

## Colonial.

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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT  
OF  
LOWER-CANADA.LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
QUEBEC, 21st November, 1828.

This day, at two o'clock, His EXCELLENCY SIR JAMES KEMPT came down in State to the Legislative Council Chamber, and being seated on the Throne, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent down to the House of Assembly to command their attendance before His Excellency, and that House being come up, the Speaker of the Legislative Council said :

Gentlemen of the Assembly,

"I am commanded by His Excellency to inform you that He does not see fit to declare the causes for which He has summoned this Provincial Parliament, until there be a Speaker of the Assembly, duly elected and approved.—And I am further commanded to enquire whether you have proceeded to the Election of a Speaker; and, if you have, upon whom your choice has fallen."

To which Mr. Papineau replied :

May it please Your Excellency,

"In obedience to His Majesty's commands, the House of Assembly has proceeded to the Election of a Speaker, and I am the person upon whom their choice has fallen. I respectfully pray that it may please your Excellency to give your approbation to their choice."

Upon which the Speaker of the Legislative Council said ; Mr. Papineau,

"I am commanded by His Excellency to acquaint you that He approves the choice which the Assembly has made of you to be their Speaker, and, relying upon your loyalty, talents and discretion, He doth allow and confirm your election."

Mr. Papineau then made the usual claim to the privileges of the Assembly, to which His Excellency's assent was given in the accustomed form.

His Excellency was then pleased to open the Session with the following Speech :

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

His Majesty having been most graciously pleased to confide to me the Government of this important Colony, it affords me great satisfaction to meet you in Provincial Parliament.

Placed in a situation of so much importance, at a period of peculiar difficulty, I cannot but feel that very arduous duties are imposed upon me; duties indeed which I should despair of being able to discharge, to the satisfaction of His Majesty, and his faithful and loyal subjects the Inhabitants of this Province if I did not look forward, with a sanguine hope, to the enjoyment of your confidence, and your cordial co-operation in my Administration of the Government.

Without a good understanding between the different Branches of the Legislature, the Public Affairs of the Colony cannot prosper; the evils, which are now experienced, cannot be effectually cured; the prosperity and welfare of His Majesty's Canadian subjects cannot be promoted; and you may therefore believe that no exertions will be spared on my part, to promote conciliation, by measures in which the undoubted Prerogatives of the Crown, and your Constitutional Privileges, will be equally respected.

His Majesty's Government has, however, relieved me from the responsibility attendant upon any measures to be adopted for the adjustment of the financial difficulties that have unfortunately occurred; and I shall take an early opportunity of conveying to you by Message, a communication from His Majesty, which I have been specially commanded to make to you upon the subject of the appropriation of the Provincial Revenue.

It will be my duty to lay at the same time before you, the views of His Majesty's Government upon other topics connected with the Government of this Province, to which the attention of the Ministers of the Crown has been called: You will see in them proofs of the earnest desire of His Majesty's Government, to provide, as far as may be practicable, an effectual remedy for any cause of real grievance; and you may rely on my affording you every assistance towards the elucidation of any questions which may arise for discussion in the course of your proceedings.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly—

I shall direct the Accounts of the Provincial Re-

venue, and Expenditure for the last two years, to be laid before you, as soon as possible, with every explanation respecting them, which it is in my power to afford you.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;

Relying on your zeal and diligence in the discharge of your Legislative Duties, I feel persuaded that you will give your immediate attention to the renewal of such useful Acts as may have recently expired; and, indeed, to all matters of Public Interest that may appear to be of pressing necessity and importance.

Possessing, as yet, but an imperfect knowledge of the great interests of the Province, and the wants of its inhabitants, I refrain, at the present time, from recommending to you measures of Public improvement, which it will be my duty to bring under your consideration at a future day.—In all countries, however, good roads and other internal communications;—a general system of Education, established upon sound principles;—and a well-organized efficient Militia Force, are found to be so conducive to the prosperity, the happiness, and the security of their inhabitants, that I may be permitted to mention them, at present, as objects of prominent utility.

But an oblivion of all past jealousies and dissensions is the first great step towards improvement of any kind; and, when that is happily accomplished, and the undivided attention of the Executive Government, and the Legislature, shall be given to the advancement of the general interests of the Province, in a spirit of cordial co-operation, there is no reason to doubt that Lower-Canada will rapidly advance in prosperity; and emulate, ere long, the most opulent and flourishing portions of the North American continent.

The Speaker having returned to the Chamber of the Assembly, reported the proceedings which had taken place above in his regard, and announced, in the usual form, that he had been confirmed as Speaker of that Honourable House.

Mr. Neilson then introduced a Bill for vacating the seats of Members of the Assembly, accepting office under the Crown, which the Honourable Member was understood to say was the same which had been previously before both Chambers of the Legislature, but had not received the Royal Assent. The Bill was then read a first time, and the second reading ordered for Wednesday next.

Mr. Bourdages moved that it be referred to a Committee of the whole House, instead of a Special Committee, to prepare an address in answer to the Speech from the Throne, in order that every Member might have an opportunity of expressing his opinion on the subject. The motion was supported by Messrs. Neilson, Vallieres and Borgia, and opposed by Mr. Ogden, on the ground that it was an innovation upon the precedents established by the Imperial Parliament, and which had hitherto been followed in this country.

