

Adverting for a moment to the other matters of the resolution, he must say that he never knew a government do so much good for the Province during a recess as the present government had done. He had watched the government closely and he took their present achievement as an earnest of what was to come. He said this much because it was due to the Executive government for what they had done, and he hoped and trusted that the legislature would second the effort so ably begun, for it would require the unanimous support of the House to enable the government to carry out those steps. He had never been what was termed a party man; and he trusted that partizan feelings would give way altogether on this occasion, and that every honorable gentleman could feel that the time had arrived when party feeling must be forgotten for the good of the country, (hear, hear.)

Hon. Col. PRINCE did not intend to speak until some hon. gentleman had spoken adversely to the resolution, when it had been his intention to have spoken a few words in reply; but as it was apparent from the demeanour of the House that no honorable gentleman intended to make any objection to the address, he would change his intention so far as to make a few remarks at present. He had heard no objections to the speech from the throne, it was true, but he could not help thinking that at least in one point hon. gentlemen had been too sanguine, and that was in thinking that after the recent calamitous occurrence the Imperial Government would ever trust the second hope of England to the murderous fury of the Atlantic waves. For his part he trusted to see the Sailor Boy one day out here; and he hoped that at no distant day the second blood Prince would be reigning in Canada. With respect to the consolidation of the statutes, he must take the present opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Chief Justice Macaulay, through whose instrumentality mainly these works had been brought to their present efficient state. He (Col. Prince) was a member of the bar for twenty years, and throughout that period he had known him the same talented, honorable and upright gentleman, whom, to borrow from an eloquent author, it would be as hard to cause to commit an unworthy action as it would be to make the sun depart from his course. With regard to the proposed regulation relating to the Crown Lands, he advised the Commissioner, as he had often done before, to limit time for the old soldiers putting in their claims for land allowance to two years, in order that the claims might be closed.

Hon. Mr. ALEXANDER would advance his views with a great deal of diffidence; he felt the great responsibility that rested on himself individually, and on the Government, and perhaps it was this feeling that caused it to be said of him, as it had been, that he took a very gloomy view of the affairs of the Province. At the present moment, the minds of men were in an unsettled state, and it was only by restoring peace and

confidence to the public mind that hon. gentlemen could ever hope to see the Province in the same flourishing condition that it had been. By going contrary to the opinions of the people, discontent would be engendered, and a large stream of population directed from the country. Hon. gentlemen should not be too sanguine.—There was such a thing as a young country being too prodigal of its resources. The past would teach a lesson for the present. The crisis of 1854 and 1855, which was felt so severely all over the country, except in the Eastern Provinces, had prostrated the energies of the country, and from the effects of this prostration she had not rallied in the same manner as she ought to have done. Houses in cities were yet unlet; property was unsaleable, and there were also other unmistakable symptoms to show that the effects of the depression yet existed. We ought to husband our resources. The evils that were past he would not now allude to, hoping that a new era was dawning upon us. We were not at the present moment a rich people, and Hon. Gentlemen knew that all the unnecessary expenses of the country were draining the resources of the Province, and taking away the prospect of our establishing manufactories in our midst. He had one word to say with regard to the customs' duties. They should be reduced. They had been done away with in England, why not follow the practice here? One of the great sources of our distress was the way in which the State managed our affairs. When Upper Canada got a loan, Lower Canada must have an equal amount, and so on. This was a most hurtful system, and demanded an immediate remedy. He felt it his duty to warn the Government that a great deal of discontent existed at the present state of affairs,—at least in the place where he came from, and a strong feeling was manifested there for a dissolution of the Union. But he hoped that Hon. Gentlemen would combine and bring back again a healthy state of feeling to the country. In conclusion he would give the Government credit for what they had done, and express a hope that they would be successful in bringing about once more a happy state of things for the Province. (Hear, hear.)

Hon. Mr. CHRISTIE was far from coinciding in the great laudations bestowed upon the Government by some of the hon. Members who had preceded him, which he thought undeserved. He did not however intend to move any amendment to the Resolutions but he would say that so far from meriting praise he held the conduct of the Ministry to have been extremely discreditable. The hon. Member who had preceded him had alluded to the general discontent that existed throughout the country, which he (Christie) knew to be the case, and so far from the dissatisfaction having been at all mitigated during the recess, he was sure it had greatly increased. For himself he desired most energetically to record his protest against the acts of the Administration, for which they seemed to think they deserved so great praise.

Hon. Mr. FERRIE was of a similar opinion, but he believed that their financial scheme so far