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Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House went into consideration of the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

The Address was then gone through and adopted, and is as follows :—

*To His Excellency The Honorable ARTHUR HAMILTON GORDON, C. M. G., Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.*

The Humble Address of Her Majesty's Legislative Council in General Assembly.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of New Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the Session.

We learn with pleasure that our Address of congratulation to Her Majesty on the Birth of the Son of Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, was graciously received.

The prospect of a speedy restoration of peace in the neighbouring Republic, is hailed with satisfaction by the people of this Province. We assure Your Excellency that the assassination of the President has excited feelings of profound indignation throughout this Province, and our sympathies are enlisted on behalf of that great and kindred people.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Report of the Delegates appointed to consider the practicability of a Union of the Maritime Provinces of British North America will be laid before us.

We also thank Your Excellency that the Resolutions adopted at the Conference held at Quebec in October last, relative to a Union of the British North American Colonies, will likewise be submitted.

The question of affording further facilities for the construction of Railways in the Province, will receive our consideration. It is satisfactory to learn that, though existing laws preclude immediate action in proceeding with the extension of the European and North American Railway, from the frontier of Nova Scotia to the United States, that work will be proceeded with as soon as practicable.

Any measure that may be submitted to us relating to the management of the Post Office Department will receive our careful consideration.

Our attention will be given to such Acts of Assembly as have recently expired, or are about to expire; and any measure relating to the Provincial Militia, and tending to increase its efficiency, will receive prompt and careful consideration. We thank Your Excellency for having directed the Correspondence between the Imperial Government and Your Excellency on this subject to be laid before us.

We learn with satisfaction that the Revenue of the past year largely exceeded the estimated amount, and that a surplus remained after defraying all charges on the Treasury. We regret that the depression in trade has so seriously diminished the receipts of the present year, and we join in the hope expressed by Your Excellency that some improvement may be experienced before the end of the year.

We are satisfied that notwithstanding the temporary depression of Trade, the condition of the Province is generally satisfactory, and that a feeling of contentment and of confidence in the Institutions under which we live, prevails. Though differences of opinion on other subjects must neces-