

Of the *Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Company*, a Company incorporated by Act of the Legislature of the Province of *Ontario*; praying for the passing of an Act to consolidate their Bonded debt into a single issue of First Mortgage Bonds, to increase their Bonded debt, to correct a mistake regarding their Debenture Stock, to provide means for the registration of their bonds in *England*, and to declare the said Railway a work for the general advantage of *Canada*.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Honorable Mr. *Lacoste's* motion, *viz.* :—

That the following Address be presented to His Excellency the Governor General to offer the respectful thanks of this House to His Excellency for the gracious Speech which His Excellency has been pleased to make to both Houses of Parliament, namely :—

To HIS EXCELLENCY the Most Honorable *Henry Charles Keith Petty-Fitzmaurice*, Marquis of *Lansdowne*, in the County of *Somerset*, Earl of *Wycombe*, of *Chipping Wycombe*, in the County of *Bucks*, Viscount *Caln* and *Calnstone*, in the County of *Wilts*, and Lord *Wycombe*, Baron of *Chipping Wycombe* in the County of *Bucks*, in the Peerage of *Great Britain*; Earl of *Kerry* and Earl of *Shelburne*, Viscount *Clanmaurice* and *Fitzmaurice*, Baron of *Kerry*, *Lixnaw*, and *Dunkerron*, in the Peerage of *Ireland*; Governor General of *Canada*.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Senate of *Canada* in Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for your gracious Speech at the opening of this Session.

Your Excellency, in fulfilment of the important trust committed to you by Her Majesty, has been graciously pleased to have recourse for the first time to our advice and assistance. We respectfully thank Your Excellency for the expression that it is a source of the deepest personal satisfaction to you that you should have been called by Her Majesty to an office in which, as Her Representative, Your Excellency is enabled to take a part in the public affairs of the Dominion, and to associate yourself with us in the performance of the honorable duties which we are about to approach.

We rejoice with Your Excellency to learn that, although the last harvest has been less productive than its predecessors, and although there are indications that the rapid expansion of our commerce has to some extent been followed by overtrading, the general condition of the Dominion is such as to justify Your Excellency in congratulating us upon its prosperity.

We are much pleased at hearing from Your Excellency of the marked success attained by *Canada* at the International Fishery Exhibition in *London*. It is very gratifying to us, and has, we doubt not, been of great service in showing to the world the wealth of our fisheries and the extent of our marine industries and resources.

We are glad to be informed that the Commissioners appointed by Your Excellency's predecessor for the purpose of consolidating the Statutes affecting the Dominion, have pursued their task with diligence, that Your Excellency is enabled to lay before us for examination about sixty chapters of the proposed consolidation, that the remainder of the work will be prepared, and that the whole of it will be revised during the present year, so that the final report will be ready at our next Session for our approval.

We beg leave to thank Your Excellency for the expression of gladness with which Your Excellency has informed us that the number of immigrants to *Canada* during the past season has been greater than in any previous year, and we highly appreciate Your Excellency's opinion that this is a proof that the better *Canada* is known the more it is valued by those seeking a home in the New World. We are also pleased to be informed that arrangements are in progress to