

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

"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, 1881, and the 30th June, 1882, 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 was pleased to close the THIRD SESSION of the FOURTH PARLIAMENT of the DOMINION with the following

SPEECH.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you from your Parliamentary duties after a long and laborious session, I desire to convey to you my best thanks for the assiduity you have shown in their performance.

The measure for transferring to a Company of capitalists the responsibility of constructing and operating the Canadian Pacific Railway will, I am assured, be followed by most favorable results, and ensure the rapid completion of this great national enterprise.

It will be the duty and the interest of the Company to use every exertion to dispose without delay of the lands granted in aid of their undertaking, and for that purpose to promote immigration from abroad on an extensive scale.

My Ministers will, however, not relax their efforts in the same direction, and it is believed that by the united action of the Government and the Company a large influx of valuable settlers may be confidently anticipated. Such an immigration must tend to enhance the value of the public domain in the North-West.

While the system of making free grants to actual settlers will be maintained in its integ-

ity, the lands reserved for sale by the Crown will, it is believed, be disposed of at prices sufficient eventually to repay the whole of the expenditure of money by the Dominion on the construction of the Railway.

The extension of the boundaries of Manitoba will confer the privilege of local self Government on the people already resident in, or who may hereafter occupy, the area now added to the Province, and, by enabling the Legislature to establish municipal institutions in its enlarged limits, tend greatly to add to the welfare of that interesting region.

The amendment of the Naturalization Laws will, I trust, have the effect of removing the disadvantages under which emigrants from Europe have hitherto labored, and of attracting a large influx of population from the Old World.

The consolidation and amendment of the General Railway Acts, and of the laws relating to Government Railways has improved and systematized our Railway Legislation.

I am pleased to observe that you have not been forgetful of the interests of the Indian population of the North-West. It is greatly to be hoped that the efforts to induce them to forsake their nomadic habits and betake themselves to pastoral and agricultural pursuits will be successful. By no other means can their civilization be promoted, the Indians themselves rendered self-reliant and self-supporting, and the Dominion Treasury relieved of the burden of rescuing them from their apparently chronic state of destitution.

The extension of our telegraphic system by cable in the River and Gulf of St. Lawrence, will aid the fisheries and the commerce of Canada and increase the safety of its waters.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In Her Majesty's name, I thank you for the supplies you have so readily granted, and heartily congratulate you on the improved condition of the revenue.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I bid you now farewell, and trust that when Parliament re-assembles we shall be able to congratulate ourselves on Canada having meanwhile enjoyed a season of peace and prosperity.