

confidently expected that the *Rocky Mountains* will be reached during the present year, and that within the same period substantial progress will be made on the *Lake Superior* Section of the Railway, and the track laid upon a large portion of the road now under contract in *British Columbia*.

We share the pleasure expressed by Your Excellency in the statement that the traffic on the Intercolonial Railway is largely in excess of any former year, and that the balance in favour of the road shows a gratifying increase.

We thank Your Excellency for informing us that the Accounts of the last fiscal year will be laid before us; and we are pleased to learn that, notwithstanding the expenditure on Capital account amounted to more than seven millions of dollars, the surplus of the Consolidated Revenue, together with the proceeds of the sales of the lands in the *North-West* during last year, were more than sufficient to cover that expenditure, and that the net debt at the close of the year and the amount of interest paid thereon were less than for the year previous.

We shall respectfully consider the Estimates for the ensuing year to be submitted to us, and which will, we trust, be found to have been prepared with all due economy consistent with the necessary development of the varied resources of the Dominion.

In view of the fact that on the first of January, 1885, the large 5 per cent. loan will mature, the Bill to be submitted to us authorizing the issue of Debentures, bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. for the redemption of this loan, will receive our careful attention.

We feel with Your Excellency that the subjects you have mentioned to us are of much importance, and we shall endeavour by our earnest consideration of all of them to justify the full confidence which Your Excellency has so kindly expressed in our discretion and patriotism.

The said Address, being read a second time, was agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by such Members of this House as are of the Queen's Privy Council.

On motion of Sir *Leonard Tilley*, seconded by Mr. *Bowell*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee to consider of the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

On motion of Sir *Leonard Tilley*, seconded by Mr. *Bowell*,

*Resolved*, That this House will, on Friday next, resolve itself into a Committee of Ways and Means for raising the Supply to be granted to Her Majesty.

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of seven Members be appointed to prepare and report, with all convenient speed, Lists of Members to compose the Select Standing Committees ordered by this House on Friday, the 9th instant, and that Sir *John A. Macdonald*, Sir *Leonard Tilley*, Sir *Charles Tupper*, Sir *Hector L. Langevin*, Messrs. *Blake*, *Mackenzie* and *Laurier*, do compose the said Committee.

On motion of Mr. *Bowell*, seconded by Mr. *McCarthy*,

*Resolved*, That a Select Committee composed of Messieurs *Béchar*, *Bergin*, *Coiby*, *Charlton*, *Desjardins*, *McDonald* (*Cape Breton*), *Ross* (*Middlesex*), *Scriver*, and *White* (*Cardwell*), be appointed to supervise the Official Report of the Debates of this House during the present Session, with power to report from time to time.

Sir *John A. Macdonald*, a Member of the Queen's Privy Council, delivered to Mr. Speaker a Message from His Excellency the Governor General, signed by His Excellency.