

In the name of the Commons, I present to Your Excellency a Bill intituled: "An Act for granting to Her Majesty certain sums of money required for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial years ending respectively the 30th June, 1874, and the 30th June, 1875, and for other purposes relating to the Public Service, to which I humbly request Your Excellency's assent.

To this Bill the Royal assent was signified in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's name, His Excellency the Governor General thanks Her loyal subjects, accepts their benevolence, and assents to this Bill."

After which, His Excellency the Governor General was pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses:—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I am glad that at a comparatively early period of the season I am able to relieve you from further attendance in Parliament.

I thank you for the devotion you have shown to the public interests in the earnest prosecution of the work of the Session.

I congratulate you on having passed an Election Law adapted to the requirements of the respective Provinces, and I trust that this law, with the amended Act for the trial of Controverted Elections, will result in securing for the future pure and peaceable elections.

The measure you have passed providing for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway will enable my Government to proceed as soon as practicable, with such portions of the work as are necessary to secure communication with the Interior, and with *British Columbia*

I hope that the law for the establishment of a Military College will be found to fulfil its design in securing a class of thoroughly educated officers for the Militia service.

I trust that the other measures you have adopted with so much unanimity will likewise prove beneficial to the country.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I thank you for the readiness with which you have made provision for an anticipated deficiency, and granted the supplies for the Public Service.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

I trust that the measures I have caused to be taken for the preservation of the peace in the North-West Territories will be effectual in preventing the spirit of lawlessness, so much to be feared in these vast unsettled regions, and in maintaining friendly relations with the Indian tribes.

The negotiations in progress relative to the compensation due to *Canada* under the Treaty of Washington will, I hope, realize our just expectations.

We have reason to rejoice that within our borders are peace and prosperity, and I pray that the country may continuously enjoy these invaluable blessings.

Then the Honorable the Speaker of the Senate said:—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons :*

It is His Excellency the Governor General's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued until Monday, the sixth day of July next, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Monday, the sixth day of July next.