

cable relations with the Indian tribes of that vast region.

During the past summer I had the pleasure and advantage of visiting a very large portion of the Province of Ontario, including the whole coast of Georgian Bay and Lake Superior. This official tour enabled me to form a better idea of the great extent of the comparatively well-settled country, and of that which is still almost wholly undeveloped. I was everywhere received with the kindest welcome, and was much gratified in witnessing the enterprise, contentment, and loyalty manifested in every quarter.

Your attention will be called to a measure for the creation of a Supreme Court. The necessity for such a measure has yearly become more and more apparent, since the organization of the Dominion; it is essential to our system of jurisprudence and to the settlement of constitutional questions.

You will also be asked to consider a Bill relating to the important subject of Insolvency.

Measures will be provided for the reorganization of the Government of the North-West and the consolidation of the laws relating to that country; for a general Insurance Law; and on the subject of Copyright.

Gratifying progress has been made in the Survey of the Canada Pacific Railway Route. Measures have been taken to secure the early construction of the Georgian Bay Branch, and to provide a connection with the Eastern Railway System. The Report of the Surveys of the Road from Lake Superior to Fort Garry, which will be ready in a few days, will afford information upon which tenders may be invited for the construction of the eastern and western portions of that section, so as to reach the navigable waters of the interior.

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

The Accounts of the past year will be laid before you. The Estimates for the present financial year will also be submitted; they will, I believe, be found to have been framed with every regard to economy, consistent with efficiency in the Public Service.

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate:*

*Gentlemen of the House of Commons:*

I am happy to believe that notwithstanding the general and wide-spread commercial depression which has prevailed over the continent, the trade of Canada is sound, and that the contraction we have experienced in some branches of industry for the past year has not been greater than might naturally have been anticipated.

Papers will be submitted to you on the North-West troubles, and in reference to the negotiations between the Dominion Government and the Government of British Columbia on the subject of the Pacific Railway.

Steps have been taken during the recess for a combination of effort on the part of the several Provinces and the Dominion, to promote immigration from Europe under the general direction of the Dominion officials. It is hoped that the effect will be increased efficiency and economy in this branch of the Public Service.

I rely with confidence on your prudence and ability, and on your patriotic devotion to the great public interests entrusted to you; and I pray that the Divine Blessing may rest upon your labours.

At the conclusion of His Excellency's Speech, the Hon. Speaker having taken the Chair, a few formal motions were made, and the House adjourned until to-morrow (Friday), 5th inst., at half-past three o'clock, P.M.

*Friday, February 5, 1875.*

REPLY TO ADDRESS.

HON. MR. WARK, in rising to move the Address in Reply, after a few preliminary remarks, referred to the negotiations affecting the Indians, whose rights had been interfered with, and whose hunting grounds had been trespassed upon by settlers. The Indians had a right to our protection, and we were bound to do all in our power for the protection of their rights and privileges in the future. The next paragraph of the Speech referred to His Excellency's visits, which extended through Ontario and a portion of the territory north of Lake Superior. Whilst it was a well known fact that