

obtain redress for those Canadian subjects of Her Majesty who were deprived of their property and liberty without just cause while the controversy was in progress.

At an early date a measure will be laid before you having for its object a revision of the Duties of Customs with a view to meet the changes which time has effected in business operations of all kinds throughout the Dominion. While my Ministers do not propose to change the principles on which the existing enactments on this subject are based, the amendments which will be offered for your consideration are designed to simplify the operation of the tariff and to lessen, as far as can be done, consistently with those principles and with the requirements of the Treasury, the imposts which are now in force.

There will also be laid before you a measure on the subject of Bankruptcy and Insolvency which will, it is hoped, make more adequate provision than now exists on that subject for the increasing trade and commerce of the country and for the greatly expanded trade between the several provinces of Canada.

Measures will also be submitted to you making more effective provisions for our lines of steam communication on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, for improving the law with regard to Dominion Lands and with regard to the management of Indian Affairs; also a Bill respecting Joint Stock Companies, another with respect to the Fisheries, and several less important measures which experience has suggested with regard to various matters under your control.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The Public Accounts will be submitted to you at an early date and also the estimates of the expenditure which has been considered necessary for the ensuing year.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

While it is hoped that the public measures which will demand your attention will not be very numerous, some of them will be of great weight and importance, and it is my earnest hope and prayer that the care and zeal which you will apply to the deliberations of the session may be aided by the abundant blessing of the Almighty.

NEW SENATOR.

Hon. Donald Ferguson, of Marshfield, P.E.I., was introduced and took his seat.

BILL INTRODUCED.

Bill "An Act relating to Railways." (Mr. Bowell.)

THE ADDRESS.

MOTION.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL moved that the House do take into consideration the Speech of His Excellency the Governor General on Monday next.

The motion was agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4 p.m.

THE SENATE.

Ottawa, Monday, March 19th, 1894.

THE SPEAKER took the Chair at three o'clock.

Prayers and routine proceedings.

THE LATE SENATORS ABBOTT, BOYD AND MONTGOMERY.

Hon. Mr. BOWELL—Before the Orders of the Day are called, it is my painful duty to express the regret which I am sure we all feel at the death of Hon. Sir John Caldwell Abbott, the late leader of this House, who, after a long and wasting illness, was called to his rest in November last. His removal is a serious loss to this House and to the country. By all of us he was esteemed for his sterling character and admired for his great ability. In manner he was singularly unostentatious, and yet there were few men in this country of richer talents. As a lawyer he stood at the head of his profession, and as a statesman he exhibited that sagacity and unshakable patriotism which made him of great service to his country. He entered public life when yet a young man, but his splendid abilities were soon recognized, and in 1862 he was called to the high office of Solicitor General. He held that portfolio until the fall of the John Sandfield Macdonald Government in the following year. His career was marked by restless activity and by the creditable discharge of high public and private trusts. He entered this House in 1887, and by his unchanging affability and perfect fairness, soon won the confidence and admiration of political friend and opponent alike. As the leader of this House the public records attest his attention to duty and his mastery of the legislation in hand. It will be long before another of such attainments and capacity for leadership will fill his place. With these few utterances I desire to record my own deep sense of loss by the death of an old and long-tried political and personal friend. The hand of death has also taken from us two other highly esteemed members of this House—the Hon. Donald Montgomery and the Hon. John Boyd. We shall all miss the hon. member from Prince Edward Island for his genial and kindly nature, as well as for his counsel. His twenty years of service were marked by faithfulness and ability. The circumstances surrounding the death of Hon. Mr. Boyd were particularly