Several Committees in the ordinary routine were then appointed. The Clerk of the House reported the death of Jean Belonger, Esq., one of the Members for the Lower-Town and a new writ was moved for accordingly. The House then adjourned.

The attendance in the Assembly was unusually full, only six Members being absent, M. M. Perrault, Fortine, Turgeon, Viger, Larue, Leroux.

The Honble. and Reverend the Lord Bishop of Quebec and Mr. Justice Taschereau have been sworn in to the Legislative Council.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

TUESDAY, 25th November, 1828.

This day at two o'clock the Council went up to the Castle of St. Lewis, and presented the following address in answer to His Excellency Sir JAMES KEMPT'S Speech at the opening of the Session.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR JAMES KEMPT, Knight Grand Cross of the most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-General and Commander of all His Majesty's Forces in the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Nova Scotia and New-Brunswick and their several Dependencies, and in the Island of Newfoundland, and Administrator of the Government of the said Provinces of Lower Canada.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

We His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to return your Excellency our humble thanks for your speech from the Throne. At the same time we desire to express our gratitude to His Majesty, for having chosen an officer of your Excellency's distinguished character, Talents, and Experience, to administer the Government of this Province.

The important situation to which His Majesty has been pleased to appoint your Excellency, is at this period one of peculiar difficulty, but the confidence we place in your Excellency's qualifications, leaves no doubt on our minds of your fulfilling the duties of your high office to the satisfaction of His Majesty, and the benefit of His faithful and loyal subjects in this Province, and we beg leave to assure your Excellency of our cordial co-operation in your Excellency's Administration of the Government.

The exertions of your Excellency, towards conciliation, and the re-establishment of a good understanding between the different branches of the Legislature, will not fail materially to promote the prosperity of the country, and we have the fullest confidence that your Excellency's measures will be so directed as to maintain alike the Prerogatives of the Crown, and the constitutional Privileges of both houses of the Provincial Parliament.

We shall receive with respectful attention such communications from His Majesty upon the subject of the appropriation of the Provincial Revenue, and of the views of His Majesty's Ministers upon such other topics connected with the Government of the Province as your Excellency shall be pleased to lay before us. And we thank your Excellency for the assurance of your assistance in the elucidation of such questions as may arise in the course of our proceedings.

Your Excellency may be assured of our giving immediate attention to the renewal of such Acts as have recently expired, and to all matters of public interest which shall appear of pressing necessity and importance; and on all occasions, when your Excellency shall be pleased to recommend to us, measures of public improvement, we shall not fail to give them our most serious consideration.

We justly appreciate the great advantages to be derived from good roads and other internal communications; and we coincide with your Excellency in opinion that a liberal system of education, and a well organized and efficient Militia Force, are indispensable to the happiness and security of the inhabitants of this Province. We shall, therefore, with zeal and assiduity endeavour to promote these very important objects to which your Excellency has been pleased to direct our attention.

We trust your Excellency will find us earnestly disposed to proceed in a spirit of harmony and conciliation to the despatch of the public business; and it will be to us a source of the purest satisfaction to co-operate in your Excellency's enlightened views, for the general interest of the Province, to remove all cause of jealousy and dissension, where such may be found to exist; and to contribute by every other means in our power, to render this part of the British dominions, one of the most opulent and flourishing portions of the American Continent.

To which His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer :

Gentlemen,

I thank you most sincerely for this very gratifying Address. In discharging the duties of my station, the prosperity of the Province, and the happiness of its inhabitants will be the great objects of my endeavours; and I receive with peculiar satisfaction, the assurance which you are pleased to give me of your cordial co-operation in my Administration of the Government.

TUESDAY, 25th Nov. 11 o'clock, A. M.

A Message was received from the Legislative Council, acquainting the House that they had appointed a Committee to keep up a good correspondence between both Houses.

## THE ROYAL GAZETTE.

FREDERICTON, DECEMBER 9, 1828.

## ALMS HOUSE AND WORK HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK, H. G. CLOPPER, ESQ.

SAVINGS BANK.

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK.

HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.

JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.

HENRY SMITH, ESQ.

## CIVIL APPOINTMENT.

LEWIS TRITES, Esquire, a Commissioner for Solemnizing Marriage in the County of Westmoreland.

## THE NEREPIB ROAD:

On the 14th of October last we briefly noticed the improvements which had been made on the above road; and in the course of our observations we stated, that the road was then "in so improved a state as to ensure safe communication at all seasons between the Seat of Government and St. John." As the public in general may not be fully aware of the remarkable expedition with which the St. John Courier has travelled by that route to the Seat of Government ever since the above date; and as we consider that sufficient time has elapsed to enable us to write practically upon the subject; we have now much pleasure in announcing to our readers, that the Mail in question leaves St. John every Tuesday at Ten o'Clock, A. M.; sometimes Eleven or Twelve; and arrives at the Fredericton Post Office by Ten o'Clock, (generally before,) on the following morning! The Halifax Courier has been obliged to take that route, (and has already made two trips,) finding it dangerous or impossible to pursue the old one at that season when all water communication