

Provinces, and that we agree with His Excellency in believing that no greater boon can be conferred on a Country than a well defined code of Criminal Law of general application and easy ascertainment.

12. That any Bills which His Excellency may direct to be presented to us for the establishment of uniform and amended laws respecting Parliamentary Elections, Bankruptcy and Insolvency, and Patents of Invention and Discovery, will receive our most earnest attention.

13. That we shall respectfully consider the estimates for the expenditure of the coming Financial Year which His Excellency informs us are to be submitted to us, and feeling sure that they have been framed with every economy compatible with the efficiency of the Public Service. We thank His Excellency for having also directed that the financial accounts of the past year shall be laid before us.

14. That we are aware that the charters of several Banks are drawing to a close, and the important subjects of Banking and Currency must necessarily be brought under our notice.

15. That in considering these questions, which so deeply affect, not only the important interests of Commerce, but the daily transactions of life, His Excellency may rest assured that we shall endeavour to adopt such principles as, in their application, may ensure the greatest measure of safety to the Public, without curtailing the facilities requisite for the encouragement and extension of Trade.

16. That we feel with His Excellency that the various topics to which he has directed our attention are of great moment and press for decision within the limits of the Session, and that we shall endeavor to justify the confidence with which His Excellency is pleased to commit them to our deliberate judgment, earnestly hoping that a blessing may attend our counsels and enable us to discharge, with dignity and effect, the great trust to which the order of Providence has called us.

*Resolved*, That the said Resolution be referred to a Select Committee composed of the Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald*, the Honorable Sir *George E. Cartier*, the Honorable Mr. *Tilley*, The Honorable Mr. *Laugevin*, Mr. *Simpson*, and Mr. *Bolton*, to prepare and report the draft of an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General to both Houses of Parliament, in conformity to the said Resolution.

The Honorable Sir *John A. Macdonald* reported, from the Select Committee appointed to draw up an Address to His Excellency, That they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and the same was read, as followeth:—

To His Excellency, the Right Honorable Sir *John Young*, Baronet, one of the most Honorable Privy Council, Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Knight Grand Cross of the most Distinguished Order of *St. Michael* and *St. George*, Governor General of *Canada*.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of *Canada*, in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for Your Gracious Speech at the opening of the present Session of Parliament.

We are grateful to Your Excellency for the expression of your great satisfaction in having recourse to our advice, and we rejoice with you to think that on this, the first occasion on which we have had the honor of being addressed by you, we may congratulate ourselves on the aspect of public affairs at home and abroad,—on the prevalence of peaceful counsels amongst nations,—and on indications of agreement and tranquillity favorable alike to the developement of foreign commerce and the prosecution of domestic industry.

We shall always remember with pleasure that the great scheme of Confederation was successfully inaugurated under the auspices of Your Excellency's Predecessor.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that it is a source of pride to you to find your name in honorable association with the rising fortunes of the Dominion of *Canada*, and that you will count it a happiness, as well as a duty, to co-operate, to the utmost of your ability, in furthering our efforts to strengthen the ties that bind the different Provinces to-