

will be prepared to enter on a Conference to consider the best means of arriving at a practical solution of these important questions ; and that we assure His Excellency that any papers on this subject laid before us will receive our careful consideration.

4. That under these circumstances, and in the hope that the proposed Conference may result in arrangements beneficial to both countries, we will willingly consider the expediency of extending, for the present season, the principal provisions of the protocol annexed to the Washington Treaty, 1888, known as the "Modus Vivendi."

5. That we are pleased to learn that a disposition having been manifested in the United Kingdom to impose on sea-going ships engaged in the cattle trade increased safeguards for life and greater restrictions against improper treatment, a careful enquiry has been made as to the incidents of that trade in so far as this country is concerned, and that the evidence elicited on this enquiry will be laid before us ; and that while we rejoice with His Excellency that our shipping is free from reproach in that regard, we will give our earnest attention to any measure which will remove all reasonable apprehensions of abuses arising in the future in connection with so important a branch of our commerce.

6. That His Excellency having been pleased to inform us that the early coming into force of the Imperial Statute relating to the Vice-Admiralty Courts of the Empire has made it necessary to revise the laws in force in Canada respecting our courts of maritime jurisdiction, we will carefully consider any measure laid before us designed to reorganize those tribunals.

7. That we will give our best attention to the Code of the Criminal Law which His Excellency is pleased to inform us has been prepared in order that that branch of our jurisprudence may be simplified and improved.

8. That His Excellency may rest assured that all measures submitted to us, especially Bills relating to the Foreshores of the Dominion and to the obstruction of its navigable waters, and for the purpose of amending the Acts relating to the North-West Territories, the Exchequer Court Act, and the Acts relating to Trade Marks, will receive our earnest attention.

9. That our thanks are due to His Excellency for informing us that the accounts for the past year will be submitted to us, and that the revenue, after providing for the services to which it was appropriated, has left a surplus for the works which were designed to be carried on by Capital expenditure, and that we will respectfully consider the Estimates for the coming year.

10. That with His Excellency we pray that in the consideration of these matters, and in the performance of all the labours which will devolve upon us our deliberations may be Divinely aided, and that we may be vouchsafed such wisdom and patriotism as will increase the prosperity of Canada and promote in every way the well-being of its people.

And a Debate arising thereon, the said Debate was, on motion of Mr. Charlton, adjourned.

The House then adjourned until Monday next.

PETER WHITE,
Speaker.