

Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the Session.

2. We are gratified to learn that Her Majesty was graciously pleased to receive our congratulations on the occasion of the birth of the Son of their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales.

3. We share with Your Excellency the feelings of satisfaction at the prospect of the speedy restoration of peace in the neighboring Republic; and we assure Your Excellency that you truly express our sentiments, when you say that we fully share the feelings of indignant reprobation which the murder of the President has excited in every honest and generous heart, and participate in the grief of a great and kindred people.

We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Report of the Delegates appointed for the purpose of considering the practicability of effecting a Legislative and Administrative Union of the Maritime Provinces of British North America, will be laid before us. We also thank Your Excellency for the information that the Resolutions adopted at a Conference of Representatives of the British North American Colonies, held at Quebec in October last, relative to a Union of British North America, will be laid before us.

5. We will consider whether further facilities can be afforded for the extension of Railways in this Province. — We are pleased to learn that the completion and extension of the European and North American Railway, from the frontier of Nova Scotia to the boundary of the United States, will be undertaken as soon as practicable; and we regret that existing laws preclude immediate action for the accomplishment of this work.

6. We will give our attentive consideration to any measure that may be submitted relating to the Postal Service of the Province.

7. We will give our attention to such enactments as have recently expired, or are about to expire. Any measure submitted for the revival of the Provincial Militia, and for increasing its efficiency, will receive our most prompt and careful consideration. We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Correspondence between the Imperial Government and Your Excellency, relating to this subject, will be laid before us.

8. We are gratified to learn that the Revenue of the past Fiscal Year was largely in excess of the Estimate, and that a surplus remained after all charges on the Treasury had been defrayed. We regret, however, that the depression in trade has caused so large a falling off in the Revenue of the present year, but we trust that the hopes of improvement expressed by Your Excellency may be realized.

9. We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the Accounts of the Income and Expenditure of the past year, and the Estimates for the present year will be laid before us.

10. We agree with Your Excellency that notwithstanding the present depression of Trade, the condition of the Province is, on the whole, satisfactory, and that a feeling of contentment and confidence in the institutions under which we live prevails; and we assure Your Excellency, that whatever differences of opinion may exist on other subjects, the feeling of loyalty to the Crown, for which the people of this Province have always been distinguished, animates them still.

11. We are fully sensible of the advantages we derive from our connection with

Great Britain, and will cheerfully meet the obligations it entails upon us.

On motion of Mr. OTTY, Saturday next at 11 o'clock was the time fixed for the discussion of the Reply.

On motion of Mr. KERN, a Committee was appointed to confer with a Committee of the Legislative Council, with regard to the Legislative Library.

On motion of Mr. WILLISTON, a Committee was appointed to take into consideration the contingencies of the House.

On motion of Mr. McCLELLAN, a Committee was appointed to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the Mining interests of the Province.

On motion of Mr. NEEDHAM, a Standing Committee was appointed to whom shall be referred all matters concerning the privileges of the House.

Mr. GILBERT moved a Resolution that the Rules in force in the late House be adopted in the present, until altered, amended, or repealed.

After some discussion this Resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. BEVERIDGE, a Committee was appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to the Lumbering interests of the Province.

On motion of Mr. L. P. W. DESBRIAY, a Committee was appointed to take into consideration all matters connected with the Trade of the Province.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL brought in a Bill entitled, An act to regulate the sale of Spirituous Liquors.

Mr. GILBERT brought in a Bill to simplify the practice of Law in this Province, and to abolish special bail.

Hon. ATTORNEY GENERAL brought in a Bill to alter the division line between the Parishes of Queensbury and Southampton, in the County of York.

On motion of Mr. WILLISTON, a Committee was appointed to whom shall be referred all matters relating to the Fisheries of this Province.

Hon. COMMISSIONER OF THE BOARD OF WORKS, called the attention of the House to the fact of the Reporters' seats being so situated and occupied that it will be very difficult for the official Reporters to give satisfaction, unless they have a position assigned them in the corner of the Ladies' Gallery, that being the most suitable place in the House. This created some discussion, and the matter was finally dropped.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT, a Committee was appointed to whom shall be referred all matters relating to Public accounts, with power to bring before them persons and papers.

On motion of Dr. THOMPSON, a Committee was appointed to take into consideration all matters relating to Agriculture.

On motion, the House was adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

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FRIDAY, April 28th.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT leave was granted to introduce a Bill to provide for the fencing in of certain intervals lands, and maintaining roads through the same in the County of Westmorland.

On motion of Mr. GILBERT leave was granted to lay before the House the petition of Rev. P. Callahan and others, of Shediac, to provide for the fencing in of certain intervals lands, and maintaining roads through the same.

Mr. WILLISTON moved for leave to bring in a Bill for the protection of Moose. This Bill on motion was read a first and second time and referred to select committee to report thereon.

Mr. SCOVEL suggested the desirability of having a law on the Statute Book providing for the preservation of partridges. (A member. — "And another to preserve rabbits.")

Mr. WILLISTON brought in a Bill relating to French property at Alma, in the County of Northumberland.

Mr. WILLISTON on motion presented a petition from George Letson and others of Alma, Northumberland, praying that the French may be required to support their own paupers in that district without drawing from the poor law fund.

Hon. Mr. SMITH laid before the House the report of the Committee appointed by last House to attend to the reporting and printing of the Debates. Report adopted.

Hon. Mr. HATHWAY stated that he had been requested to inform the members that they could, if they wished, have the copies, if they desired to send to their constituents, done up and mailed from the Publisher's office on the payment of four dollars for the Session.

Mr. CONNELL said the copies for the members ought to be done up and sent to the House, to be distributed by a person appointed for the purpose.

Mr. L. P. W. DESBRIAY presumed it was optional with members to do as they pleased in the matter. He thought the idea a good one, and much preferable to the plan adopted heretofore of having them sent out from the House.

Mr. BOYD moved that the number of Debates printed be 6000, instead of 4,500 mentioned in the report.

#### APPORTIONMENT OF DEBATES.

Mr. CONNELL moved that the distribution of the Debates should be apportioned according to population of 1-61.

Mr. McMILLAN moved an amendment that the distribution be as formerly — a definite number to each member.

Mr. BOYD said that in past years the distribution of the Debates by giving a certain number to each member had been very unequal and unfair. The small counties had received as many as those with a population of 30 or 40,000, and he thought by carrying the resolution a better order of things in this respect would be introduced, and much more general satisfaction given.

Hon. Mr. SMITH asked if the resolution contemplated representation by population.

Mr. LINDSAY said of course the Hon. ex-Surveyor General would go for the amendment, as he represented a county with a population of some 4 or 5,000, and he would like to get as large a number as Carleton with its 17 or 18,000.

Mr. McMILLAN did not know where the hon. member got his information as to the population of the county he represented, but he certainly had been misinformed.

Mr. CAIR asked if two counties, each with about the same population, the one having four members in the House and the other but two, would receive the same number of copies, or would one get double as many as the other.

Mr. HUTCHINSON thought St. John should not have as many copies according to population as the rural districts, as they were well supplied with papers as conveyances of intelligence of the doings of the House. With this exception he was favorable to a distribution apportioned according to population.

Mr. WILLISTON. — In Northumberland and Gloucester the people are engaged in various employments, and require a larger diffusion of information than in counties