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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE PROVINCE OF CANADA.  
Kingston, 6th September, 1842.

This day at Two o'clock, P. M., His EXCELLENCY the Governor General, presided in state to the Chamber of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL in the Parliament Building. The Members of the Legislative Council being assembled, His Excellency was pleased to command the attendance of the Legislative Assembly, and that House being present, His Excellency opened the SECOND SESSION of the FIRST PARLIAMENT of the PROVINCE of CANADA, with the following Speech from the Throne:—

*Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

The melancholy event which marked the close of the last Session, and which must still be fresh in your memory and your regrets, has imposed upon me the responsibility of mourning and carrying into effect numerous important measures, and has caused a corresponding necessity for delay in calling you together.

Since you last met, several events of interest to this Province and the British Empire have occurred, the terms of which has been mercifully directed by Providence for the recovery and advantage of both.

The birth of a Prince destined, under God's protection, to occupy the British Throne, is a source of rejoicing to all Her Majesty's faithful Subjects; and you will, I am sure, join with me in cordial congratulations to the Queen and Her August Consort upon this event, so conducive to their domestic happiness, and so auspicious for the Nation.

You will also, I am confident, unite with one voice in thanksgiving to Almighty God, that He has been pleased to avert from our beloved Sovereign the danger to which She has been exposed by the treacherous attempt of an assassin, and by the malice of the reckless and wicked: and will join in the prayer,

that He will continue to watch over and long to preserve a life so justly dear to all classes of Her Majesty's Subjects.

I rejoice that I am able to acquaint you that a Treaty between Great Britain and the United States has been signed on the part of Her Majesty, and since ratified by the Federal Senate, by which the important questions affecting this Province, and the United States have been adjusted. From this happy adjustment the satisfaction of which by Her Majesty I hope soon to be able to announce to you, I suggest the most favorable consequences to the Province, in the maintenance of peace, the restoration of confidence, and the devotion of the undivided energies of the inhabitants to our mutual advantage, unity and the development of the vast resources of the Country. These have been among Her Majesty's chief objects in the negotiation of this Treaty; and I am compensated by the Queen to state to you, that so dear a Treason to Her Majesty's heart than that, under Her rule and the protection of Her Crown, all Her faithful Subjects in Canada may rest in undisturbed peace; may feel themselves to be one people with their fellow Subjects in the British Islands; and may increase in wealth, prosperity and contentment, founded on the possession and rational enjoyment of a free and essentially British Constitution.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I have unforgotten satisfaction in informing you that Her Majesty's Government have reformed in the fullest measure the monstrous premise made by their predecessors to guarantee the Loan contemplated by this Province, and I shall lay before you without delay the Act of the Imperial Parliament which gives effect to their intention. I have been in correspondence with Her Majesty's Government upon the mode in which the assistance thus given can be made most available to the Province, and I shall have occasion to make an important communication to you upon this subject. In the mean time I have adopted every measure of my command to obviate the inconvenience of delay, and to advance the Public Works; and I hope before the expiration of the present session to be able to create them considerably. I have directed that full information as to the operations of the past year shall be laid before you.

It has been found impracticable to carry into effect in England the arrangement proposed last year for the assistance of deservingly Emigrants. In redemption, however, of the pledge made upon this subject, Her Majesty's Government have obtained from Parliament a grant of money in aid of desolate Emigrants upon their arrival in this country. It will be acceptable to you to know that, although the number of Emigrants who have arrived directly from the Mother Country, or through the neighbouring States, during the present season has

been much larger than during the corresponding period of last year, no serious difficulty has prevailed among them, which would render it necessary for me to apply to you to devise means for their relief; and I have every reason to hope that there are the best prospects of their ultimate success and prosperity.

The condition of the Public Revenue is highly satisfactory. The patriotic measure adopted by the Legislature during the last Session, to provide by means of increased Taxes upon Imports for raising the credit of the Province, and meeting the charge about to be created for the completion and extension of the Public Works, has been eminently successful. The Tariff of the Imperial Parliament for the British Possessions in North America, framed, as it is, in a most generous spirit as regards this Province, will promote essentially its financial and commercial interests. The provisions of the Imperial Act will probably call for corresponding alterations in the Provincial scale of duties; and I shall at an early period require your advice and assistance in making the Revenue Laws of this Province consistent in themselves, and harmonious with the enactments of the Imperial Parliament.

Her Majesty's Government have evinced a most liberal disposition in the consideration of the Duties on Agricultural produce, in connection with the Trade of Canada; and I am led to hope that an arrangement may be made to extend the Market for Canadian produce, in a manner alike advantageous to this Province and the Mother Country.

I have directed that the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure of the past year, with the Estimates for the ensuing year, be laid before you.

Respectfully, Gentlemen, and

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I have given much attention to the operation of the great measures passed last Session, and I shall have occasion to propose to you modifications in certain of them, with the view of giving effect to their provisions, in development of the principles on which they are founded.

The important measures for the establishment of District Councils, the details of which experience

alone could perfect, will come under revision; and I hope for your cheerful aid in considering the amendments which will be proposed, with the view of removing all obstacles to the smooth and efficient operation of these Institutions.

I have endeavoured to work out the objects which the Legislature contemplated in passing an Act for the promotion of Education; and I have not hesitated to adopt such measures as I deemed to be indispensable to the accomplishment of their intentions, until the subject could again be brought under their consideration, but it will be necessary to introduce several amendments into the measure in order to insure its successful and beneficial operation. In the meantime it is gratifying to notice the impulse which has been given to Education, in its higher as well as in its elementary branches. The result cannot fail to confer the most material benefits upon the whole Province.

The re-organization of the Militia is also a subject to which I shall have to call your attention, as the present seems a favorable opportunity to alleviate unnecessary pressure upon the people, and to place this arm of the public defence upon a sounder and more satisfactory footing.

In perfecting these and other measures which will be brought before you, and in all your labours, for the advancement of the welfare of this Province, you may rely upon my cordial co-operation and support. It is my earnest hope that a spirit of moderation and harmony may animate your councils, and direct your proceedings. The Province has at length happily recovered from a state of severe trial and danger, and a bright dawn now opens upon its prospects. The promise of peace secured upon an honourable and advantageous basis, the re-establishment of tranquillity and security, the restoration of financial credit and commercial confidence, with the enjoyment of free and permanent institutions, are blessings for which Canada has reason to be grateful, and which, I feel assured, it will be your effort to preserve, and your pride to perpetuate.

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