge, with thankfulness, His Excellency's assurance that he has not failed to transmit to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, for presentation to Her Majesty, the Address to which this House agreed during the last Session, in favor of a Federal Union of the Colonies of *British North America*, and that he has desired that the reply of the Secretary of State shall be communicated to this House; and to unite with His Excellency in trusting that mature examination of the project will ere long induce the Legislatures of the other Provinces to concur with that of this Province, in giving their